



Foggie for America 2028

The Baker's Dozen | 13 platform priorities

I'm Steve "Foggie" McFarland. These 13 priorities describe the proposals I want us to examine together, with government closer to people and willing to listen.

1. Neighborhood Democracy

Working from home? Your representative should too. Bring government closer to the people: send representatives home to offices in community centers. Demand a town hall every month. We need more representatives and smaller districts; ZIP code-based districts are my first choice. You should be able to reach the person who represents you and tell them what matters. **Your representative is coming HOME - to your community, to listen to YOU.**

2. Income Inequality

America's wealth should help Americans build a life. I want a tax system modeled on 1968, updated for today's incomes and cost of living. If that means starting with Clinton-era rates at the top and phasing in further changes, I'll fight for it. Close loopholes. Protect working families. Tax enormous fortunes, too, to help fund housing, education and infrastructure and put purchasing power in families' hands. **It shouldn't just help the big boys keep score.**

3. AI for the Greater Good

Use artificial intelligence to serve the public. Capitalize on AI to help people learn, improve public services and understand community needs. Pair those uses with privacy protections, human oversight and clear accountability when systems cause harm. The question is how to share the benefits broadly while protecting people whose jobs or rights could be affected.

4. Housing

Create a practical and affordable path to homeownership—the foundation of the American dream. We subsidize oil companies; why not young families just starting out? We can build on existing state and national homeownership programs and expand them into the Little Pink Houses model: attractive, affordable starter homes with opportunities to earn your way into ownership. Connect building skills, sweat equity, and community support so families can help build their homes—and their futures.

5. Healthcare

It's time. Healthcare for everyone. Other wealthy democracies provide universal coverage. America ranked LAST of 10 countries for overall health system performance in the Commonwealth Fund's 2024 study. Our infant mortality exceeds the OECD average; maternal mortality exceeds most high-income countries. But we lead those 10 nations in one thing: **COST!** Patients deserve better than a system that puts profits before people. Truman proposed national health insurance in 1945. More than 80 years of talking is enough. **Under my presidency, we're going to work with Congress to finally get national healthcare done.**

6. National Insurance

Examine national public options for health, home and auto insurance, alongside specialized private choices. When we're required to buy auto insurance, why not centralize and nationalize that basic protection? **Make affordable protection the goal, instead of insurance-company profits.**

7. Community

Make Bringing US Together a national priority. Build connection through community centers, service projects and neighbor-to-neighbor help. Imagine a place to share coffee, music, a meal or a skill; where young people find mentors, families find support and someone notices when you haven't been around. Explore time-banking, where people exchange hours of assistance. **Community centers should be places where neighbors become friends and people know they belong.**



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8. Transportation

Make useful rail connections a national priority. Advance modern intercity and high-speed rail, beginning with corridors where it can serve people well. Connect those routes with local transportation so the whole trip works. Work toward safe, community-based, Waymo-type self-driving vehicles for every community: rides to doctors' appointments, shopping and kids' sporting events. **No one should be homebound just because they don't have a ride.**

9. Immigration

We are a nation of immigrants. Emma Lazarus gave us the words we know from the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Our current immigration system is broken; there is no fixing it with another patch. We need to start fresh, build on what we know works, and put strict border protections in place to keep our nation secure while treating people with dignity. That means clear rules, timely decisions, workable legal pathways to work, join family, or seek refuge, and a quick, efficient path to legal employment so people can support themselves without having to depend on others. **Let's stop using human beings as political punching bags and build a system that works.**

10. Mental Health and Well Being

Music, Medical Marijuana, and Mountains. Too many Americans are miserable, isolated, and struggling, and we need to give them more ways to feel better and reconnect with life. Let's test a voluntary pilot project: average the annual cost of a participant's mental-health prescriptions over the past three years and put that amount on an EBT-type card each year. Use it for three things: **music**, including concerts, lessons, and instruments; **medical marijuana**, where legal and clinically appropriate; and **mountains**, meaning the costs of getting outside, from park passes and outdoor activities to bicycles and outdoor exercise equipment. Participants would work with their clinicians on medication decisions, with no requirement to stop treatment to participate. Then measure whether people actually feel and function better, and let the results tell us what deserves to grow.

11. Education

Help students learn in ways that fit their lives. Reconsider a school model that too often expects different learners to follow the same path. Study approaches that combine strong academic foundations with practical skills, trades and individual interests. Listen to students and educators, then test changes against meaningful learning and preparation for adult life.

12. Affordability

Can Americans afford America? In a July 2026 survey, 67% of American adults said they were living paycheck to paycheck. Two out of three people. Paying the bills should leave you enough to live a little, save a little, and handle an emergency without your whole life falling apart. Let's tackle the costs of everyday essentials, challenge who benefits from government subsidies, and judge our success by how much breathing room we put back into your household budget.

13. National Listening and Experimentation

Here is our first example of asking what YOU want and listening to you, America. Scan the QR code and tell us what you want to see in your community and your country. We'll use what we hear to test ideas locally, publish the results, and expand what works.



Tell us what YOU want, America.

Scan to take the Community Vibe Survey.

When was the last time a politician asked what YOU want—and stayed to listen?

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Healthcare: Commonwealth Fund, Mirror, Mirror 2024; Maternal and Child Mortality (2025); OECD, Health at a Glance 2025; Truman Library, Nov. 19, 1945.

Affordability: PYMNTS Intelligence, July 1-9, 2026 survey of 2,881 U.S. adults, New PYMNTS Data Shows Basic Expenses Breaking the Summer Budget.

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