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Democratic Party

Activist, Candidate, Officer

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FAMILY

- Grandparents, Gerald Isaacs & Hope Isaacs, both were FDR Democrats in Elkhart County, Indiana
- Mother, Sandra Kay Isaacs Straw Stevens, was a Democratic Party office-holder in Central Indiana
- Brother, USAF Captain Jason Lee Straw (ret.), was the Democratic Party candidate for sheriff in Hamilton County, Indiana, in 2018.
- Andrew Straw's first Democratic vote was for Mike Dukakis for President of the USA in November 1988.

PARTY BUILDING AND ACTIVISM

- Founded the Indiana University College Democrats with a friend in 1994. Served as its membership director.
- Created a petition against federal student loan cuts and with the help of Obama official Lisa Kohnke obtained 703, including the entire Bloomington Common Council. As representative for the Law School in student government, Straw's resolution to protect student loans passed 38-3-1.
- Straw wrote columns for the Indiana Daily Student from a Democratic perspective.
- Democrats Abroad Activist, Australia/New Zealand, 2008
- Advocate for Disability Rights in Indiana Democratic Party and South Bend, Indiana, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Obtained reform from Democratic National Committee and Indiana Rule 10 changed to include people with disabilities in Party meetings. Wrote to all DNC members. 2017
- Indiana Civil Rights Commission voted **6-0** that Democratic HQ in South Bend discriminated based on disability. Later reversed on other grounds, 4-0.

- Ran against Butch Morgan for district chair for IN-2 before he was indicted and convicted of election fraud (falsifying signatures scheme). Received 1 vote, the first vote against Morgan since 1994. 2012
- Obtained ADA settlement against South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and his corporate counsel and ADA coordinator for ADA violations in sidewalks and accessible feature access. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, D.C., evaluated South Bend situation and wrote letter in support of changes Straw requested.

OFFICER AND CANDIDATE AND LEGAL

- Precinct Chair in Bloomington, Indiana, appointed and then elected with 100% of the vote. 1998
- Campaign Manager and Legal Advisor to Democratic candidate for Monroe County Council. 2002
- Democratic Attorney Poll Watcher, 2002 & 2010 (fmr. Indiana House speaker Bauer offered position as coordinator of statewide attorney poll watcher officers in 2010)
- State Convention Delegate, 2010

- Campaign Manager for Democratic Candidate for State Representative (IN-21), 2010
- Candidate for U.S. House (IN-2) in Democratic Primary. 2011-2012
- Provided legal advice and policy advice to several candidates. Admitted to practice law in Virginia.
- Complainant who initiated Indiana Attorney General disciplinary investigation regarding drunken groping in 2018. Republican Curtis Hill may lose his license and his position. 2018-2020

ACTIVISM AND WORK IN OTHER PARTIES

GREEN PARTY –

- Congressional candidate, IN-2. 2012.
- Indiana state delegate at national convention. Jill Stein Electoral College elector candidate. 625 votes. 2012
- Green Party regional leader, Deep South, NZ. 2004-2005

DISABILITY PARTY – Founder February 5, 2013

(Independent 3rd party that allows dual partisanship to advance disability rights)

REPUBLICAN PARTY – Blocked from ballot for Republican congressional race, IL-8, and all disability accommodations rejected.

2015-2016. Republicans have offered no assistance with this disability access complaint and lawsuit, proving that Straw is not welcome in that party and that disability access is a low priority for Republicans.

Straw v. Illinois State Board of Elections, 1-19-1783 (Ill. Ct. App. Dist. 1)