

PLEDGE

I, _____, am requesting the endorsement of the Spokane County Republican Party for the position of _____.

To assist the Spokane County Republican Central Committee Executive Board in its endorsement decision and as an assurance of my commitment to Republican principles, I promise the following:

1. I have read and will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Washington State Constitution, and the Spokane County Republican Party Platform.

Yes

No

2. I will promote free enterprise, oppose new regulations that interfere with the free market system, oppose any government control or appropriation of private businesses, institutions, or other entities in our free enterprise system.

Yes

No

3. I will not vote in favor of a tax increase, new or increased fees, or increase spending beyond the rate of inflation or the consumer price index.

Yes

No

4. I will support the right to life from conception to natural death.

Yes

No

I understand this pledge and my public voting record may be published.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Printed Name of Candidate

2010 Spokane County Republican Platform



Preamble

The Declaration of Independence acknowledges that our rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, come from God the Creator and that, in order to ensure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Knowing that our United States Constitution was drafted to secure these God-given rights, as was the Washington State Constitution, we reaffirm our allegiance to our Republic and pledge to honor and uphold both the Washington State and United States Constitutions, which guarantee our state a Republican form of government.

Purpose

Define the purpose and activities of civil government; Act as a set of principles for those who represent us; and Present the values and beliefs of the party to voters in a clear and persuasive manner.

Platform

Enforcing the Platform:

The Republican Party has historically been the Party of Principle. In keeping with this proud history of principle over politics and with the overwhelming support of our Spokane County constituents, we therefore expect our elected officials to act in accordance with the principles laid out in our National and State Constitutions and our County Platform; in summary:

1) Life: Nothing is more important than the protection of those least able to protect themselves. Without Life, there can be no enjoyment of Liberty or the Pursuit of Happiness. Thus, Life is from conception until natural death.

2) Liberty: As the Party of Reagan, we hold as self-evident that government governs best when it governs least and as such must act in accordance to its Constitutionally-prescribed limits. Constitutionally, the People and the States retain all powers not expressly delegated to the Federal government; those remaining powers not specifically delegated do not constitute a stepping-stone to becoming an all-powerful government Leviathan.

3) Property: Free societies acknowledge as fact that individuals are entitled to the fruits of their labor, not the remaining portion after the government takes what it wants. Thus the Republican Party is the Party of a balanced budget - the government living within its means - and we will not support tax increases as a way to alleviate governmental overspending.

1. INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

Republicans support equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, gender, age or disability.

Republicans:

- a. Hold that the first duty of government is to secure every individual's unalienable rights; included is the absolute right to own, possess and carry a firearm with out the permission of any branch of government. That right shall be abrogated only on the event of past proven violent felonious behavior. That all stored records of registration, whether in printed or electronic form, be destroyed in order to be protected from confiscation;*
- b. Oppose granting special legal privileges based on age, race, gender, sexual preference, etc., being contrary to the American principle of equal protection under the law;*
- c. Advocate for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death;*
- d. Demand that no public funds be used to fund abortion here, or anywhere else in the world;*
- e. Recognize that from time immemorial, people groups of all religious persuasions on every continent have formalized marriage as the primary building block of society and the primary safeguard for children; we advocate for marriage between one man and one woman;*
- f. Support abolishing no-fault divorce for the sake of the children involved;*
- g. Oppose the United Nations infringement on individual sovereign constitutional rights; and*
- h. Assert the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as guaranteeing the individual citizen's right to keep and bear arms.*

2. LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Republicans believe that the proper role of government is to provide for our people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations; that the best government is that which governs least and is closest to the people.

Republicans fully support:

- a. Eliminating unneeded and ineffective government programs;*
- b. Strict constitutional interpretations as being necessary in the judicial branch to preserve the Constitution and the rule of law;*
- c. Enforcing the separation of powers; e.g. confining the legislature to its defined powers, limiting executive orders to emergency only, and prohibiting judicial legislation from the bench;*
- d. Restricting the use of eminent domain by limiting government "takings" only for Constitutional and clearly defined "public use", prohibit taking for "economic use", and restoring appropriated property to the owners if the project changes or is canceled;*
- e. Requiring all state agencies to implement recommendations of performance audits;*
- f. Eliminating the Growth Management Act;*
- g. Enforcing the 10th Amendment to the US Constitution which states: "The powers not*

*delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” We must reclaim our dual-sovereignty system that places limitations upon Federal powers. We further support the U.S. Supreme Court rulings in *New York vs. United States* and *Printz vs. United States* that the federal government cannot compel the states to enforce federal statutes such as those contemplated by a national ID, nationalized Health Care and/or a nationalized Cap & Trade;*

h. Enforcing Washington State’s Initiative and Referendum system, which allows the people of Washington State to exercise their constitutionally protected rights to affirm or reject certain state laws. We therefore stand against those elected officials who would declare a state of “emergency” and are using this pretext to override the will of the people; we call for an amendment to the State Constitution which would provide very specific limits upon what can be classified as an “emergency” thus safeguarding the intent and practice of the initiative as passed by popular vote;

i. Applying all laws equally to legislators, public and quasi-governmental agencies (e.g., Nature Conservancy), and private entities as well as to the People;

j. Spending and funding transfer transparency at all levels of government, with all audit results published;

k. Backing the United States currency with gold or silver. If the United States is to have a central bank, it shall be under the control of the United States government, not a private bank like the Federal Reserve; and

l. Abolishing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Its powers, responsibilities, and authorities should be distributed to state policing agencies.

3. THE ECONOMY

Today our country is suffering from one of the greatest (if not the greatest) economic recessions since the Great Depression, brought on by government interference in multiple sectors of the economy, its continuing move into socialism and is aided and abetted by the influence of a small minority of environmental extremists. We need to put America back to work by supporting the reinvigoration of American industry. Only a free People in a free-market system can achieve this goal. We are a People who can and will accept one of the greatest challenges since the Founding of the Republic.

Republicans propose:

a. All items purchased for our national defense shall be manufactured in the United States of America and all minerals of strategic importance not available in the U.S. proper should be stockpiled for up to a three year supply;

b. Becoming energy independent and self-sustaining within 5 years;

c. Securing our food and water supply, as well as other critical infrastructure systems;

d. Implementing tort reform (with the exception of criminal negligence) as a meaningful way

to reduce the cost of business;

e. Responsibly removing legal roadblocks found in licensing, taxation, and permitting necessary to build new facilities within no more than 3 years, if not within 1 year;

f. Exempting industries in national defense, energy, and critical infrastructure sectors from income tax, except for net income derived from foreign trade;

g. Re-establishing international trade reciprocity (equitable trade) with all nations within 5 years;

h. Reducing the Corporate Income tax to 10% (or to 0%), so as to reduce the government's burden on consumers, and to attract new businesses into our country;

i. Promoting free-market production choices for all industries, thereby liberating business from the corrupting tyranny of government subsidies;

j. Crediting dividends paid to shareholders, and Research & Development expenses against income taxes;

k. The reinstatement of the Glass-Steagall act, which prohibited banks from participating in the activities normally practiced by insurance and stock brokerage firms; and

l. Allowing the market, in an equitable and competitive environment to determine the economic winners and losers in meeting the economic needs and wants of society.

4. NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND DEFENSE

Republicans believe that America stands as one nation under God, united in values, as one people and under our Constitution. We should, therefore, preserve our national sovereignty, strength and pride. The United States of America must ensure that our national interests are not subordinated to the interests of other nations or controlling bodies. Our government's first responsibility is to insure the security and freedom of its citizens.

Republicans assert:

a. The withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations and revoke sovereignty-eroding treaties or agreements like NAFTA, Security & Prosperity Partnership (S. P. P.), CAFTA, etc.;

b. That to secure our nation we must prohibit the sale or management of ports or other critical infrastructure that could be a threat to our national security and revoke sales already done with foreign companies;

c. Honoring all past and current obligations to our troops and veterans;

d. Limiting the executive privilege of committing U.S. military in peacekeeping or combat to a duration of 180 days, without a declaration of War by Congress, as a protracted war cannot be won without the will and consent of the people;

e. Presenting all non-binding military and trade agreements made by the executive branch to

Congress for open and public debate;

f. Stopping all federal subsidies, grants, or other payments to public institutions (schools, universities) and to municipalities that do not allow military recruiters to give out information and sign up interested young people;

g. A policy of peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none;

h. That a strong, well-funded military is essential to our safety and preservation as a people and a nation;

i. Never placing United States Armed Forces under the control of any other government or controlling non-state entity, nor allowing foreign troops to operate in a non-training capacity on U.S. soil, ever;

j. That US court decisions shall be based on American and Constitutional doctrine, not International Law; and

k. That Congress shall withdraw the United States from the World Trade Organization (WTO).

5. BALANCED BUDGET AND LOWER TAXES

We Republicans stress government, at all levels, must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep most of their earnings **through:**

a. Reducing and/or eliminating certain taxes, fees, and regulations on businesses and individuals at the local, state and federal levels;

b. Creating tax incentives to re-establish the shoe and textile industries to meet our own clothing and footwear needs;

c. Advocating for a balanced budget at the local and state levels and that the US Constitution be amended to require the Federal Budget be balanced unless overridden by a 2/3rds of Congress plus one;

d. Eliminating the state Business & Occupation tax;

e. Repealing the state and federal inheritance taxes (death tax), permanently;

f. Opposing a state income tax;

g. Privatizing social security and eliminating double taxation of benefits;

h. Permanently establishing voter-approved mandates, requiring a super-majority of the Legislature to seek permission of voters to raise or impose new taxes;

i. Appropriating all revenue brought in from road and gas taxes, vehicle registrations and tolls to go back to the road system only, not into the general fund;

j. Creating an escrow account whereby money collected by Washington State for the Federal

Government would be held here in this state so as to collect interest for this state and to alleviate the Fed's stranglehold over the state through the "power of the purse"; and

k. Understanding that no business is "too big to fail" and allowing those who have taken unacceptable risks to be bought out by those who followed fiscally responsible practices.

6. EDUCATION

Republicans recognize the need to reinforce the capabilities of all our citizens by improving educational opportunities.

Republicans acknowledge and support:

a. Parents, not the state, as first decision makers, in the upbringing and education of their children; supporting familial bonds; and allowing parents, not the state, to direct this upbringing, except in the government's limited role of protection in cases of child abuse. This is affirmed by the natural law and the landmark decision by the 1925 Supreme Court Case of Pierce v. Society of Sisters, which essentially puts the education of the children in the hands of the parents, not the state;

b. Returning the mission of education to academic subjects, eliminating programs like all-inclusive counseling and state and federal mandates of School-to-Work and No Child Left Behind programs;

c. Promoting a "Back to Basics" curriculum, including teaching rigorous academics in the subjects of reading, writing, grammar, spelling, history, civics, economics, mathematics, science and the fine arts, using teaching and testing methods proven successful by scientifically validated research;

d. Eliminating the WASL; because of its lack of validity, excessive expense and lost learning time;

e. An affirmation of parental choice in the method of education for their children: public, private or home school, including tax exemptions;

f. Reinstating mandatory Civics classes as well as K-12 academic curriculum teaching the Declaration of Independence, United States & Washington State Constitutions, as well as The Bill of Rights from their original sources, to all children;

g. The need for every child to pass minimum standards in every academic subject before advancement;

h. Returning to taxpayer accountability through a super majority for levies and bonds, which are to be held during the regularly scheduled General Election, in November, without any re-vote option until the following General Election's voting cycle;

i. Rejecting federal control over education by eliminating the U. S. Department of Education;

j. Returning control of curriculum decisions to local school districts and parents;

k. The rights of parents to remove their children from classes that they find objectionable

based on content; all schools (K-12) shall obtain written parental consent for any child's participation in extra-curricular activities;

l. Repeal in total of the Washington State "Blain Amendment" language to the Washington State Constitution, which effectively eliminates the possibility of funding vouchers for education and infringes on parents' rights to choose the best means to educate their children;

m. Teachers' rights to withhold out of their union dues any moneys that are not used for their union's representation in direct labor negotiations with the school districts where their members teach; and

n. Publicly auditing all school districts and refund school system surplus funds back to the taxpayers annually.

7. HEALTH CARE

Over-reliance on third-party insurance and bad government policies has caused us to spend too much on health care. Republicans believe in, and will apply market-based, ethical principles to individual health care choices and to those that offer or administer health care resources to the people.

Republicans believe in, and we shall work to:

a. Remove state insurance mandates, thus allowing consumers to select only the coverage they require, including health savings accounts;

b. Return competition among insurers and requiring disclosures of fee schedules including the allowance of purchasing of cross state insurance policies;

c. Eliminate taxes and fees on health insurance premiums;

d. Implement a "freedom of conscience" clause protecting those dispensing medication and to health care providers;

e. Support unrestricted access to Dietary Health Supplements;

f. Refund excess not-for-profit Health Insurance Company surpluses back to the policyholder annually; and

g. Reduce frivolous lawsuits, and encourage tort reform (with the exception of criminal negligence) as a meaningful way to reduce the cost of healthcare. Furthermore, Republicans believe that the federal government does not have the Constitutional authority to mandate individuals to purchase health insurance. Republicans will work to insure that the federal government does not abuse the commerce clause in a way that requires individuals to engage in economic activity.

8. ENVIRONMENT

Republicans value our environment but reject the idea that carbon dioxide emissions are bad for our environment. We believe in wise stewardship of our land and resources. We reject scare

tactics and international entanglements that would encumber our land, and waterways such as the Growth Management Act (GMA), Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST) and Yukon to Yellowstone (Y2Y). We believe in private property rights and in market-driven solutions based on objectively peer-reviewed science to determine efficient use of all resources. We will move to have the Federal Government deed back all lands and mineral rights to the States with the Federal Government only keeping that land enumerated in the Constitution.

Republicans believe:

- a. Climate Change and warming and cooling trends are natural processes, not induced by man;*
- b. We must revoke all laws regarding carbon dioxide emissions, carbon footprints and carbon sequestration; we reject the EPA's agenda to control carbon emissions;*
- c. In the repeal of the "Endangered Species Act," or any other measure that does not balance the potential human harm and suffering caused by restriction and or elimination natural resources or their access against the fundamental needs of our citizens;*
- d. In supporting energy policies that reduce America's dependence on foreign oil and gas by allowing increased responsible drilling and mining within the 50 states, as well as offshore;*
- e. We must allow nuclear, hydro, coal, oil, gas and forest biomass produced energy to compete on the same economic playing field as wind and solar energy; we must remove the legal restrictions that are preventing private investment in nuclear and other energy sources;*
- f. In supporting the development of clean, efficient, safe energy sources without government subsidies; we reject the environmentalist favoritisms based upon the false science of global warming; in a free market wind and solar must be competitive without any tax credits;*
- g. We must reject the United Nations Agenda 21 in all its forms, including sustainability, smart growth, cap and trade, and Y2Y, because all are based on the pseudo-science of human-caused global warming;*
- h. We must increase systematic, selective harvesting with reforestation of all lands, public and private, to ensure healthier forests, to allow biomass energy and timber production, and to prevent large forest fires;*
- i. That a sustainable supply of water for a local area should be a priority before any permit is granted which would transfer water outside a local basin or aquifer area. Water is a natural resource, not a commodity, and should be protected for use by local residents, agriculture, and industry. Therefore, we strongly oppose the State of Washington selling water rights to out-of-state buyers;*
- j. Animals should not be granted legal rights in the same fashion as human beings;*
- k. In the immediate implementation of country of origin labeling on all whole food and fiber products. We strongly support only products "born, raised, slaughtered, and processed" or "sprouted, harvested, grown and processed" in this country to receive a U.S. label; and*
- l. In further study of genetically modified food products, their effect on food supplies and*

eliminating all programs, including tax breaks, which support the production, sale, or distribution of genetically modified food (GMO).

9. IMMIGRATION

Republicans support the opportunity to earn U.S. citizenship for all who enter the country legally. Illegal entry threatens the security of, and dilutes the rights and privileges of all citizens and those here legally.

Republicans will:

- a. Secure and protect our country's borders against illegal entry and invasion by supporting the use of the National Guard, if necessary;*
- b. Pass laws requiring the use of a government issued ID at polling places;*
- c. Streamline the extradition process and aggressive repatriation of illegal aliens, within 60 days;*
- d. Oppose all amnesty or "guest worker" legislation, except to fill emergency needs until real immigration reform has been defined and enacted into law;*
- e. Support the elimination of incentives that draws illegal immigrants, such as birthright citizenship, education, driver's licenses, medical care, and welfare;*
- f. Eliminate disbursement of all State and Federal funds to those entities supporting the concept of 'sanctuary' for illegal aliens, or otherwise aiding and abetting entry of illegal aliens into these United States, in violation of current laws;*
- g. Require all law enforcement agencies to report citizenship status when investigating crime or collision accidents;*
- h. Enforce existing immigration laws, including employer sanctions; and*
- i. Work to unite all peoples and all cultures within the United States and support the adoption of English as the official language.*

10. TECHNOLOGY

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Republicans:

- a. Oppose technologies that infringe on the right to life, including the cloning of human beings, and embryonic stem-cell research;*
- b. Encourage adult stem-cell research as the best (and proven) method of stem-cell research;*
- c. Oppose all forms of unconstitutional monitoring, tracking, eavesdropping and collection of private data against U.S. citizens, including but not limited to: RFID, REAL ID, VERICHIP,*

the Patriot Act, warrant-less wiretapping and cellular phone tracking, and the use of aerial photography and satellite imaging for the purposes of taxation or warrant-less surveillance;

d. Support a sensible tax policy that encourages, rather than penalizes, research, investment, growth, and job creation without public-funded subsidies;

e. Support adjusting existing laws in a timely fashion to address the challenges technology places on society;

f. Support validating the election process and assuring that all Washington voter registrations are guaranteed to be current and accurate;

g. Support the release of original ballots for inspection, before final certification of an election; and

h. Oppose the proposed National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

11. WELFARE REFORM

Republicans know that individual liberty and the fair and objective application of justice have brought this nation opportunity, growth and prosperity through the free enterprise system, by encouraging individual initiative and excellence rather than a reliance on wealth redistribution through welfare dependence.

As Republicans, we support:

a. Emphasizing and maintaining the 5-year aggregate limit on welfare and removing increased benefits for parents who continue to have children while on welfare;

b. Supporting the "work first" program to give welfare recipients the tools they need to break the cycle of dependency and return to self-sufficiency;

c. Pursuing child support payments from all divorced parents and parents out of wedlock to the maximum extent possible within existing laws and statutes;

d. Maintaining a welfare system that places real-world requirements and responsibilities on recipients, while prohibiting illegal aliens from receiving benefits; and

e. Promoting free-market production choices for all industries, thereby liberating business from the corrupting tyranny of government subsidies.

12. CRIME

Republicans believe that the strength of our nation lies with individuals exercising self-government and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability, and responsibility must be honored. That belief is threatened by increasing violence and crime in our society.

Republicans expect:

a. Mandatory jail sentences for those found guilty of crimes;

- b. Swift and appropriate sentences for those found guilty of any crime; we affirm the "three strikes you're out" law;*
- c. Efficient incarceration facilities that present an effective deterrent to repeat offenses;*
- d. The death penalty or life imprisonment for anyone convicted of deliberately taking the life of any human being, with the exception of self-defense;*
- e. Vigorous prosecution of crimes against property in the name of environmentalism;*
- f. No voting rights for felons;*
- g. Victims' rights, to include full restitution;*
- h. Tort reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits for alleged injury;*
- i. The immediate deportation of illegal aliens who are convicted of any felony or misdemeanor; and*
- j. Local authorities to report illegal status and all civil and criminal charges to the INS immediately.*

CALL TO ACTION

Republicans believe as a self-evident fact that our party is the best vehicle for translating the above ideals into positive and successful government and we invite our fellow citizens to join us, as engaged, committed, and active citizens in renewing and re-establishing our control over the government.

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