

# **Tulsa County Republican Party**

# 2023 County Platform

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## **Preamble**

The U.S. has attained its position as a world leader and champion of freedom by protecting our Godgiven liberties and Judeo-Christian values. Our Republic is at a turning point in the battle between liberty and tyranny. We pledge to protect individual liberty and to decrease government interference in free enterprise and in the daily lives of free people.

# **Statement of Principles:**

#### We Believe

- That individual rights of life, liberty and property come from Nature and Nature's God, and that governments form, and laws exist, to protect these human rights.
- That with liberty comes personal responsibility and individual accountability.
- The Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, The Northwest Territorial Government, and the Constitution of the U.S. together establish the exclusive and supreme basis of the Rule of Law for the Nation. All subsequent legislation and judicial rulings are subject to these foundational documents, as originally intended.
- In equal justice and opportunity for all human life, regardless of age, race, creed, sex, disability or financial status, from conception to natural death.
- That a sound, traditional family based on traditional marriage of one man and one woman is essential to the strength, stability, and success of our nation. The strength of our constitutional republic lies with the individual and with the family and each has value and rights that are protected. It is exclusively the right and responsibility of parents or legal guardians to direct the upbringing and education of their children, without interference, regulation, or penalty from the government. We will defend the institution of the family against all who seek to use the powers of government to undermine or redefine the family.
- That the proper role of any government is to provide only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations. That society's challenges should be addressed

without excessive regulation, restriction, or taxation. We seek to reform government so that it is limited to its proper role with excellence and efficiency.

• In legal immigration.

• We oppose any organization that advocates for communist, Marxist and/or socialist principles, which are antithetical to the principles of the Oklahoma Republican Party.

The Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government. Our elected Republican Party leadership, above precinct officials, shall not use their positions for any personal gain or to advocate for a particular candidate but shall keep the official party organization neutral in primaries, to promote Republican principles and to be helpful in general elections.

# A. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

# **Domestic Policy**

- 1. We the people call upon the President, members of U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to uphold their sworn constitutional duties outlined in the U.S. Constitution.
- 2. We call on Congress and the President to make English the official language of the U.S.
- 3. We encourage continued public and privately funded exploration of space.
- 4. We resolve that the phrase "In God We Trust" remain on the face of all coins and currency.
- 5. We oppose the seizure of control of the census process by the Office of the President and demand it remain in the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the census is for counting citizens only, as described in the U.S. Constitution.
- 6. We support the participation of all members of Congress (past, present, and future) in the Social Security System with the American people. All funds within the Congressional retirement fund should be moved into the Social Security System.
- 7. We support the elimination of Congress's ability to vote themselves pay raises. By statute, any congressional pay raise must be limited to the lower of the CPI or 3% of their individual existing annual salary, once per individual term of office.
- 8. We support the abolition of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and each Federal Reserve Bank by the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and support returning the establishment of value and printing of U.S. currency to the U.S. Congress and Treasury Department.
- 9. We propose an amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. stating that all candidates for federal office shall reside within the district they seek to represent.
- 10. We support term limits.
- 11. We demand our U.S. Senators and Representatives actively and openly oppose each unconstitutional action or stated intention to perform an unconstitutional act by the President, Executive Branch, or Judicial Branch.
- 12. We support the immediate construction of necessary pipelines to support energy independence of the U.S.
- 13. We seek to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood.
- 14. The Federal debt ceiling shall not be suspended, waived, or increased, except after a Declaration of War duly declared by Congress, according to the Constitution.
- 15. The term sex should be used as a classification, as male or female, according to their reproductive organs and functions at birth. Females have XX chromosome and males have XY chromosome.
- 16. We propose a resolution supporting the continuance of the Established Right of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to give Citizenship Rights to legal persons born in Oklahoma as Citizens of Oklahoma and the United States of America.

- 17. We oppose the assessment of the values of American citizens or their private-sector businesses by any level of our government for the purpose of assigning them ESG scores. We oppose the utilization or implementation by any business/corporation, or government agency that is imposing an environmental social governance (ESG) agenda, including investing employee retirement contributions into funds that participate in or support ESG or the use of assigning "social credit scores" to their employees, customers, or any other individuals.
- 18. We propose that the federal indemnification laws be amended to allow for suing and the prosecution of officials of Federal Agencies when gross or intentional negligence is found to be perpetrated on the American public including after they leave their positions.

#### **Defense**

- 1. The U.S. must respond to any nation or organized group declaring war on our peaceful citizens by taking that war to them and winning.
- 2. We support efforts to bring those who commit acts of terror to justice. This would apply to all acts, military or civilian.
- 3. No National Guard personnel shall be required to leave the territory of the U.S., except in time of a Congressional declaration of war.
- 4. We support a strong national defense and advocate "peace through strength," supported by necessary defense spending. We support the traditional, historical values of our military and affirm that the primary mission of the military is to support and defend the Constitution or the U.S. against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and secure our borders.
- 5. We support returning to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" for the military of the U.S.
- 6. We support improved pay, improved living conditions, increased educational opportunities and timely medical care for service-related illnesses for our armed forces and veterans. We propose that Veteran's Hospitals abide by the same or better health standards and building codes as public or private hospitals.
- 7. We oppose the use of U.S. military personnel in any military deployment where they would be under the command of the United Nations.
- 8. We believe foreign terrorists are unlawful combatants and are not entitled to citizen rights under the U.S. Constitution. We believe they should be held in detention facilities such as Guantanamo Bay, not the U.S. prison systems, and their cases adjudicated by military tribunals, not by U.S. criminal courts.
- 9. We believe the U.S. should reverse any action taken by previous administrations that relinquish American sovereignty and control of the internet. In 2016, U.S. gave up control of the key operations and day-to-day management of the internet to organizations that may not share our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment freedoms. We believe private communications on the internet should never be reviewed, censored, recorded, or stolen by domestic or foreign enemies of the U.S., nor by our friends.
- 10. We oppose special rights and privileges in the U.S. Military based on gender and sexual orientation.
- 11. We oppose any attempt by any party/organization/agency that seeks to enforce an "ideological agenda" on any branch of the United States military, including enforcement, pressure on any member to participate in "elective transformational surgical procedures" or the implementation encouraging any political agenda that seeks to undermine the essential roles and responsibilities for which the U.S. military was established, i.e., to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

#### **Foreign Policy**

- 1. We oppose efforts by our government to pressure Israel or any other nation into negotiating with terrorists, including giving up land.
- 2. We recognize Israel as our greatest ally in the Middle East in the fight against terrorists and support the continued presence of our U.S. ambassador in Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel. We support the right of the nation of Israel to exist and to defend itself as they see fit.
- 3. Except in cases of national security, we oppose foreign aid while we have a national debt.
- 4. We support policies that protect U.S. allies and maintain U.S. facilities worldwide.
- 5. We endorse non-military expressions of American support for a secular, representative, and democratic government in Iran.

#### **Immigration**

- 1. We welcome legal immigration and recognize the benefits new, legal immigrants can contribute to America.
- 2. We oppose illegal immigration and any form of amnesty for illegal aliens. We believe the federal government has an immediate duty to secure our national borders.
- 3. We support the completion of the barrier wall on the southern border of the U.S. Adequate border patrol and/or guards should be maintained for **all of** our national borders at all times along with adequate funding and equipment. Points of entry should be strictly monitored for illegal activities. American citizens should not have to exchange their blood, treasure, and liberties for lack of proper border security.
- 4. We support civil and criminal sanctions for employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.
- 5. We support a Constitutional amendment that would deny U.S. citizenship to any child born in the U.S. if neither parent nor legal guardian is a legal citizen. In the interim, we support measures that would deny illegal aliens' access to Federal entitlements.
- 6. Article II, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution states in part "[the President] shall take care that the Laws be faithfully executed." There are federal laws prohibiting illegal entry into, and/or residence in the U.S. and we thus support the President in his duty as Chief Executive to enforce these laws. Every attempt to prevent such enforcement of the laws should be considered "obstruction of justice" and be swiftly prosecuted as such.
- 7. Murders, rapes, and other crimes have been perpetrated by illegal aliens against U.S. citizens. Not one U.S. citizen would have been a victim of a foreign threat had our immigration laws been enforced.
- 8. We favor deportation of persons now in the United States illegally, including those claiming legal status under fraudulent documents or fraudulent marriages. We oppose the receipt of state or federal taxpayer funds by persons in the U.S. illegally.

#### **Judicial**

- We demand appointment of Supreme Court Justices who will apply a strict, Framer's original
  intent interpretation of the Constitution and who will not look to international Law or other foreign
  legal concepts to formulate decisions. Judges of the U.S. or of any State must interpret law and
  cannot make law.
- 2. We oppose the use of subjective determination of mental intent, such as "hate crimes" to increase criminal penalties.
- 3. We believe sentencing should be uniform and commensurate with the crime. Victims and their families have the right to attend all hearings pertaining to the crime committed against them. Full monetary restitution should be imposed upon criminals.

## Rights

- 1. The Second Amendment guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms and shall not be infringed. We support the proposition that all laws currently on the books that infringe upon this right, when the individual has never been convicted of a felony involving a firearm, be repealed. Furthermore, we oppose all 'so-called' red flag laws.
- 2. We believe the First Amendment's Establishment Clause was intended to prevent a state-sponsored religion rather than a separation of God from our government. All Americans, whether as private citizens or public officials, are entitled to acknowledge God. This acknowledgement includes the freedom to display religious symbols in public areas.
- 3. We support complete freedom of individual citizens to fund political campaigns and political organizations. We also demand the full disclosure (by political entities) of the sources of their funding. We oppose campaign finance reform that inhibits free speech.
- 4. We oppose the implementation of a National ID card. We favor the repeal of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and oppose any subsequent like legislation.
- 5. We vigorously oppose the so-called Fairness Doctrine or any scheme to limit, shape, moderate, or censor free speech in the marketplace of ideas. The freedom of speech and of the press referred to in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. applies as well to the electronic media, i.e., radio and television. Thus, we vigorously oppose any such restrictions in any and all media, including the Internet.
- 6. We oppose the creation or expansion of any domestic security force that violates or abridges the rights of Americans as defined by the Bill of Rights.
- 7. We believe in equal rights and opportunity for all.
- 8. We oppose discrimination and reject preferences, quotas, and set asides, whether in education or the private sector or government.
- 9. We oppose special pension and health care benefits not afforded to the general public for elected officials after leaving office. Thus, we petition Congress and the President to repeal sections 1021 and 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act passed December 2011 and HR 347 passed March 2012, as they are in direct conflict with the Constitution of the U.S.
- 10. We support the repeal of the Patriot Act in its entirety. We oppose any form of law that violates our God-given right to our life, liberty and ability to pursue happiness. We include our right to privacy in that right to liberty and strongly disapprove of any violation of these rights. We affirm our support of the Constitution and the rule of law and the admonition by our Founding Fathers to not exchange liberty for security.
- 11. We propose a resolution to remove the "Johnson Amendment" limiting free-speech for non-profit and non-profit religious organizations from the IRS codes to allow open free-speech from these organizations on all political activities/actions or lack thereof.

#### Sovereignty

- 1. We demand immediate withdrawal of the U.S. membership from the United Nations and support the removal of the United Nations from any territory of the U.S.
- 2. We oppose any continental multi-modal transportation infrastructure which does not include full U.S. sovereignty and full security operations at our national borders.
- 3. We vigorously oppose the formation of a North American Union with Mexico and Canada, and we oppose any common currency. We reject the United Nations "Agenda 21" and "2030 Agenda" programs to manage the Earth's people and resources and oppose the adoption of any UN inspired initiatives into the policies or body of law of the U.S., including but not limited to:

- a. The Sustainable America Policy;
- b. Use of sustainable development guidelines by any governmental planning authority;
- c. Global Poverty Tax;
- d. Cap and Trade Carbon Credit and Sequestration Program;
- e. Conventions on the Rights of the Child, Biodiversity, and Discrimination against Women;
- f. Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST);
- g. Sustainable population and consumption and production reduction initiatives;
- h. Designation of land within the U.S as a UNESCO World Heritage Center or Man and the Biosphere Reserve; or
- i. The International Criminal Court.
- 4. We favor withholding all payments to the UN until all member nations meet their current financial obligations to the U.N. We favor changing the UN Charter to make it a recommending body only.
- 5. We oppose the surrender of any degree of U.S. sovereignty to global governance.

## **Voting**

- 1. We support stricter verification of voter eligibility and stricter penalties for voter fraud. We demand paper ballots and a full chain of custody record.
- 2. We support the repeal of the "Motor Voter" law. In states that allow unsolicited mail-in voting and early voting, the Republican Parties should lobby their respective state legislatures to immediately abolish the practices of mailing out unsolicited election ballots and long-term early voting at indiscriminate locations.
- 3. The Legislature of Oklahoma should continue to oppose the National Popular Vote interstate compact and any other attempt to surrender Oklahoma's role and voice in this process.
- 4. We oppose ranked choice voting within Oklahoma.

## **B. TAXES, BUSINESS, & BUDGET**

- 1. We support the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment (Income Tax Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution and the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service.
- 2. We support replacing the current income tax with a more equitable form of taxation which does not penalize productivity, such as a flat tax, "Fair Tax," or a consumption tax.
- 3. We support the complete and permanent elimination of the marriage penalty and the estate tax.
- 4. We support policies which reduce or eliminate the taxation of personal savings.
- 5. We support making benefits from retirement pensions and retirement savings tax-free to encourage financial independence and personal responsibility.
- 6. We support policies, including those involving free enterprise, that lead to the development of energy independence of the U.S.
- 7. We believe the Congress should not regard the Social Security Trust Fund as a part of the general budget.
- 8. We support voluntary participation in Social Security.
- 9. We recommend "zero based budgeting" for all levels of government, and we support the enactment of a Balanced Budget Amendment.
- 10. We oppose the use of "eminent domain" authority when the result would be the eventual benefit of private institutions or individuals. We support fair and swift compensation for property owners when governmental regulations limit property use.
- 11. We support the promotion of free enterprise with minimal government intervention.
- 12. We support the total deductibility of all non-elective health care costs including health insurance premiums.

- 13. We support the right of the employer to hire without regard to mandated quotas.
- 14. We believe that government should not pick commercial "winners and losers," and we believe a business is not too big to fail but should be reorganized or disposed of through bankruptcy proceedings.
- 15. We believe in limited government monetary and regulatory intervention in free enterprise.
- 16. Taxes should not be used to redistribute wealth.
- 17. Management and labor should be able to negotiate with each other on equal terms. All elections by employees should be conducted by secret ballot. Intimidation of voters in all elections should be illegal and severely punished.
- 18. We support the repeal of government forced withdrawals of retirement savings using the required minimum distribution rule.
- 19. We support the ending of tax discrimination against Oklahoma seniors using unequal standard deduction as compared to the Federal standard deduction.
- 20. We support an audit of the Federal Reserve
- 21. We do not support the creation of special tax districts that benefit the public at large.
- 22. We oppose federal funding of any attempts by the NOAA or NASA to manipulate weather.
- 23. We support granting employers a tax advantage for employing senior American citizens.

#### C. PUBLIC INTEGRITY

- 1. We believe all public officials, civil servants, or appointees should be accountable for their actions, criminal or otherwise.
- 2. Appointments to committees and boards should not be made up of individuals who benefit or give the appearance of benefiting by virtue of their profession.
- 3. Lewd, pornographic, or obscene acts or materials should not be allowed or distributed in public, including but not limited to schools, public parades, shows, or concerts within Oklahoma.

#### D. STATE GOVERNMENT

- 1. We support reductions, when feasible, of both taxes and government spending as a general rule of government.
- 2. We oppose new taxes and fee increases.
- 3. We support the repeal of the state tax on business inventory.
- 4. We support the elimination of estate taxes.
- 5. We urge the elimination of the Oklahoma State income tax.
- 6. We support reducing the number of people on welfare and we support reasonable limits on the length of time a person can remain on welfare, with a focus on personal accountability.
- 7. We propose that all state retirement plans be actuarially funded and publicly disclosed.
- 8. We urge the Governor and Legislature to make tort reform a top priority.
- 9. We support the continuation of civil penalties for the filing of frivolous lawsuits.
- 10. We support a revision of the worker's compensation system to make the system fairer, less litigious, and less costly to businesses.
- 11. We support reasonable environmental regulations, with remediation of any problems utilizing the most reasonable and cost-effective approach. We support strict enforcement of the laws protecting the Oklahoma watershed.
- 12. We support stiff penalties for identity theft and internet crimes.
- 13. We support external audits and public disclosure by publicly searchable electronic database of the financial records of public institutions, public trusts, and public authorities.

- 14. We believe that election dates should be consolidated to conserve state money and increase voter participation.
- 15. We support a 60 percent majority for all general obligation bond issues.
- 16. We support efforts to eliminate illegal immigration in Oklahoma and oppose any sanctuary city or action.
- 17. We support the repeal of all forms of gambling in Oklahoma, including but not limited to the sale of lottery tickets. We oppose the use of children under the age of 18 in any gambling or lottery advertisement.
- 18. We oppose any call for a Federal Constitutional Convention and support reclaiming Oklahoma's sovereignty under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- 19. We support a moratorium on the construction of additional turnpikes in Oklahoma until existing turnpikes that have generated enough toll revenues to repay their original construction costs are conveyed to state ownership and converted to toll-free roads.
- 20. Laws prohibiting amnesty, welfare, social security numbers, driver's licenses, and medical care for non-life-threatening illnesses for illegal aliens should be adopted and enforced.
- 21. We oppose the removal of the Insurance Commission.
- 22. We oppose any non-partisan elections.
- 23. We urge all future legislation establishing any government, bureau, program, or recurring appropriation should contain a "sunset clause."
- 24. We urge the Governor and Legislature to review all existing government programs and agencies with the intent of abolishing duplicate programs and agencies.
- 25. We support existing laws allowing constitutional carry, where firearms may be carried openly or concealed without a license, except for convicted felons.
- 26. The State Senate and the House of Representatives should pass permanent rule changes to assure that every bill submitted by a Senator or Representative gets a fair hearing and a recorded vote in committee, and every bill that passes through committee gets a fair hearing and a recorded vote on the floor of the body.
- 27. We support the escrowing of federal tax funds by the State for the purpose of withholding them in the event of an encroachment of Oklahoma's sovereignty.
- 28. We oppose all forms of radio frequency identification (RFID), biometrics or any form of electronic data collection to facilitate the tracking of citizens using state issued IDs.
- 29. We support limiting airspace to only allow the use of drones pursuant to the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and in a non-lethal manner.
- 30. We endorse the enforcement of existing law and establishment of new law to outlaw live nude and/or topless entertainment.
- 31. We support the peaceful expression of First Amendment rights of the U.S. Constitution without threat of legal or financial retribution.
- 32. Oklahoma should forbid ballot harvesting.
- 33. We oppose any attempt by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission to infringe on the First Amendment rights of Oklahoma citizens by in any way restricting their ability to communicate with state officials, legislators or public for the purpose of influencing the officials' or legislators' actions regarding proposed legislation.
- 34. We support the repeal of the requirement of Oklahoma driver's license applicants to submit to a biometric scan. We oppose the mandatory biometric scanning of citizens by any level of government other than for the tracking of convicted felons.
- 35. We oppose further erosion and surrender of Oklahoma sovereignty to Indian tribes. Specifically, we oppose the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt decision.

- 36. We oppose the transfer of the authority for congressional and legislative redistricting in Oklahoma from the Oklahoma Legislature to an unelected, unaccountable "Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission."
- 37. If the present fraudulently elected federal administration persists in actions contrary to 2nd amendment rights or actions opening borders to illegals, or any issue contrary to our Constitution, we reserve and assert the right of Oklahoma to declare such actions of no legal effect in Oklahoma.
- 38. We support the repeal of the Local Development Act, codified in Oklahoma Statutes as Title 62, Sections 850 through 862, because TIF Districts only encourage and enable fascism by creating taxes to fund collaborative public-private real estate investments.
- 39. We oppose any legislation in Oklahoma which would mandate or incentivize either the type of motor vehicles or any consumer product or the fuel by which they are powered that should be available to Oklahoma consumers, as referenced by the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
- 40. We favor rigorous law enforcement of Oklahoma Statutes which now allow the growing, sale and consumption of marijuana.
- 41. We support the creation of a law requiring election board secretaries to verify citizenship status of every person registering to vote and requiring Oklahoma to issue photo ID for voter registration cards.
- 42. Currently petitions require 8% of eligible Oklahoma voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election. We support requiring at least 5% of the eligible voters from each of the 77 counties who voted in the last gubernatorial election to sign the petition. *Rationale:* small counties are having their voices ignored on initiative petitions. The larger counties Oklahoma and Tulsa are driving agendas that are not necessarily representative of most citizens in Oklahoma.
- 43. We oppose allowing Oklahomans to hire out-of-state citizens to gather signatures on petitions. (*Rationale*: If there are not enough Oklahomans passionate about the petition to collect signatures, having instigators from outside the state to push it doesn't serve the citizens of Oklahoma).
- 44. We oppose all electronic ballot counting machines from being connected to the internet or network source in klahoma. Voting machines must be made in the U.S. with U.S. parts and materials. Paper ballots will remain as the source document for all elections.
- 45. We oppose the electronic collection of individual and voter information and its sharing outside Oklahoma; thus, we favor repealing the implementation of ERIC or any similar state statute.

#### E. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 1. We support strengthening protections for real estate owners against arbitrary zoning changes.
- 2. We believe that public safety, e.g., police and fire protection, should be a priority in the city budget, using existing sources of revenue. We oppose a special tax increase to fund public safety.
- 3. We oppose any tax increase without demonstrated public need. We believe County government should fund its function through a property tax, leaving sales tax for municipal functions.
- 4. We oppose any public-private partnerships.
- 5. We oppose the practice of "land-banking" by any government board within Tulsa County.
- 6. We support the repeal of Title 11, Section 22-104.1 of the Oklahoma Statutes which enables a municipal corporation to engage in any business it is authorized to license.

- 7. We oppose any sales tax, either municipal or county, levied for river development.
- 8. We oppose all efforts to add a Charter Amendment which would add at-large Councilors, elected city wide, to the Tulsa City Council.
- 9. We support the Tulsa City Council having its own attorney, answerable only to the City Council and independent of any other branch of city government.
- 10. We oppose the use of municipal tax dollars and Tulsa County tax dollars to fund any chamber of commerce.
- 11. We believe that the City of Tulsa does not belong in the real estate business competing against private investors. We therefore believe that the Tulsa Housing Authority should immediately cease its current practice of tax-subsidized purchasing, owning, and maintaining residential real estate for the primary purpose of real estate investment.
- 12. We oppose any attempt to logroll recreational and "economic development" projects with public safety transportation projects in sales tax and bond issue elections.
- 13. We oppose the use of sales tax and use tax revenue bonds for advance funding for local capital improvements. City and county capital improvements should be authorized only on a pay-as-you-go-basis.
- 14. Because the Tulsa Development Authority loses millions of dollars annually by purchasing owning and maintaining hundreds of properties for which there is no public purpose, thereby keeping such properties off the ad valorem tax rolls, we believe that the Tulsa Development Authority should be disbanded, and its properties liquidated to private ownership and returned to the tax rolls.
- 15. We support elimination of the state portion of the grocery tax.

## F. FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

- 1. We support the definition of marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman only and therefore, we support the Traditional Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution establishing this definition.
- 2. We support the rights and accompanying responsibility of parents and legal guardians regarding care, protection and rearing of their children and wards.
- 3. Parents' rights respecting their children are superior to those of any other party, unless it is adjudicated that those parents are unfit. We support strict adherence to the due process of law in cases of alleged abuse.
- 4. We strongly oppose every form of abuse and neglect. When government becomes involved in an individual's care, safety and welfare, there must be strict accountability. Diligent oversight of care facilities is crucial to protecting children, the elderly, and the handicapped.
- 5. For the protection of children and the good of families and individuals, we request that the current laws prohibiting profanity, obscenity, and pornography be strictly enforced.
- 6. We support an individual's freedom of conscience and his or her free exercise of religion. Therefore, we oppose any mandate, law, or regulation that forces any employer to provide, or any person to purchase, certain types of healthcare benefits that will lead to a termination of life.
- 7. We affirm the exclusive right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to direct the upbringing and education of their children.
- 8. We propose a resolution to criminalize outlaw and make illegal any procedure or process to change or encourage the change of any minor child (younger than 18 years of age) their natural born physical gender from male to female or female to male in Oklahoma.

#### G. WELFARE

- 1. We encourage individuals to look to family and personal relationships, as well as charitable and faith-based programs, to meet their needs. Government welfare programs should exist solely to provide a safety net for American citizens who are incapable of supporting themselves.
- 2. All welfare programs should encourage their recipients to accept personal responsibility and work toward self-sufficiency. Those who repeatedly misuse the system or fraudulently misrepresent themselves should forfeit further assistance.

#### H. PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

- 1. We oppose federally mandated universal health care. Further, we support the repeal, defunding, or nullification entirely of the federal health care plan known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- 2. We encourage free-market-driven medical research for all health-care related issues through private investments.
- 3. We support a free-market and individual choice driven approach to health care reform, including health savings accounts and the total deductibility of health care costs to include the extended family.
- 4. We encourage the Republican Party to develop a policy which would become a part of the party platform to address the public healthcare needs of our nation.
- 5. We support the religious liberties of private entities and respect their religious freedoms. We therefore oppose any infringement on these religious liberties, including but not limited to the federal mandate requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for contraceptives and abortion inducing drugs.
- 6. We support freedom of choice regarding the immunization of American citizens.
- 7. We support the requirement of labeling foods containing genetically engineered ingredients.
- 8. We support the labeling of all wireless devices and systems including but not limited to Wi-Fi, cellular phones, smart meters, baby monitors, iPads, DECT phones, etc. to disclose the known health risks of RF microwave radiation and EMF radiation emissions, including but not limited to cancer, heart disease, infertility, fetal damage and digital dementia.
- 9. We oppose the 5G rollout and its implementation immediately for the sake of safety, life and liberty of over 330 million USA citizens.
- 10. We oppose the legalization of assisted suicide in Oklahoma.
- 11. We oppose the recent expansion of the Medicaid Program in Oklahoma. Such expansion has transferred to the state the responsibility for the health care of hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans who presently provide their own health insurance.
- 12. We object to smart meters because of health factors, and support replacing them with analog meters.
- 13. Considering both real scientific evidence and Constitutionally defined abilities, neither Oklahoma nor any entity within it may enact any law or code or executive order or practice mandating the wearing of any mask or social distancing or lockdown of business operations or any other control to any virus.

# I. LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. We support the death penalty and swift execution of criminals who have exhausted the appeals process.

- 2. We oppose housing criminals from other states in Oklahoma prisons without just compensation.
- 3. We support stronger enforcement of all criminal laws and advocate harsher penalties for those convicted of human trafficking, sex trafficking, and kidnapping, especially involving children, with penalties to include but not limited to the death penalty.
- 4. We oppose the infringement of our freedoms by use of surveillance and recording technology.
- 5. We support termination of civil asset forfeiture laws, especially where the only indication of a potential violation is the mere possession of property or cash without corroborating evidence of a crime.
- 6. We support limited immunity for public officials and, except for cases of proven and verified probable cause public officials who enforce or use the forfeiture statute(s), without a substantive case prosecuted in a timely manner, may be subjected to lawsuits and prosecution with extreme prejudice until such a time as the asset(s) seized or forfeited have been returned in good condition.
- 7. We support the prosecution of government personnel, including police officers, prosecutors, and judges, and they should not enjoy immunity from prosecution for malfeasance, corruption, or abuse of authority. Furthermore, we deny that taxpayers should pay the costs for official malfeasance, corruption, and abuses of authority whenever damages are awarded to an injured defendant or plaintiff whose rights have been denied or abused under the legal system.
- 8. We support the right of counsel by any American citizen and deny that only a state-licensed attorneys can provide assistance of counsel to the defendant or plaintiff in civil and criminal cases.
- 9. We support strengthening measures to ensure a fair and thorough grand jury process, unfettered by a district attorney (DA) or legal advisor, to include a mandatory review and public disclosure of the grand jury advisor's guidance in cases where the petitioner alleges official corruption, embezzlement, fraud, malfeasance, conspiracy, etc., and wherein the targeted public official is exonerated by improper and biased instructions or interference by the grand jury's legal advisor.
- 10. We support severe penalties for evidence tampering, mishandling, "planting" or destruction by state personnel, officials, sub-contractors, or their agents, to include no less than double a penalty that would have been imposed upon the accused if he were found guilty.
- 11. We propose a resolution to require pharmaceutical companies to be held liable and legally accountable for the products, drugs, and vaccines they produce, manufacture, provide, offer, market to sell, or dispense in the U.S.

# J. SANCTITY OF LIFE

- 1. We support the sanctity of all human life beginning at conception and ending at natural death.
- 2. We demand sanctity of life legislation, including the Personhood Amendment and oppose legislation that would permit abortion, except to protect against imminent threat to the life of the mother.
- 3. We oppose abortion, euthanasia, mercy killings, cloning, in vitro-fertilization (IVF), and distribution of cloned parts.
- 4. We support the protection of those who cannot defend themselves, including the unborn, the disabled, and the elderly.
- 5. We believe abortion should not be a solution to an unwanted pregnancy and should not be used as a method of birth control. We support alternatives to abortion that respect life, including adoption.

- 6. We believe abortion is contrary to the Word of God, The United States Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States (Amendment XIV), and so it must be abolished without exception. We believe intentional abortion is murder and is prohibited by, and should be prosecuted in accordance with, the laws of Oklahoma.
- 7. We oppose taxpayer funding that supports abortion, both in the United States and internationally.
- 8. We support stem cell research, except for human embryonic stem cells. We staunchly oppose the use of aborted babies for all medical research or commercial purposes.
- 9. We support individual choices of broad medical options without government intervention. We believe that medical science and health care should be wholly dedicated to prolonging and improving natural life for all. Hospitals and healthcare professionals should not be forced by the government or their employers to perform life terminating medical procedures.
- 10. We support the protection of those who cannot defend themselves, including the unborn, newly born, those surviving abortion attempts, the disabled, and the elderly.

## K. EDUCATION

## **Philosophy**

- 1. We support parents' or legal guardians' choice of schooling, whether public, private, or home-based. Therefore, we support a system of tuition tax credits or vouchers, free of any governmental regulation or interference. We support the founding and operation of charter schools. We support the constitutional right in Oklahoma for parents or legal guardians, even without a college degree and/or teacher's certificate to home-school their children.
- Individuals should have the right to make their own choices regarding their education and career. We oppose any tracking system such as "School to Work" which presumes to know what is best for the individual and the economy, or which predetermines the occupations of students.
- 3. We support the repeal of 70 O.S. Section 1210.515, which requires public-, private-and home-schooled students under eighteen years old to take a portion of the eighth-grade state criterion-referenced test to apply for a driver's license.
- 4. We support the principle that home-schooled students should receive equal opportunity to participate in taxpayer-funded extracurricular activities in their school districts' public schools.
- 5. We believe the Oklahoma State Department of Education should uphold the traditional family unit as the foundation of our social structure.
- 6. We support parents' or legal guardians' access to all records, curriculum, and testing pertaining to their children.
- 7. Schools should teach academic knowledge rather than teach children the philosophy, values, and theology by which they should live. Such responsibility belongs to a child's parents, family and church.
- 8. We believe that students and teachers should enjoy the right of free exercise of religion including public prayer.
- 9. We support the posting of our nation's organic documents and the Ten Commandments. We also support the display of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust," in all public schools in recognition of our national religious heritage.
- 10. We believe the public-school system is for the benefit of the U.S. and those who can prove legal residence. We believe the public-school system is for American residents of legal and lawful status and oppose all funding of any services for illegal immigrants.
- 11. We believe that the scientific evidence supporting Biblical creation should be included in Oklahoma public schools' curricula, and if any evolution theory is taught, that both should

- receive equal funding, class time, and material. Teachers should have the freedom to cover creation science without fear of intimidation, reprimand, or lack of professional respect.
- 12. We oppose overt racism by schools in the name of thinly disguised faux efforts to "eliminate racism" which seeks to achieve-atheistic, Marxist or Socialist political outcomes by ending the recognition of, instruction in, or honor given to people motivated by Judeo-Christian ethic who made great contributions to the development of traditional Western Civilization.
- 13. The civil rights of college students, including their right to due process, must be protected.
- 14. We strongly support the teaching in public schools of the scientific biologically verifiable X and Y chromosomal definition of male and female at birth and the use of locker rooms and public restrooms based on the same definition. We oppose any non-chromosomal gender reeducation and the teaching of LGBTQ lifestyle, history, and demonstration in public schools.
- 15. Due to the availability of open-access information to educational materials, if a teacher chooses to use materials representative of a worldview different from the Judeo-Christian worldview, then the Judeo-Christian worldview must also be taught.
- 16. We oppose the use of over-gamification, blockchains, free open source information, Big Data, cloud technology, mobile learning, virtual reality technology, and artificial intelligence, as the predominant modality of direct education and learning in the classroom.

#### Curriculum

- 1. Curricula should include the basics: phonics-based reading, grammar, composition, mathematics, government, history, science, spelling, penmanship, geography, and economics. We encourage the teaching of art, music, foreign languages, sports/physical fitness, and the option of using the Judeo-Christian Bible as history or literature text.
- 2. Sex education should not be taught in grades lower than sixth grade and must have parent pre-approval. We believe that schools must teach sexual abstinence as the only safe way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and pregnancy.
- 3. We support the right of parents or legal guardians to personally observe all classroom instruction and activities.
- 4. We oppose any curriculum that promotes one-world government, humanism, communism, socialism, global citizenship, and any curriculum originating with UNESCO. We affirm that our citizens, of any race, creed, or culture, are fully American. We support teaching our commonalities as U.S. citizens. We support teaching the intent of our Founding Fathers, the original founding documents, and the difference between a democracy and a republic.
- 5. We believe the American flag should be displayed in the classroom and that students should be given the opportunity to daily recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, including the words "under God," and be taught the traditional history of and respect for our flag.
- 6. We believe in high academic standards. Promotion and graduation should be accomplished through specific standards which shall be at least equivalent to the level of knowledge required for naturalized citizenship. We oppose graduation requirements that require mandatory community service or volunteerism. We support a 70% grade average for participation in extracurricular activities and sports in public school. We oppose education programs the aim of which is social engineering rather than academics or which lower established standards or alter children's values or beliefs. We therefore oppose any federally mandated curricula.
- 7. We support the singing of traditional songs and teaching of patriotic literature in grades K-12.

- 8. We support teaching the basic rules of finance, such as economics, saving, investing, borrowing, balancing a checkbook, and living within a budget.
- 9. We oppose the teaching of the theory of anthropogenic climate change without providing equal time for instruction in the complex systems of geo-physics that cause observable climate change, such as solar variations, plate tectonics and volcanic eruptions. We oppose public higher-education funding of one-sided studies intended to prove anthropogenic global warming for the purpose of justifying wealth redistribution.
- 10. Students need to know our American heritage. In teaching history, neither the facts of events nor their relative importance should be altered to achieve a social engineering or political outcome.
- 11. We support the teaching of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star-Spangled Banner, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution in all public schools.
- 12. We oppose the use of social studies curriculum that is created or promoted by the Center for Civic Education.
- 13. We oppose the teaching of Social Emotional Learning curriculum from the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning as well as "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion"-based learner outcomes because they do not teach any fundamental useful knowledge.
- 14. We oppose education programs whose aim is social engineering rather than academics, which lower established standards or which alter children's values or beliefs. We oppose Common Core standards, Race to the Top, and all federal education mandates.
- 15. We support local school board appointed textbook committees to select the state/district funded curriculum. We favor elimination of the state textbook selection committee.

## **Administration and Funding**

- 1. To comply with the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, we favor elimination and complete defunding of the Federal Department of Education and the transfer of its functions and funding to the states.
- 2. We oppose the hiring by Oklahoma schools of administrators trained by the Broad Center of the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation.
- 3. We support mandatory extensive background checks of all prospective school employees as well as identification and registration of all campus visitors.
- 4. We support the Oklahoma Constitution, which limits compulsory education to the ages of 8 through 16, and we oppose mandatory year-round schooling. We oppose mandatory expansion of public school to include preschool.
- 5. We support right-to-work laws, which provide all public-school administrators, teachers, and staff the choice to refuse to join or financially support any union, political party, or any other organization.
- We support the right of parents or legal guardians to apply for exemptions for their children from school vaccinations requirements for medical reasons, religious reasons, or other reasons of conscience.
- 7. We support the provision in the Oklahoma Constitution providing for passage of public-school bond issues.
- 8. We support legislation to require public schools to disclose the percentage of their staff that are members of the OEA/NEA and provide a copy of the current NEA platform to parents or legal guardians.

- 9. We support the granting of authority to the Oklahoma Legislature to review any tests that must be administered by Oklahoma public schools because of State or Federal mandates.
- 10. We believe state appropriated higher education funds should support state citizens only.
- 11. We believe a public school should protect the privacy of any personal information or data collected by the school on a student or his family or teachers, and we oppose the transfer or sharing of such information with any party outside the administration of the student's local school district. We oppose data mining by a public school through forms, questionnaires, surveys, quizzes, or journaling of any personal information on a student or his family not absolutely necessary to the education of the student. We oppose collection by the government of personal information or data on home-schooled students or their families.
- 12. While we support professional development for teachers, we believe classes should not be canceled for public school employees to attend political conventions or union meetings.
- 13. We support the removal of automatic teacher tenure. Teacher retention, raises, and promotions should be merit based on standards developed by local school boards and on teacher performance.
- 14. We oppose any denial, disparaging, or suspension of the rights of the people on any public land. This is to include and specify our opposition to the suspension of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights in public school zones. We oppose the designation of public schools as "gun-free zones." We support the proper training and voluntary arming of teachers, staff, and administration.
- 15. We believe the Oklahoma Department of Education should partner with test publishers to create tests for Oklahoma aligned with our current Oklahoma Academic Standards rather than teach curriculum aligned to existing tests available from out-of-state test publishers.
- 16. We support the consolidation of the teaching, technical, operational, and administrative resources of small school districts, but do not support the closing of individual schools.
- 17. The state school funding formula should be simplified and made more understandable and equitable. We support a requirement that a minimum of 65% of all state funds received by an Oklahoma school district be spent on the direct costs of classroom instruction, and that a limitation be placed on the amount of state funds that may be used by a school district to pay for the total compensation package of its administrators.
- 18. We support elimination of the Oklahoma Lottery, but until such time, the original percentage of its revenues paid to Oklahoma schools should be reinstated. We support legislation requiring that lottery funds should be applied in addition to, not as a replacement for, State funding of schools.
- 19. The Teachers' Retirement Fund should be actuarially funded with full public disclosure.
- 20. We call for independent testing of all public schools with full disclosure of the proven hazards and impacts of Radio Frequency, Electromagnetic, and Microwave radiation upon students (e.g., mitochondrial and DNA damage and destruction).
- 21. We call for enforcement of Oklahoma statutes that prohibit teachers from strikes, walkouts, or semblance thereof during the school year by penalizing any district that closes the schools with a funding cut equivalent to the daily payroll and expenses of the district.
- 22. We oppose the use of nude models and drag queens in public schools.
- 23. We support scheduling all school general elections on the Tuesday following the first Monday of each November. School board elections should be partisan.
- 24. A local school should not accept funds donated by private foundations designated for any purpose other than the general fund of the school, for expenditure as approved by the school board.

25. We support notification of parents or legal guardians of medical treatment sought by students including dispensing of any pharmaceuticals. We oppose mandatory healthcare in public schools and HPV vaccinations for students and any forced mental health medication.

# L. REPUBLICAN PARTY

- 1. The Tulsa County Republican Party Platform Committee shall be delegates to the upcoming county convention.
- 2. For a Republican candidate for elective office to receive the endorsement and support of the Oklahoma Republican Party, the candidate must read and mark up a copy of the current Oklahoma Republican Platform, indicating agreement or disagreement with each plank with explanation as necessary, and make it available for review at the state Party office.
- 3. Given that both our U.S. Senators refused to support the election of President Trump, and voted to accept fraudulent sets of electors, we support their replacement by conservatives that support Constitutional values and actions.

# THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE

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