

2012-2014 Nevada Republican Party Platform
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Budget and Fiscal Responsibility

We strongly support a balanced Federal budget amendment without raising taxes that also reduces and eliminates the national debt. If a balanced budget is not approved by October 1 of any given year, federal legislators, the President, cabinet members, czars or their staff should not be paid until a balanced budget is passed, with no retroactive pay.

We support Congress living by the same laws as the public, including social security, health care, retirement benefits, etc.

Constitution

We recognize that our Creator, Almighty God, not government has endowed all mankind with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" as stated in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the State of Nevada, and the principles upon which they were founded.

We expect our elected representatives and the courts will interpret the Constitution using original intent and context.

We expect our representatives at all levels of government to abide by their Oath of Office.

We believe the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was intended to prevent a state sponsored religion rather than a separation of God from government. Religious freedom is the first of our constitutionally protected rights. Attempts to force religious institutions to violate their

conscience are contrary to the Constitution.

We strongly affirm the Second Amendment that guarantees the individual's right to keep and bear arms, without infringement.

We support reciprocity laws with all states to carry concealed weapons across state lines.

We strongly support the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that protects the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. We request Congress to immediately repeal those provisions of the U. S. A. Patriot Act, Military Commissions Act, the Defense Authorization Act and similar legislation that clearly violate fundamental privacy rights afforded by the Constitution.

We expect the Legislative, Judicial and Executive branches of the Federal Government to respect the rights of the States in accordance with the Tenth Amendment. We also expect the Nevada Attorney General to defend the rights of the State of Nevada and the people as defined by the Tenth Amendment, to wit "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."

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We support the understanding that the limits on the authority of the Federal Government are determined by the United States Constitution and not by its own discretion. As such, we support the striking from the Constitution of the State of Nevada Article 1, Section 2, which grants the Federal Government authorities to employ armed force against the people of the State of Nevada in compelling obedience to its sole discretion.

Education

We support returning control of the education system to local jurisdictions and parental control.

We support eliminating the U.S. Department of Education.

Elections

We advocate proof of U.S. citizenship and residency at the time of voter registration.

We support legislation requiring authentic government issued photo identification at the time of voting.

We do not support same day voter registration.

We support a primary election for the Presidential candidate selection instead of a caucus.

Energy

The United States is facing a critical energy crisis which conservation alone cannot resolve. Our continued dependence on foreign

oil directly threatens our national security and fragile economy. Without immediate attention solving this major issue we risk losing our quality of life now and for future generations.

To ensure an abundant and affordable domestic energy supply, we believe our nation has the right and moral obligation to immediately access existing energy resources including, but not limited to, petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear and alternative sources.

Moving forward on projects such as the Keystone Pipeline, Bakken oil reserve, Marcellus play, ANWR and similar projects will not only enhance energy availability and lower costs, but will also create thousands of high paying skilled American jobs.

We believe the free market should determine the development of all energy resources, free from government planning, regulation, subsidy or mandate.

We support positioning Yucca Mountain as a world class, high-tech nuclear research and science facility predicated upon sound, safe and proven scientific principles.

English as Official Language

We support legislation affirming English as the official language for conducting business at all levels of government.

We also encourage our citizens to learn foreign languages to enhance our perspective and to better appreciate our neighbors and friends around the world.

Family and Sanctity of Life

We support the family unit, recognizing the definition of marriage as only between a man and a woman as defined in the Nevada Constitution.

We affirm the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of each human being from conception to death.

The unborn child has a fundamental right to life and should be welcomed into life and protected under law.

We support the ban on partial-birth abortion.

We oppose taxpayer funding of abortion and for organizations that advocate or provide abortions. Medical professionals, health care facilities and insurers should not be forced to participate, provide or pay for abortions or conscience-violating or life-ending procedures.

We support parental notification for minors considering abortion and enforcement of statutory rape reporting laws.

We oppose assisted suicide, euthanasia and the non-consensual withholding of medical treatment.

We support scientific research that utilizes adult stem cells and/or stem cells recovered from the byproducts of live births for treatment and cure of disease and oppose embryonic stem cell research.

We oppose cloning of complete human beings. However, we encourage the development of cloning techniques to grow organs and tissue material that support life saving and life enhancing medical procedures.

Foreign Affairs

We support award of foreign aid dollars only to those countries that support the United States. All foreign aid monies should have a clear, defined purpose and transparent audit trail.

We support Israel as a sovereign State and a valuable democratic ally, and recognize her right to exist and defend herself.

We support greatly reducing our current financial contribution to the United Nations and ultimately the United States withdrawal from the United Nations.

Health Care

Americans enjoy the highest possible quality of health care available, made possible by the private sector and free market, not government mandate.

We support the immediate defunding and repeal of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148).

We support a program that includes tort reform, purchase of insurance across state lines, tax-credited health savings accounts, expanded client pools and other benefits offered by the States.

We support restoring full funding to Medicare.

We believe that any government control, regulation and/or intervention in health care will diminish quality and availability, and will directly result in increased cost.

Immigration

We welcome people from all nations, races and cultures who enter our country legally and support the freedoms, principles and language of the United States of America.

We support strict enforcement of all immigration laws by all levels of government and law enforcement.

We oppose amnesty, government benefits or other special treatment for those who enter the United States illegally.

We strongly support securing our borders for purposes of protecting national health, welfare, security, and prevention of illegal immigration and criminal activity.

We support individual States rights to be able to enforce their border security and immigration laws.

We do not support automatic citizenship for children born in the United States to foreign visitors or to those who are here temporarily or illegally. We do not believe the

original intent of the Fourteenth Amendment (adopted in 1868) was to confer citizenship on children born to non-citizens.

Limited Government

The powers of the federal government should be limited to those enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. We support less government, lower taxes, less regulation and more individual responsibility.

We support eliminating the Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Education (ED), Department of the Interior (DOI), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other bureaucracies that have consistently demonstrated wasteful spending and operational inefficiencies. We believe these functions, where needed, should be relegated to the States as defined by the Tenth Amendment.

Unless any executive order issued by the President is constitutionally based, Congress should directly address any executive order within sixty days of its being enacted by amending, nullifying, repealing, terminating or revoking those executive orders.

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We support independent auditing with full disclosure and transparency of the Federal Reserve, Fannie Mae, Freddy Mac and all other federally sponsored corporations.

We support the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and returning

the power of minting money to the Congress of the United States.

We do not support any cap and trade laws.

Military / National Defense

We give our highest admiration, respect and support to all of our men and women serving in the military.

We support a strong Veterans Administration subject to effective oversight and audit to ensure veterans and their families receive the care, benefits and support earned as promised.

We support Congress asserting its powers as set forth by our U.S. Constitution by negating the legality of Executive orders and signing statements. We advocate the President adhere strictly to the powers enumerated in the U.S. Constitution.

We urge our government to fully fund and support our military as necessary to meet the demands of modern warfare. Continued cuts to military budgets will reduce our readiness and ability to protect and defend our national security.

We support the reduction of military commitments around the world to their original mission of National defense.

Only Congress can declare war.

Nevada Land Use and Management

We support granting local government more authority in decision-making regarding water rights, natural resources and public land use within their jurisdiction.

We oppose closure of roads and restriction of cross-country travel on public lands without the approval of local government entities.

We support a strong minerals industry necessary for the United States to remain free and independent.

We support the 1872 mining law and strongly oppose any laws, regulations, ordinances or other legally binding actions that diminish the ability of the mining industry to discover and/or access minerals and mine them.

We support the protection of existing water rights and desire a state wide water inventory be conducted to ascertain the available water in the state. We advocate an advice and consent authority for local government in water resource decisions and we support enhancing state and local water resource planning.

We oppose the designation of additional wilderness areas, national monuments, wildlife refuges or wilderness study areas in Nevada. We further support the reduction in area of these restrictive land designations and oppose transfer of private property for Federal use.

We support the livestock industry in Nevada and support the recognition by Federal agencies of the established grazing and water rights on public lands that allow the continued existence of the ranching industry.

Wild land fires are increasing in part due to reduced livestock grazing. Therefore, an increase in livestock grazing should be encouraged immediately on public lands. Controlled or prescribed fire should be used in concert with proper grazing management and other vegetation management tools to provide for sustainable rangelands and rangeland enterprises (e.g. livestock production, wildlife, recreation, etc.)

We support removal of the sage grouse from consideration for inclusion on the endangered species list. We further request that the Bureau of Land Management

rescind the sage grouse interim management policies and procedures that were put into effect on December 27, 2011 without hearings and in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act. To enhance range management, we advocate common sense, holistic monitoring of public lands for all biological interrelationships affecting our wildlife, plant life and watersheds. We advocate that the Federal Government restore all public lands within the State of Nevada to the State and people of Nevada.

Sovereignty

We support our national sovereignty and reject the concept of global governance. No treaty shall override the United States Constitution nor shall the international foreign law be relied on or cited when United State Supreme Court cases are decided. We oppose implementation of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations in 1992. It leads directly to

central control over private property, energy, water use, food production, ownership and use of automobiles, population control, heat and air conditioning in our homes and many other issues.

Taxes

We strongly support those in public office who resist higher taxes and fees, and seek to reduce the size, cost and scope of government at all levels.

We believe the residents of the State of Nevada are not under-taxed and that state government is not under-funded, and our current budget crisis is the result of years of overspending. We oppose raising taxes or fees of any kind to fund the current budget shortfall. We do not believe government can tax the state or the residents into prosperity.

We support the current Nevada constitutional prohibition on personal income tax, and the same prohibition must continue to apply to business. Gross receipts taxes

and selective taxes on specific businesses will ultimately drive business away from our state.

We support elimination of recent Congressional excessive spending, earmark spending, un-funded mandates, the death tax, alternative minimum tax and double taxation on corporate dividends and social security.

We oppose any attempt to impose taxes on internet sales.

We support making the Bush tax cuts permanent.

We support reducing the corporate tax rate that is currently the highest in the world.

We encourage implementation of a new, efficient, transparent and fair Federal tax system.

We oppose bailouts and stimulus spending that adds to the federal deficit and debt. We believe the practice of quantitative easing by the Federal Reserve devalues our currency and results in high inflation and lower standards of living.

I _____ have read the 2012 Nevada Republican Party Platform in its entirety, support it, will run on it and, if elected, abide by it to the best of my ability.

Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____