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REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES

The United States of America is a Constitutional Republic, not a Democracy. Our Constitutional Republic is codified within the United States Constitution, which is the Supreme Law of the land. Our Constitution flows directly from the Declaration of Independence and the invaluable life experiences of our Founding Fathers. It is not subject to the whims of democracy. Our Constitution narrowly defines the rights of the federal government, and those powers not enumerated to it are reserved to the States or the People respectively. All efforts to redefine the United States of America as a "Democracy" shall be resoundingly rejected by this party.

We believe in limited government, individual liberty, natural rights, and personal moral responsibility. We believe Oklahoma should be a place of opportunity where people who work hard and abide by just and equally applied laws can pursue their own dreams with a reasonable expectation of success.

As Republicans, we believe:

- *Our rights of life, liberty, and property are natural rights granted to us by God, protected by the Constitution, to be defended by our elected officials, even during a declared emergency.*
- *In the free exercise of religion and right to worship as we please without government intrusion or interference.*
- *God is the Author and Creator of life and that all human life, both born and, in the womb, should be protected.*
- *In traditional marriage; the union of one man and one woman.*
- *Economic freedom is the cornerstone of individual liberty. The private sector and free market principles are the best to stimulate economic development not government programs.*
- *Revenues collected at all levels of government should be used only for well-defined, legitimate government functions, and should be carried out efficiently so that tax rates may be kept as low as possible.*
- *In the right of every parent to act in their child's best interest including health decisions and choosing the form of education, whether at a public or private school, or education by other means.*
- *In welcoming immigrants, who want to legally seek freedom and opportunity, work, and embrace our values, learn the English language, and respect our Union's border and State's sovereignty.*
- *In Supporting and maintaining a strong national defense and advocate "Peace through Strength."*
- *The Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.*
- *That we are to function as a Constitutional Republic with undefined State power as described in the Constitution, where Oklahoma Sovereignty is considered constitutionally superior to a Federal Govt.*

FAMILY

***Preamble:** We believe God is the Author and Creator of human life beginning at conception, and that each individual, created in His Image, should be treated with dignity and compassion. We hold to the fundamental principles of traditional marriage ordained by God between one biological man and one biological woman which are determined at conception, the right to life beginning at conception all the way to natural death, and religious freedom for all. We insist that any candidate receiving money and/or support from the Republican Party shall affirm and promote Traditional Marriage and Pro-Life values.*

A. Marriage, Children, and Adoption

We Believe

1. We believe that the family is the cohesive element that maintains social order and protects individual rights. The duty and privilege of nurturing our young people belongs to parents and the traditional family.
2. We believe employers and taxpayers should not be forced to violate their religious convictions or bear the cost of paying government benefits to “non-traditional marriages.”
3. We believe children are a special gift from God, and their safety and protection are paramount. We support strict adherence to due process of law during child abuse investigations. We believe extended traditional family members should be eligible for foster care payments if a child is being placed into their foster care. Siblings should be kept together if possible. These payments should be obtained from the negligent parent(s).
4. We believe that there are only two sexes/genders, male and female, determined at conception.

We Support

1. We support the sole right and responsibility of parents to rear, educate, discipline, nurture, provide healthcare and spiritually train their children without government interference.
2. We support holding the Department of Human Services and other agencies accountable and provide for civil and criminal penalties when these agencies are negligent or abuse their authority.
3. We encourage an adoption process that recognizes the rights of parents while maintaining safeguards for the children.
4. We support initiatives that encourage adoption.
5. We support the right of state and local government to prohibit displays of a sexual nature, including pride parades and drag shows, in view of the public regardless of public or private property.

We Oppose

1. We oppose the removal of children from responsible family members unless abuse is confirmed, or the child is in immediate danger.

B. Right-to-Life and Medical Ethics

We Believe

1. We believe that at the point of conception (including invitro fertilization [IVF]), a person is granted the rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution; therefore, civil authorities have a duty before God to uphold justice by establishing equal protection under the law for all preborn children.
2. We believe in the sanctity and value of human life from conception through natural death, unless forfeited by capital offense.
3. We believe intentional abortion is contrary to the Word of God and is murder according to Exodus 23:7.

We Support

1. We support a U.S. Constitutional Amendment protecting the life of the innocent unborn, and we support a State Constitutional Amendment to prohibit abortion and treat as murder the sale, distribution, and ingestion of abortifacients ending the life of an unborn child.
2. We support the women who have suffered the trauma of abortion by the manipulative practices of abortionists and the abortion industry.
3. We support the freedom of conscience and the right for those in the medical field to refuse to provide abortion training and the individual's right to refuse to perform or assist in elective abortions or reproductive interventions.
4. We support the right of employers and private or religious entities who oppose covering abortion, contraception, and sex/gender dysphoria treatment in employee insurance policies.
5. We support and believe in the father's parental rights and responsibilities from conception onward; the rights and responsibilities of the father are equal to the rights and responsibilities of the mother.
6. We support abstinence outside of marriage and written parental approval before a minor is given birth control information or contraceptives.
7. We support legislation that prohibits using any unborn child for harvesting or any service related to the donation, purchase, or sale of organs or tissue.
8. We support the enactment of laws banning embryonic/fetal stem cell research and encourage adult stem cell, amniotic stem cell, or umbilical cord blood stem cell research.

9. We support health and safety testing by independent scientists in relation to 5G microwave wireless radiation or deployment of 5G, and that the FCC establish safe standards accordingly.

We Oppose

1. We oppose abortion, euthanasia, mercy killings, embryonic stem cell research, cloning, and distribution of cloned parts.
2. We oppose the funding of such by any government entity, domestic or international, or any organization that supports abortion.
3. We oppose any medical scientific experimentation that does not respect the sanctity of human life.
4. We oppose the manufacture of human life through the process of cloning or genetic engineering.
5. We oppose allowing minor children to identify as anything other than human beings, i.e., furries.

Addendum - Be it resolved that the abolition of abortion be brought to a full floor vote in the Oklahoma Legislature.

C. Healthcare

We Believe

1. We believe that no person shall have nourishment and/or water withheld unless that individual has signed a written legal directive. Hospitals and healthcare professionals shall not be required to violate their conscience by participating in end-of-life procedures.

We Support

1. We support the patient-doctor relationship and oppose nationalized medicine.
2. We support full consumer access to safe foods, medications and alternative treatments including access to all information regarding such substances.
3. We support privatization of the Social Security Disability, Medicare, and Medicaid programs and allowing individuals, private groups, and small businesses the freedom to form collective purchasing groups for the purpose of acquiring the health care of their choice.
4. We support the development of a truly market-driven health care delivery system that replaces the employer and governmental third-party payment systems.
5. We support an individual's right to elect not to have health insurance.
6. We support Medical Savings Accounts (MSA) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) that also allow the individual freedom of choice in services both traditional and alternative. These accounts should be made available to Medicare participants.

7. We support and encourage rigorous enforcement of all anti-pornography, obscenity, and human trafficking laws.
8. We support parents' rights, religious freedom, and the absence of affirmation therapy concerning any counseling of children on gender dysphoria so that children are encouraged to settle into their birth sex as they naturally experience puberty and maturity.
9. We support price transparency in health care costs and billing processes.
10. We support the right of every citizen to determine if they will receive a vaccination, medication, experimental drug or therapeutic without force or coercion.

We Oppose

1. We oppose the practice of using puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries on children with gender dysphoria as these can impose irreparable damage physically, mentally, and emotionally and should be considered child abuse and medical malpractice.

D. Elderly and Vulnerable

We Support

1. We support the protection of those who cannot defend themselves including: the unborn, the disabled, and the elderly.
2. We support vigorous prosecution of those who financially exploit or otherwise abuse the elderly or vulnerable.
3. We support and encourage family members to care for their loved ones and we support tax policies that help alleviate costs.
4. We support financial policies that do not penalize the elderly who choose to marry or remarry.
5. We support reasonable standards, which preserve the dignity of the elderly and vulnerable when in a retirement or nursing home.

E. Religious Freedom

We Believe

1. We believe our Founding Fathers based our Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and laws on the Bible and on traditional Judeo-Christian ethics and values. We believe these documents are the basis for law, order, and behavior, allowing individuals, including government workers and officials, the freedom to involve God in all activities according to their conscience.
2. We believe the Religious Clause of the First Amendment was meant to protect an individual's freedom of religion, not remove religion from public life.

3. We believe church leaders have the same freedom of speech rights as leaders of other organizations, without the threat of penalties, including the loss of tax-exempt status.

We Support

1. We support retaining the religious significance of national holidays and the display of religious symbols in public places and oppose the removal of such.
2. We strongly support federal and state legislation to encourage and preserve inscriptions in or on public buildings, and on our currency that have references to God such as “In God We Trust,” the Ten Commandments, and the phrase “One Nation Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. We support programs including faith-based organizations that promote traditional marriage, marriage enrichment, abstinence education, and encourage responsible parenting.

We Oppose

1. We oppose any government oversight, harassment, licensing, or taxation of religious institutions, chaplains, and their ministries, such as counseling, wedding ceremonies, funerals, or other liturgical practices.
2. We oppose all efforts that violate religious liberty and freedom of conscience by mandating that religious entities, employers, and individuals buy insurance coverage for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion.
3. We oppose the granting of special protection or legal status to any person based upon sexual preference or lifestyle choices.

Addendum - We support and call for individuals, families, churches, and private organizations to take responsibility in meeting the needs of the citizens of the community

EDUCATION

Preamble: *We acknowledge our dependence upon Almighty God and ask His blessings upon our students and their parents, teachers, and nation. It is the right and responsibility of parents (hereafter to mean parents and/or legal guardians) to direct their children’s upbringing and education whether public, private, charter, or education by other means without interference, regulation, or penalty from the government.*

The primary goal of public schools should be to teach proficiency in the basic subjects of phonics-based reading, written and oral communication, mathematics, sciences, history, founding documents, Godly heritage of our nation, critical thinking skills, basic morals, and civics. Locally elected school boards should have the authority to determine and implement all public-school curricula, policies, and procedures for their districts. We demand open accountability from all tax-funded education in Oklahoma. The federal government has no constitutional role in education.

A. Philosophy

We Believe

1. We believe the traditional family unit, consisting of a (husband) man, (wife) woman, and child(ren) is the foundation of our social structure. The Oklahoma Department of Education and the various Boards of Regents should uphold and teach this definition of traditional family at all levels of public education.
2. We believe individuals should have the right to choose their own education and career tracks.
3. We believe to comply with the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, we favor elimination and complete defunding of the Federal Department of Education-
4. We believe in and affirm the right of students and school employees to the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment, including the right to wear and display religious symbols, voluntary vocal prayer, optional Bible and religious study, religious expression including holidays, and equal access to use of school facilities for these activities.
5. We believe the only flags to be displayed at, or in, any Oklahoma school are the flags of the United States of America and the State of Oklahoma. Students should start the day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, including "one nation under God", and be taught the history of and respect for our United States flag.
6. We believe the K-12 public-school system is for the benefit of children of legal residents of the United States.
7. We believe the responsibility to teach children the philosophy, values, and theology to live by belongs to a child's parents.

We Support

1. We support all parents fulfilling their God-given responsibility to educate and raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, free from government control.
2. We support parental access to examine and evaluate all educational and assessment, records pertaining to their children.
3. We support notification to parents that should be clear, simple, and descriptive when any alternative school programs are offered. Active parental consent to opt in must be obtained without repercussion.
4. We support The Ten Commandments being displayed in public schools as a means of moral guidance along with our national motto "In God We Trust" and the Bill of Rights. Public schools shall not prohibit the teaching of the Judeo-Christian worldview upon which our country was founded.
5. We support the recognition of, instruction in, and honor given to men motivated by Judeo-Christian ethics who made great contributions to the development of traditional Western Civilization.

6. We support proficiency in math, reading, writing, and other basic skills before computer technology and calculators are used.
7. We support notification of parents of medical treatment sought by students including dispensing of any pharmaceuticals. We oppose mandatory healthcare in public schools, vaccinations for students, and any forced mental health evaluations or prescriptions.

We Oppose

1. We oppose the imposition of national curricula, testing, data collection and teacher certification, Common Core State Standards and associated assessments, and federally mandated programs such as “No Child Left Behind”, “Race to the Top,” Early Learning Guidelines and Core Competencies.
2. We oppose any government required community service condition for graduation.
3. We oppose overt racism by schools in the name of thinly disguised faux efforts to “eliminate racism” which seek to achieve atheist, Marxist, or Socialist political outcomes.
4. We oppose government expansion and control by the use of public tax dollars to fund and interfere with private forms of education.
5. We oppose the teaching of humanist character education programs, such as Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

B. Curriculum

We Believe

1. We believe that 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, and sports/physical fitness.
2. We believe parents must maintain their right and responsibility to educate their children regarding sexuality and sexual conduct. We believe sexual abstinence is the only safe way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and pregnancy.
3. We believe local school boards should exercise their right to choose curriculum and textbooks, including the Bible as a literature or history text, without state limitations.
4. We believe Biblical creation and intelligent design must be taught and must receive equal funding, class time, and materials as other theories such as evolution.
5. We believe the heritage of the United States of America should be taught in public schools and include representative limited government, the lives and beliefs of the Founders, influence of the Bible and religion on our laws and principles, and the concept of free enterprise. We believe students should study directly from the primary founding documents, which teach that the distribution of power is among three branches of federal government and the difference between federal and state government teaching that our nation is a constitutional republic.
6. We believe English, the dominant language of our nation, should be the primary language taught in

public schools with other languages only offered as electives.

We Support

1. We support curricula that promotes the U.S. national sovereignty and the singing of traditional songs and teaching of patriotic literature in all grades. We respect different cultures, but support prioritizing our commonalities as U.S. Citizens.
2. We support the right of parents to personally observe all classroom instruction, activities, and curriculum choices.
3. We strongly support the teaching of the scientific biologically verifiable X and Y chromosomal definition of male and female at birth.
4. We support teaching the basic rules of finance, such as economics, saving, investing, borrowing, balancing a checkbook, and living within a budget.

We Oppose

1. We oppose the portrayal of homosexual, promiscuous, or fornication behaviors in a positive light in public schools.
2. We oppose the teaching of non-chromosomal gender and LGBTQ+ lifestyle, history, and demonstration.
3. We oppose one-world government and global citizenship.
4. We oppose teaching multiculturalism that promotes cultural segregation. We are created in God's image. There is one race: the human race.
5. We oppose the implementation of all revisionist U.S. history in education.
6. We oppose the teaching of the theory of anthropogenic global warming 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.

C. Administration and Management

We Believe

1. We believe that all education and management decisions should be returned to the control of parents, elected school boards, teachers, and administration at the local level.
2. We believe schools should protect the privacy of any personal information or data collected on a student or their family.
3. School elections should be on the same date as general elections.
4. We believe security options should be pursued, including but not limited to officers and school

employees who are qualified to be armed.

5. We believe teachers, school administrators, and the local school board should work together to set and implement policies that give teachers the freedom and authority to lawfully maintain order, discipline, and safety.
6. We believe teachers should not be coerced to adjust standards for any failing students, including athletes.
7. We believe the Teachers Retirement Fund should be actuarially funded with full public disclosure.

We Support

1. We support the freedom of local school boards to hire, direct, train, retain, or terminate any teacher who fails to provide the highest quality of instruction based on merit, not years of service.
2. We support extensive background checks of prospective school employees, with the right of local school boards to refuse employment to anyone.
3. We support public independent auditing of all public schools and institutions of higher education in Oklahoma.
4. We support the enforcement of Oklahoma statutes that prohibit teachers from strikes, walkouts, or semblance thereof during the school year by penalizing any district that closes its schools with a funding cut equivalent to the daily payroll and expenses of the district.
5. We support professional development for teachers; however, we believe classes should not be canceled in order for public school employees to attend political conventions, electioneering, campaigning, voting, or union meetings.
6. 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. All options are to be made available to teachers, staff, and parents.
7. We support requiring public schools to provide parents the platforms of all educational organizations for which a teacher or staff member is eligible to join.
8. We support local school districts placing year-end excess monies into an interest-bearing account to encourage fiscal responsibility, and they should not be penalized by the State Department of Education for doing so.
9. We support the consolidation of the technical, operational, and administrative resources of school districts, but do not support the closing of individual schools.
10. We support local school board appointed textbook committees to select the state/district funded textbooks and the elimination of the Oklahoma State Textbook Committee.
11. We support the right of parents to determine and guide their children's medical needs including vaccination. Schools must disclose all legal exemptions when making requests.

12. We support the independent testing of radiation levels in all public schools with full disclosure of the proven hazards and impacts of radio frequency, electromagnetic, and microwave radiation upon children and youth (e.g.: mitochondrial and DNA damage and destruction).

We Oppose

1. We oppose Public School Districts receiving any state funding to pay or collect any employee's organizational and/or union dues by using the payroll deduction system or any other accounting/collection system of the school district to provide centralized dues collection.
2. We oppose the collection by the government of personal information or data on students or their families, aka: data mining.
3. We oppose the designation of public schools as "gun free zones".
4. We oppose the issuance of bonds by school districts to fund operational expenses.
5. We oppose any non-chromosomal sex/gender use of locker rooms, sports team qualifications, or public restrooms. While we support a positive, competitive spirit in all activities, we oppose student athletes competing as anything other than their genetically determined sex/gender.
6. We oppose automatic teacher tenure.
7. We oppose schools requiring access to medical documents, including vaccination/immunization records, for enrollment. All medical determinations should be decided by the parents.
8. We oppose mandatory year-round schooling.
9. We oppose mandatory expansion of public school from birth on; aka: universal childcare
10. We oppose the teaching or presence of any inappropriate, harmful, or perverse content such as sexualized information, pornography, illustrations, or books with this material.

D. Higher Education

We Believe

1. We believe higher education is a privilege, not a right. There are many options for education to be explored and determined by each individual.
2. We believe the Constitutional rights of college/university students, including their right to due process, must be protected.
3. We believe the Constitutional right to carry shall not be infringed upon at any college/university in Oklahoma.
4. We believe all publicly funded institutions of higher education should offer curriculum designed to train a student for a viable career path upon graduation. Responsibility for the market need for a specific degree should rest with the institution.

5. We believe there should be a required course in phonics for elementary teacher certification, as well as for certification at all levels of reading and language arts.

We Support

1. We support the freedom of each individual college/university to hire, direct, train, retain, or terminate any teacher who fails to provide the highest quality of instruction based on merit, not years of service.
2. We support the freedom of each individual college/university to develop its own standards, course curriculum, scholarships, tuition, and fees.
3. We support budgeting tied to comprehensive planning processes with increases in funding directly related to specific goals and objectives listing expected improvements.
4. We support any student being able to use all scholarships, grants, or other financial aid to obtain a degree in the field of their choice, including religious studies.
5. We support strict adherence to the law that requires the majority of the nine-member Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College ("OSU") to be actively engaged in farming or ranching.

We Oppose

1. We oppose all Marxist ideology such as Critical Race Theory (CRT), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and all other critical theories.
2. We oppose the enactment of any compelled speech policies forcing students, staff, or faculty at public colleges/universities to use other people's preferred or gender-neutral pronouns.
3. We oppose public higher education funding of one-sided studies intended to prove anthropogenic global warming for the purpose of justifying wealth redistribution
4. We oppose higher education funding and teaching of all aspects of gender reassignment: research, surgery, mental health, and "affirming care".
5. We oppose non-U.S. citizens being able to take advantage of taxpayer-funded scholarships, grants, or other financial aid to obtain a degree.
6. We oppose the requirement of completing and submitting a FAFSA form for enrollment in Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Government

Preamble: The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and should be interpreted according to the original intent of the founding fathers as explained in the federalist papers. We call for reaffirmation of our God-given rights enumerated in the first ten amendments, the Bill of Rights. The Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Ordinance of 1787: The Northwest Territorial Government, and the Constitution of the United States together establish the exclusive basis

of the rule of law for our nation. These Organic Documents supersede all subsequent legislation, judicial decisions, and declared emergencies. Our founding fathers based these first laws on traditional Judeo-Christian ethics and values. We believe these documents are the basis for law, order, and behavior, allowing individuals, including government officials, the freedom to involve God in all activities according to their consciences.

We believe all persons are responsible and should be held accountable for their actions. We believe in transparent and honest government with minimal intrusion, providing protection for all its citizens with fair and equitable treatment, enforcement, and justice. We realize without economic freedom there is no political freedom. We believe the greatest incentive for the creation of wealth lies in the respect for private property rights and the free enterprise system as the best and most efficient distribution of resources.

A. Financial & Tax Issues

Budget

We Believe

1. We believe all governmental budgets should be balanced by decreasing spending, eliminating fraud, and eliminating duplication of services.
2. We support transparency and audits in government spending.
3. We believe the US Congress should ban earmarks.
4. We believe individuals, families, churches, and private organizations should take responsibility in meeting the needs of the citizens of the community.
5. We believe in a welfare policy that promotes the traditional American family unity, a strong work ethic, and individual responsibility. Those who repeatedly misuse the system, or fraudulently represent themselves shall forfeit further assistance.
6. We believe all able-bodied recipients of welfare and other federal entitlements should be required to work.
7. We believe in the implementation of "sunset laws," "zero-based budgeting," and performance audits to require justification for government programs.
8. We believe designated funds should be spent only for the stated purpose and not placed in the general fund.

We Support

1. We support a full and complete public audit of the Federal Reserve System.
2. We support the elimination of barriers to purchase insurance across state lines.
3. We support total state control of Medicaid programs.

4. We support requiring a balanced federal budget, except in times of congressionally declared war.
5. We support the repeal or consolidation of federal, state, and local programs found to be non-performing, duplicative, or not authorized by the constitution.
6. We support the elimination of government funding for the Public Broadcasting System, the National Endowment for the Arts and National Public Radio.
7. We support making the Congressional Pension and health care benefits the same as the benefits the citizens use such as private savings, Social Security, and Medicare.
8. We support a requirement that all bills presented in Congress identify the specific Constitutional authorization (Article I, Section 8).
9. We support lowering the national debt by cutting non-defense spending.
10. We support abolishment of the federal minimum wage.
11. We support repeal of federal legislation that requires paying prevailing union wages on government contracts.
12. We support the elimination of funding for Planned Parenthood and other programs promoting or providing abortion.
13. We support a free market-based public transportation system as opposed to government funding.

We Oppose

1. We oppose raising the debt limit.
2. We oppose the use of continuing resolutions to fund the federal government in lieu of passing an annual federal budget.
3. We oppose paying congressional members during any government shutdown.
4. We oppose simply 'printing money' to allow increased spending.
5. We oppose the nationalization of private businesses and enterprises, and efforts to support or subsidize in return for partial or complete control of private enterprises.
6. We oppose federal programs that enlarge the number of US citizens dependent upon government for their basic subsistence.
7. We oppose all congressional pay increases until the federal budget is balanced.
8. We oppose socialized medicine, the Affordable Care Act, or any other nationalized health care system.

Taxation

We Support

1. We support the repeal of the 16th Amendment, the elimination of the Internal Revenue Service, and replacement of the current tax system based on income with a simple system such as the Fair Tax.
2. We support eliminating taxation on income and property.
3. We support that any tax or fee set up for a particular purpose should be used solely for that purpose or should be repealed.
4. We support lowering or removing the state sales tax on groceries.
5. We support legislation requiring that state lottery funds be applied in addition to, not as a replacement for, state funding of schools.
6. We support requiring all initiative petitions to define the funding mechanisms.
7. We support tax policies that promote personal savings and capital formation.
8. We support the elimination of the marriage penalty, capital gains taxes, the earned income tax credit, the alternative minimum tax, double taxation of dividends, and inheritance tax.
9. We support requiring a two-thirds majority vote by Congress to increase taxes.
10. We support legislation requiring that all state fuel and vehicle taxes and tag fees go to state, county, and local transportation infrastructure.
11. We support reducing fuel taxes, both federal and state for agricultural use.

We Oppose

1. We oppose the creation of a tax on services as this will negatively impact working families and individuals.
2. We oppose the use of sales tax and use tax revenue bonds for advance local capital improvements. City and county improvements should be authorized only on a pay-as-you-go basis.
3. We oppose taxes or other incentives for businesses that encourage the exportation of jobs from the United States to foreign nations.
4. We oppose the use of restrictive fuel taxes for regulation of carbon or particulate matter emissions.

Economic Development

We Believe

1. We believe in free, open, and fair markets.

2. We believe that Oklahoma’s efforts to attract industry should be grounded upon the establishment of a favorable and friendly “economic climate” rather than upon tax and other governmental subsidies to individual businesses.

We Support

1. We support the revision of corporate laws and regulations to encourage business and economic development while reflecting free market principles.
2. We support creative solutions to provide economic development in communities with high rates of poverty. These programs must be time limited and have defined and measurable outcomes.

We Oppose

1. We oppose and discourage government competition with the private sector.
2. We oppose market interference by the government in setting insurance premiums.
3. We oppose public-private partnerships and the use of eminent domain.
4. We oppose governmental efforts to stimulate the economy or bail out troubled entities through massive increases in governmental spending, crushing debt, or massive tax increases.
5. We oppose a temporary assistance package for lenders or borrowers in mortgage foreclosures. The free market should be allowed to work.

Social Security

We Believe

1. We believe Social Security is a contract with the United States workers and not an entitlement. Taxpayers should have the option of ownership and control over individual Social Security funds, including allowing a percentage of their Social Security tax to be placed in private investments of their choosing.

We Support

1. We support repealing the 1993 Clinton tax on Social Security benefits.

B. Protection of Constitutional Rights

Constitution

We Believe

1. We believe the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause was intended to prevent a federal government-sponsored or preferred religion, not to separate God from our government or to

remove religion from public life; therefore, we affirm our right under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution to exercise our freedom of speech including religious speech.

2. We believe the Second Amendment is an individual right of the citizens of the United States to keep and bear arms; therefore, we oppose any attempts, whether by law or regulation at any level of government, to restrict any citizen's right to keep and bear arms (open or concealed), to restrict access to ammunition, or to record the purchase thereof.
3. We believe the United States Constitution directs the judiciary to interpret law, not make law or create law through judicial activism.
4. We believe in the concept that Congress shall make no law that applies to citizens of the United States that does not apply to the Senators and Representatives.
5. We believe in the concept of nullification as a legitimate tool for adjudicating disputes between the states and the federal government when the federal government enacts a law clearly not in pursuance of the constitution and powers delegated in Art. I, Sec. 8.
6. We believe in the Tenth Amendment that provides "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," and we oppose any attempt by the federal government to intrude on state's rights.
7. We believe the Constitution provides for a clear and distinct separation of powers among the three branches of government. Any governmental action that tends to promote or allow one branch of government to practice the power or powers of the other branches of government is a violation of the limits placed on government by the people.
8. We believe in the duty and obligation of the federal government and the State of Oklahoma to adhere to and respect treaties between the federal government and the Indian tribes.

We Support

1. We support the display of Judeo-Christian religious symbols, including the Ten Commandments in public places.
2. We support legislation that will protect gun and ammunition manufacturers or resellers from lawsuits attempting to hold the manufacturers or resellers liable for misuse of guns.
3. We support requiring that candidates for president present public proof of qualification in accordance with the Constitution at the time of filing, through the election board of each state.
4. We support a US Constitutional Amendment requiring a balanced budget.
5. We support a US Constitutional Amendment instituting term limits for all elected members of Congress.
6. We support a U.S. Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
7. We support a requirement that each piece of legislation only address one issue..

8. We support the review and minimization of the Endangered Species Act.
9. We support the abolishment, or reduction and restructuring, of the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, IRS, CIA, ATF, FBI, FEMA, NSA, DHS, CDC, and the Department of Labor and their powers and responsibilities distributed to state authority.
10. We support the protection of public and private sector whistleblowers who have firsthand information.
11. We support union's refunding dues used for partisan political activity.
12. We support the right of private associations to admit or deny membership based on what each association's conscience dictates.
13. We support an English Language Act, which would make English our official language in the United States.
14. We support the idea that when U.S. Conference Committees meet, they should consider only those terms submitted from the House and Senate, with no additional expenditures and items added.
15. We support the preservation of the National Day of Prayer.
16. We support legislation to limit the power of federal regulatory agencies.
17. We support the identification of persons as citizens or non-citizens in the census.

We Oppose

1. We oppose any federal taxation on firearms, ammunition, or accessories and/or confiscation of firearms, ammunition, or accessories.
2. We oppose universal background checks and red flag laws for firearm purchases.
3. We oppose any legislation that would require the use of trigger or other locking devices on firearms.
4. We oppose any so-called "assault" weapons ban and any effort to register or restrict firearms, ammunition, or magazines.
5. We oppose legislation that would require gun owners to purchase insurance policies covering the misuse of their firearms.
6. We oppose the Patriot Act and the NDAA's Sections 1021 and 1022, which allow American citizens, except for enemy combatants, to be held indefinitely without due process, and call for its repeal.
7. We oppose court decisions based on any foreign law, such as Sharia Law, U.N. regulations and other international organizations, instead of U.S. law and Constitutional doctrine.
8. We oppose the creation of a new federal internal security force.

9. We oppose federal wage caps.
10. We oppose Statehood for the District of Columbia and allowing its representative a vote in Congress.
11. We oppose the appointment and funding of presidential “czars.”
12. We oppose any attempts by the Federal Government to reinstitute the “Fairness Doctrine” or institute “Net Neutrality.”
13. We oppose the construct of “Free Speech or Safe Zones.”
14. We oppose national injunctions by federal district courts.

Criminal Justice

We Believe

1. The rights of victims and their families must be protected in criminal proceedings, with notice and opportunity to attend all proceedings related to the crime(s) against them.
2. Restitution by the convicted criminal should be ordered to be made to the victim (or his estate) to compensate for losses and damages incurred as a result of the crime(s) committed.
3. The death penalty must be retained as an available punishment in appropriate cases.
4. Inmates who abuse the legal system by filing repeated frivolous claims should receive appropriate punishments for their misconduct.
5. Decisions on prison reform should be made by the Legislature after consultation with district attorneys, prison officials, and other interested parties, with the view towards stopping criminal behavior early, rather than adopting permissive treatment of low-level crimes which may deceive or encourage a young adult to continue on the wrong path under the mistaken assumption that there will be no consequences for criminal behavior. Consideration of incentives for first-time or youthful offenders who refrain from further misconduct may be a useful option to be considered in designing such reforms.

Federal & State Elections

Preamble: The foundation of our representative-republic is honest elections. The Oklahoma Republican Party is committed to preserving every Oklahomans right to vote. We will continue to support all efforts to ensure voting rights for the elderly, the disabled, military members, and all other eligible voters. We urge all elected officials around our state to take all necessary steps to ensure that voters may cast their ballots in a timely and secure manner.

We Believe

1. We believe in fair and honest election procedures.

2. We believe equal suffrage for all United States citizens of voting age.
3. We believe in the constitutional authority of state legislatures to regulate voting.

We Support

1. We support a bit-by-bit forensic audit of all electronic devices, including but not limited to servers, ballot machines, and paper ballots throughout the state immediately before and after each election.
2. We support vigorous enforcement of all our election laws as written and oppose any laws, lawsuits, and judicial decisions that make voter fraud difficult to deter, detect, or prosecute.
3. We support full enforcement of all voter ID laws currently enacted.
4. We support felony status for willful violations of the election code and increasing penalty for voter fraud from a misdemeanor back to a felony.
5. We support consolidating elections to primary, runoff, special, and general election.
6. We support sequentially numbered and signed ballots to deter counterfeiting.
7. We support expanding the Attorney General's staff for investigating election crimes and restoring the ability of the Attorney General to prosecute any election crimes.
8. We support the ability for civil lawsuits to be filed for election fraud or officials' failure to follow the Oklahoma Election Code.
9. We support allowing trained poll watchers from anywhere in Oklahoma with local party or candidate approval.
10. We support creating processes that will allow rapid adjudication of election law violations.
11. We support requiring voters to re-register if they have not voted in a five-year period.
12. We support requiring proof of residency, citizenship, and voter registration via photo ID for each voter.
13. We support retaining the 25-day registration deadline.
14. We support requiring a list of certified deaths be provided to the Secretary of State for the names of deceased voters to be removed from the list of registered voters, with checks every third year of the voter rolls to ensure all currently registered voters are eligible.
15. We support giving the Secretary of State enforcement authority to ensure county registrar compliance with Secretary of State directives.
16. We support protecting the integrity of the Republican Primary Election by requiring a closed primary system in Oklahoma.

17. We support drawing districts based on eligible voters, not pure population. Districts should be geographically compact when possible

We Oppose

1. We oppose internet voting for public office and any ballot measure.
2. We oppose all motor voter laws.
3. We oppose all federal legislation, including but not limited to the Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022, which nullifies the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights.
4. We oppose unlawful voting, illegal assistance, or ineligible people voting in our national, state, and local elections.
5. We oppose ranked choice voting.
6. We oppose any identification of citizens by race, origin, creed, sexuality, or lifestyle choices and oppose the use of any such identification for the purposes of creating voting districts. We urge that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 be repealed.
7. We oppose any redistricting map that is unfair to conservative candidates in the Primary or the General Election.
8. We oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and any other scheme to abolish or distort the procedures of the Electoral College.

C. Natural Resources

We Believe

1. We believe dependence on foreign energy sources is a national security issue.
2. We believe governments should ease restrictions in the search for energy and other natural resources.
3. We believe the federal agricultural appropriations should accurately show the percentage of money set aside for non-agricultural programs such as school lunch programs and food stamps.
4. We believe the responsible use of natural resources is essential for the benefit of future generations.

We Support

1. We support the creation and enactment of a national energy policy to reduce dependence on foreign sources.
2. We support the private expansion of oil and gas exploration and refining capacity.

3. We support the exportation of U.S. petroleum products.
4. We support labeling of all food and fiber with country-of-origin labeling. Further, only products born, raised, slaughtered, and processed or sprouted, harvested, grown, and processed in this country should receive a U.S. label.
5. We support energy policy based on private development, efficient use and expansion of current resources such as fossil fuels, clean coal, and nuclear energy; and exploration and efficient use of other resources such as biofuels, wind, solar and water energy.
6. We support the rights of individuals and businesses to refuse the installation of smart meters without penalties.
7. We support the right of states to provide water for present and future use within their borders by state residents before they can be designated for use to other states.
8. We support environmental recommendations that are based on sound science, that respect and protect the rights of property owners, and that do not impose unreasonable burdens on Oklahoma citizens or businesses.

We Oppose

1. We oppose government curbs, moratoriums, punitive taxes and fees on our domestic oil and gas industry.
2. We oppose states selling water rights to out-of-state buyers.
3. We oppose the use of eminent domain for any water sale.
4. We oppose human rights for animals.
5. We oppose livestock taxation.
6. We oppose legislation that restricts or regulates family farms or farmers' markets.
7. We oppose restrictive regulation of carbon and particulate matter emissions in agriculture.
8. We oppose the "Cap and Trade" system for carbon dioxide.
9. We oppose the UN's Agenda 21, aka UN 2030, as a coordinated effort to relinquish the sovereignty of the United States to foreign powers.
10. We oppose the purchase or ownership of land by a foreign government or entity.

D. National Issues

Defense

We Believe

1. We believe that a strong national defense should be fully funded, provide sufficient compensation, educational opportunities, quality training, and the best equipment for our armed forces.
2. We believe any educational institution that inhibits the normal operations of ROTC or military recruiters should be ineligible for government funding.
3. We believe foreign enemies who have committed or planned acts of aggression against the U.S. are unlawful enemy combatants and are not entitled to citizenship rights under the U.S. Constitution. We believe they should be held in detention facilities such as Guantanamo Bay, not the U.S. Prisons Systems, and their cases adjudicated by military tribunals, not by U.S. Criminal Courts.
4. We believe Congress and the President should refrain from weakening the military through changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The military should be allowed to maintain its high level of honesty, integrity, morality, and operational capabilities.
5. We believe in the complete accounting of all MIAs and POWs that were engaged in military actions by the United States.

We Support

1. We support maintaining a strong national defense and advocate “peace through strength”, with a combat ready and capable force.
2. We support the right of the military’s internal determination of who is qualified to perform the various roles and functions of each branch of the uniformed armed services.
3. We support veterans’ and survivors’ benefits, and to receive top quality health care. We support the reform of the Veteran’s Administration and the use of private facilities when appropriate.
4. We support helping our veterans to succeed in their return to civilian life in medical care, mental health care, education, housing, and employment assistance.
5. We support the freedom of military chaplains to provide religious services including freedom of worship according to their faith.
6. We support and encourage continued public and privately funded exploration of space.
7. We support returning to “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” for the military of the United States.

We Oppose

1. We oppose re-instituting the draft except in time of war as declared by Congress.
2. We oppose drafting females into U.S. military service.
3. We oppose the military use of U.S. troops under foreign command except joint operations.
4. We oppose the erosion of our military's readiness through "gender norming" for training and promotion.
5. We oppose the further reduction of benefits and entitlements to service members, former service members, and their families.
6. We oppose halting military pay during US government shutdowns.

Foreign Relations

We Support

1. We support economic stability be it in the U.S. or Internationally
2. We support the dollar as the principal currency of the world.
3. We support equal access of U.S. products to global markets and the elimination of trade barriers.
4. We support withdrawing from treaties and agreements, such as the Kyoto Treaty, and the Paris Climate Accord, that hamper the U.S. economy and compromises freedoms

We Oppose

1. We oppose the Chinese Communist Party and any other governments that are manipulators of the U.S. dollar and exchange rates at the expense of U.S. National Security as well as economic stability.
2. We oppose paying into UN programs that are against American principles and freedoms.
3. We oppose any doctrines that infringe upon U.S. Sovereignty and the Sovereignty of U.S. allies such as Israel, the Ukraine, and Taiwan.
4. We oppose terrorism and any nations that sponsor terroristic organizations and groups that are anti-U.S. such as Al-Qaeda and ISIS.
5. We oppose the sale of technology by U.S. Corporations to terrorist and enemy nations.
6. We oppose the transfer of U.S. taxpayer wealth to any foreign governments under the umbrella of foreign, humanitarian aid, scientific research, and military assistance for non-U.S. interests.
7. We oppose the principles of the World Economic Forum to devalue the U.S. dollar and do not accept them as a body of global governance.
8. We oppose the creation of the Transatlantic Common Market

9. We oppose any United Nations Programs that seek a “world order” over the Earth’s population and U.N. policies that are forced over the world’s nations.
10. We oppose the World Health Organization’s policies over U.S. citizens and setting precedent for the U.S. medical community.
11. We oppose foreign control over any ports or bases within the jurisdiction of the United States.
12. We oppose any actions taken by previous administrations that relinquish U.S. sovereignty and control over U.S. data and private communications.

Immigration

We Support

1. We support limited legal immigration and embrace legal immigrants who choose to assimilate to our American culture, language, and values.
2. We support securing our borders against illegal immigrants and potential enemies of the United States including building a wall or barrier on our southern border.
3. We support legal requirements for citizenship, excluding provisions for birthright citizenship to children of illegal residents.
4. We support a strictly regulated and enforced guest worker program. Legal guest workers should assume social costs, such as education and health care for themselves and their dependents.
5. We support the method for determining the number of immigrants and temporary visa holders allowed in the United States should be revised to prevent an adverse effect on our national security, wages, housing, environment, medical care, or schools.
6. We support that the U.S. government should vigorously enforce and demand that all local law enforcement agencies uphold and enforce all federal laws concerning illegal immigration. We particularly support the work of the men and women of Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and US Border Patrol and Protection.
7. We support the elimination of sanctuary cities for illegal aliens and the defunding of any government entity which declares itself a sanctuary city.
8. We support strong enforcement of state and federal laws dealing with illegal aliens.
9. We support substantial state fines for employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.
10. We support issuing driver’s license only to citizens and others who reside here legally, and not to illegal aliens.

We Oppose

1. We oppose illegal aliens being given the same privileges as U.S. citizens or legal aliens, including entitlements such as Social Security, health care (excepting trauma care), education, and earned income tax credits. State government social programs should be available only to citizens and legal residents of the United States.
2. We oppose any form of blanket amnesty.
3. We oppose legal immigrants overstaying their visas.
4. We oppose a “path to citizenship” that would grant citizenship to illegal aliens faster than to immigrants who have come to the United States through legal means.

E. State Issues

State Legislature

We Believe

1. We believe all bills should be limited to one issue.
2. We believe that it is the responsibility of individual legislators to read and to be knowledgeable of all pieces of legislation prior to voting.
3. We believe that all state-tribal compacts and agreements should require the approval of both houses of the legislature in addition to the ten-member Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations.
4. We believe Oklahoma shall participate only in programs or plans that protect private property rights and encourage citizens to develop their property in a manner that does not harm others.
5. We believe Oklahoma should not participate in any global ID initiatives and should prohibit the introduction of a radio frequency identification device (RFID) in any state-issued identification card.
6. We believe the Oklahoma Lottery should be repealed.
7. We believe a fee shall be defined as funds collected for voluntary use of government service, be used exclusively for that service, and not to exceed the cost of that service.

We Support

1. We support any legislation that protects our rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.
2. We support an explanation of the specific Oklahoma and U.S. Constitutional authority when filing a bill.
3. We support full funding of all state retirement systems.
4. We support legislation rescinding Oklahoma’s previous calls for a U.S. Constitutional Convention.

5. We support full protection of U.S. Second Amendment rights in Oklahoma by amending the Oklahoma Constitution to mirror the Second Amendment of the US Constitution.
6. We support maintaining the Constitutional Carry law in Oklahoma statute.
7. We support the ability of state law enforcement to restore the peace and protect Oklahoma citizens through the arrest and prosecution of any persons/agents attempting to inflict unconstitutional laws/mandates on its citizens.
8. We support the fundamental right to own and to enjoy our private property and we oppose restrictions or losses of that right.
9. We support fair, just, and timely compensation for property owners when governmental regulations limit property use.
10. We support driver's license photos of a lower resolution that is perfectly adequate for visual identification, but not for biometric tracking.
11. We support the repeal of mandatory fingerprinting or other traceable biometric information, and we oppose the maintenance of a biometric database, in connection with an application for a driver's license or government ID.
12. We support lawsuit reform including but not limited to "loser pays".
13. We support amending the current Right to Farm law to explicitly allow for expansion, production, technological changes, and measures to protect these activities.
14. We support the Unmanned Surveillance Act which prohibits the use of a drone when no warrant has been issued.
15. We support a state constitutional amendment requiring judges to inform jurors of their duty to judge the law (nullification); and prohibiting judges and district attorneys from infringing on the rights of the defense to inform the jury of this duty.
16. We support amending the Oklahoma Constitution to remove the unelected Judicial Nominating Commission and adopt the federal model authorizing the Governor to appoint Oklahoma appellate judges with confirmation by the Oklahoma State Senate.
17. We support the oversight and regulation of the medical marijuana industry for medical purposes only.
18. We support the state and its citizens maintaining control of all transportation instead of selling or leasing control of that right to foreign entities, corporations, private/public partnerships, or other states.
19. We support efficient and necessary spending on our state, county, and local roads and bridges because they are essential for economic growth and development.

20. We support a moratorium on creation of additional turnpikes in Oklahoma until existing turnpikes in Oklahoma have generated enough toll revenue based upon an independent audit to repay their original costs, are conveyed to state ownership, and converted to toll-free roads.
21. We support the elimination of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and all tolls.

We Oppose

1. We oppose the final passage of any legislation before the full text has been read.
2. We oppose the concept of claiming property as “blighted” as a reason for taking land.
3. We oppose allowing state agencies to hire lobbyists to lobby other state agencies or the legislature.
4. We oppose animal ID programs by the government, leaving it up to the free market.
5. We oppose the expansion of gambling in any form in Oklahoma.

State Agencies, State, County, and Local Government

We Believe

1. We believe in transparent and honest government in the Oklahoma Legislature, all legislative committees, and in state and county agencies.
2. We believe all state agencies should be made accountable for maintenance of their records and accurate enforcement of rules, policies, and regulations.
3. We believe all government officials, including judges, who act in violation of the U.S. or Oklahoma Constitution should be impeached and removed from office in a timely manner.
4. We believe the Attorney General should be removed from the District Attorney’s Council so that locally elected officials have the proper degree of autonomy.
5. We believe that no governmental agency or private business should require from any citizen any information that is not essential to the direct performance of the agency’s/ business’s operation or mandate.

We Support

1. We support reducing the size of state government to allow citizens to do those things that people can do best for themselves.
2. We support legislative efforts to repeal outdated and irrelevant statutes in keeping with the philosophy of smaller government and support the elimination or consolidation of redundant authorities, boards, commissions, and agencies.
3. We support providing an enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance with the Open Meetings and Records Act and with audit findings.

4. We support external annual performance and financial audits. The auditor shall not be selected by the audited agencies.
5. We support public disclosure of all financial records of public institutions including trusts, authorities, libraries, community foundations, all state retirement funds, and teacher retirement funds.
6. We support the Whistleblower Act which protects all public employees, including higher education employees.
7. We support all elected and appointed officials to aggressively uncover, remedy, and prosecute all waste, fraud, and abuse in government including the elimination of all unnecessary state agencies.
8. We support the repeal of Title 11, Section 22-104.1 of the OK Statutes, which enables a municipal corporation to engage in any business it is authorized to license.
9. We support mandatory random drug testing for all employees of the State of Oklahoma and recipients of public assistance with sanctions for positive test results.
10. We support and call on the Attorney General to vigorously enforce Article XXII, Section 1 of the Oklahoma Constitution which prohibits foreign governments from owning businesses or real estate in Oklahoma.
11. We support that the state of Oklahoma shall not exercise any eminent domain action until at least 90% of affected property holders/interests has been acquired without the threat of eminent domain.
12. We support enforcement of state and federal Anti-Trust laws regulating the mergers of domestic and foreign corporations that create monopolies resulting in a loss of competition, and detrimental to Oklahoma entities.

We Oppose

1. We oppose any exemptions to the current Open Meetings and Open Records Act.
2. We oppose unfunded mandates by the State Legislature and state agencies.
3. We oppose the declaration of a United Nations Day in Oklahoma.
4. We oppose legislative actions that would alter current county government structures (i.e. Home Rule).
5. We oppose self-serving legislation and conflict of interest legislation.

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