Nevada Republican Party

2018 Proposed Platform

Preamble

We the people of the Nevada Republican Party, affirm that this Nation and this State were founded upon the principle that all people are created equal; that the powers of government as outlined in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are derived from the people for the purpose of protecting the people’s God given right to be free and to choose their own pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness; without regard to race, gender, religion, country of origin, or sexual orientation. We invite those who agree with the principles stated herein to join with our efforts so that this Republic will continue to be “The last best hope of earth;” and, so that this Republic will return to the principle that we are a “government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

Budget, Economy, and Taxation

We support those in public office who actively support and work toward lower taxes and fees, and seek to reduce the size, cost, and scope of government at all levels. We support President Trump’s efforts to cut taxes and reduce regulation.

Residents of the State of Nevada are not under-taxed and state government is not underfunded. Our current budget crisis is the result of years of overspending. Government cannot 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, Commerce Tax, and any other selective taxes on specific businesses will ultimately drive business away from our state.

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

We support sales tax exemption on all Internet sales.

We support a free and open Internet.

We support eliminating the IRS and replacing the current, burdensome federal tax structure with a simplified tax code.

We support zero-based (all expenditures justified) balanced budgets at all levels of government to be fully disclosed to the public.

All elected and appointed public servants must live by the same laws as the public, including social security, health care, retirement benefits, etc.

Citizens should have the right to self-direct all or a portion of their Social Security account. Social Security funds should never be directed outside of the program.

We support the repeal of taxes that were meant to “sunset,” and oppose the practice of creating any new sunset taxes without a vote of the people.

We oppose increasing taxes on the mining industry.

We support a free market economy. The government shall not pick winners and losers using taxpayer dollars, tax subsidies, loan guaranties, bailouts, and other public-private partnerships.

We support elimination of minimum wage laws and allow the free market to determine wage levels.
We support the elimination of Davis-Bacon laws and prevailing wages.

Constitution

We support the Constitution of the United States in its original intent and context. We expect our elected officials, appointed officials, and the courts at all levels to support, interpret, and give effect to the Constitution, as prescribed in Article VI. We oppose an Article V convention.

We demand that our representatives at all levels of government abide by their Oath of Office.

We affirm the First Amendment in its totality: religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition the government for redress of grievances. 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. Attempts to force individuals or religious institutions to violate their conscience are contrary to the Constitution.

The Second Amendment is the recognition of a God-given right to keep and bear arms recognized under both the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions. No government entity shall infringe upon that right. We vow to preserve and defend that right against any infringements by statute, initiative, regulation, executive order, international treaty, gun registration or permit requirement.

We support reciprocity between all fifty states with respect to concealed carry permits.

We oppose the concept of “gun-free zones.”

We 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, seizures, liens, and forfeitures without due process.
We call upon Congress to review the Patriot Act and the National Defense Authorization Act, and to identify and remove those parts that violate the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

All Government branches shall respect the rights of the States in accordance with the Tenth Amendment. The Nevada Attorney General shall defend the rights of the State of Nevada and the people as defined by the Tenth Amendment.

We support Constitutional justification for all new Federal and State legislation. Congress should address the constitutionality of all executive orders and regulations issued by agencies within sixty days of enactment.

Federal and State legislation should be limited to a single issue referencing the applicable Constitutional authority and allow a 24 hour minimum public review period for every twenty pages of text after a bill is presented to the floor.

**Education**

The federally mandated educational system is failing our children and not preparing them to succeed in today’s global economy. We support the elimination of the US Department of Education.

Our public education system needs substantial improvement, and we support local control of education where the money follows the child, giving parents and guardians more options in school choice. We support implementing and funding Education Savings Accounts (E.S.A.s) and other funding options.

We support the repeal and defunding of mandated curricula such as Common Core, as well as the testing, data collection, data mining, and tracking that follow students for life.

We support student loan privatization.
We support Career and Technical Education (C.T.E).

We oppose the deference to, mock practice of, or explicit advocacy of a specific religion by public schools. The study of religion in public school is appropriate only in the context of a course on comparative religion and their similarities and differences are discussed fairly and accurately.

**Elections**

We advocate proof of U.S. citizenship and residency at the time of voter registration and requiring government issued photo ID at the time of voting.

We oppose same day voter registration to preserve election integrity.

We support all electronic voting systems having a voter verified paper audit trail that is to be used in the event of a recount or an electronic malfunction.

We support term limits for all elected offices.

We support expanding the First in the West presidential caucus model to include absentee ballots and extended hours for voting.

We oppose automatic voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

We support the current, partisan primary election system, and oppose any alternative such as the Open Primary System.
Energy

Any level of dependence on foreign oil threatens our national security and our economy. We must continue to aggressively develop and pursue domestic energy resources including, but not limited to, petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear, and alternative sources.

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

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

Nevada should negotiate an agreement so that Nevadans enjoy the financial and economic benefits of hosting the nation’s nuclear assets.

We support the elimination of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

English as Our Official Language

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

Healthcare

We support total repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), and we advocate that healthcare is a personal choice that is best managed without government interference where the people can choose a healthcare path that best suits their needs and beliefs.

We support restoring full funding to Medicare.
**Immigration**

We welcome people from all nations, races, and cultures who enter our country legally and support the Constitution of the United States of America and our rule of law.

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

We support President Trump’s four pillars of immigration reform: 1. Secure the border (build the border wall and increase Department of Homeland Security agents) 2. Ending visa lottery (Diversity Immigrant Visa Program) 3. Ending chain migration 4. Path to citizenship for DREAMers

We do not support blanket amnesty, government benefits, or other special treatment for those who enter the United States illegally.

We oppose sanctuary cities, counties, and states.

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 government should be limited to those enumerated in the U.S. and state constitutions. We support less government, lower taxes, less regulation, and more individual responsibility.

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 and printing money to the Congress of the United States.

We support removing local, state, and federal governments from the marriage covenant.

**Military / National Defense**

We support President Trump’s continued efforts to fully fund and support our military as necessary to meet the demands of modern warfare.

We support the reduction of military commitments around the world to their original mission of National Defense. We support peace through strength.

We continue to 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 an aggressive program to protect the electrical grid and other infrastructure against EMP (electromagnetic pulse) and cyber attacks.

**Nevada Natural Resource Use and Management**

We support the federal government relinquishing to the State of Nevada her federally managed lands (to exclude constitutionally authorized uses).

Domestic necessity should always remain the highest priority of water usage over “for profit” uses. We oppose new restrictions on domestic wells like mandatory connection to utilities and reduction of 2 acre foot allotment that endanger a rural lifestyle. We oppose the metering of domestic wells and taxing the usage.
We support the 1872 mining law including the recognition of easements and rights-of-way that allow access to and through public lands.

We support the mining industry. We 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 streamlining the permitting and application processes.

We support the livestock and agricultural industries in Nevada including the individual ownership of grazing rights, water rights, and access to grazing lands. We oppose any laws, regulations, ordinances or other legally binding actions that diminish the ability of ranches, farms and their livestock to make productive use of lands or forages under the control of each ranch and farm.

Controlled or prescribed fire and grazing 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 removing limitations imposed by the Federal government in the development of natural resources.

We oppose the designation of additional wilderness areas, national monuments, wildlife refuges or wilderness study areas in Nevada without a vote of the people in the effected counties.

We support removal of the sage hen (grouse) from consideration for inclusion on the endangered species list.
Recognition of Israel

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

Sanctity of Life

We affirm the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of each human being from conception to natural death. The unborn child has a fundamental right to life and should be welcomed into life and protected under the law.

We oppose government funding of abortion and organizations that advocate for or provide abortions.

As long as abortion is legal, we support parental/legal guardian notification and consent for minor girls seeking an abortion.

We recognize our duty to honor the family, to assist it, and to ensure especially the freedom to establish a family, have children, and bring them up in keeping with the family’s own moral and religious convictions.

Sovereignty

We support limits on the authority of the Federal Government as determined by the United States Constitution. We support striking Article 1, Section 2, from the Nevada State Constitution that grants the Federal Government authority to employ armed force against the people of the State of Nevada.

We support our national sovereignty and reject the concept of global governance. No treaty shall supersede the United States Constitution, nor shall international foreign law be relied on or cited.
We oppose implementation of the United Nations’ Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030, which lead 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.

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

We support the defunding of the United Nations (U.N.) and the removal of U.N. offices from the United States.