

1 **Nevada Republican Party**
2 **2018 Proposed Platform**

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4 **Preamble**

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

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16 **Budget, Economy, and Taxation**

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

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22 Residents of the State of Nevada are not under-taxed and state government is not under-
23 funded. Our current budget crisis is the result of years of overspending. Government
24 cannot tax the state or the residents into prosperity.

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26 We support the current Nevada constitutional prohibition on personal income tax, and the
27 same prohibition must continue to apply to business. Gross receipts taxes, Commerce
28 Tax, and any other selective taxes on specific businesses will ultimately drive business
29 away from our state.

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31 We support the repeal of the Commerce Tax.

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

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36 We support sales tax exemption on all Internet sales.

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38 We support a free and open Internet.

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

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

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

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

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

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55 We oppose increasing taxes on the mining industry.

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

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61 We support elimination of minimum wage laws and allow the free market to determine
62 wage levels.

63 We support the elimination of Davis-Bacon laws and prevailing wages.

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65 **Constitution**

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

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

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75 We affirm the First Amendment in its totality: religion, speech, press, assembly, and
76 petition the government for redress of grievances. We believe the First Amendment to
77 the Constitution of the United States was intended to prevent a state sponsored religion,
78 rather than a separation of God from government. Attempts to force individuals or
79 religious institutions to violate their conscience are contrary to the Constitution.

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

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

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

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91 We support the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that protects
92 the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against
93 unreasonable searches, seizures, liens, and forfeitures without due process.

94 We call upon Congress to review the Patriot Act and the National Defense Authorization
95 Act, and to identify and remove those parts that violate the Constitution and Bill of
96 Rights.

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

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

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

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110 **Education**

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

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

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

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124 We support student loan privatization.

125 We support Career and Technical Education (C.T.E).

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

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132 **Elections**

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

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137 We oppose same day voter registration to preserve election integrity.

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

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142 We support term limits for all elected offices.

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

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

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

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156 **Energy**

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158 Any level of dependence on foreign oil threatens our national security and our economy.

159 We must continue to aggressively develop and pursue domestic energy resources

160 including, but not limited to, petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear, and alternative

161 sources.

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163 We believe the free market should determine the development of all energy resources,

164 free from government planning, interference, regulation, subsidy or mandate.

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166 We support positioning Yucca Mountain as a world class, high-tech nuclear research,

167 reprocessing, and science facility predicated upon sound, safe and proven scientific

168 principles.

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170 Nevada should negotiate an agreement so that Nevadans enjoy the financial and

171 economic benefits of hosting the nation's nuclear assets.

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173 We support the elimination of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

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175 **English as Our Official Language**

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177 We support legislation affirming English as the official language for conducting business

178 at all levels of government.

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180 **Healthcare**

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182 We support total repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), and we advocate that

183 healthcare is a personal choice that is best managed without government interference

184 where the people can choose a healthcare path that best suits their needs and beliefs.

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186 We support restoring full funding to Medicare.

187 **Immigration**

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

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

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

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

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203 We oppose sanctuary cities, counties, and states.

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205 We do not support automatic citizenship for children born in the United States to foreign
206 visitors or to those who are here temporarily or illegally. We do not believe the original
207 intent of the Fourteenth Amendment (adopted in 1868) was to confer citizenship on
208 children born to non-citizens.

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210 **Limited Government**

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

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

218 We support the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act and returning the power of minting and
219 printing money to the Congress of the United States.

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

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223 **Military / National Defense**

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

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

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

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

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238 **Nevada Natural Resource Use and Management**

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

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243 Domestic necessity should always remain the highest priority of water usage over “for
244 profit” uses. We oppose new restrictions on domestic wells like mandatory connection to
245 utilities and reduction of 2 acre foot allotment that endanger a rural lifestyle. We oppose
246 the metering of domestic wells and taxing the usage.

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248 We support the 1872 mining law including the recognition of easements and rights-of-
249 way that allow access to and through public lands.

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251 We support the mining industry. We strongly oppose any laws, regulations, ordinances,
252 or other legally binding actions that diminish the ability of the mining industry to
253 discover and/or access minerals and mine them. We support the streamlining the
254 permitting and application processes.

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

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262 Controlled or prescribed fire and grazing should be used in concert with proper grazing
263 management and other vegetation management tools to provide for sustainable
264 rangelands and rangeland enterprises (e.g. livestock production, wildlife, recreation, etc.).

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266 We support removing limitations imposed by the Federal government in the development
267 of natural resources.

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

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

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279 **Recognition of Israel**

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

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284 **Sanctity of Life**

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

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

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

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

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300 **Sovereignty**

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

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307 We support our national sovereignty and reject the concept of global governance. No
308 treaty shall supersede the United States Constitution, nor shall international foreign law
309 be relied on or cited.

310 We oppose implementation of the United Nations' Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030, which
311 lead directly to central control over private property, energy, water use, food production,
312 ownership and use of automobiles, population control, heat and air conditioning in our
313 homes and many other issues.

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

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