

1 **Nevada Republican Party**
2 **2022 Draft Platform**
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5 **Preamble**

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

20 We support those in public office who actively support and
21 work toward lower taxes and fees, and seek to reduce the size,
22 cost, and scope of government at all levels. We support a
23 continuation of President Trump’s efforts to cut taxes and
24 reduce regulation. Government cannot tax the state or the
25 residents into prosperity.
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27 Residents of the State of Nevada are not under-taxed and state
28 government is not uder-funded.

29 Our budget crisis is the result of years of overspending and
30 mismanagement. The COVID-19 shutdown, by emergency
31 order, has only exacerbated the budget crisis.

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33 We support the Nevada constitutional prohibition on personal
34 income tax.

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36 We oppose the imposition of the Gross Receipts Tax,
37 Commerce Tax, and any other taxes on businesses that will
38 ultimately drive employers away from our state.

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40 We support the repeal of the Commerce Tax which is ultimately
41 passed on to the consumer.

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43 We support elimination of Congressional excessive spending,
44 earmark spending, unfunded mandates, the death/estate tax,
45 capital gains tax, alternate minimum tax, and double taxation
46 on corporate dividends and social security.

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48 We support sales tax exemption on all Internet sales. We
49 support a free and open Internet.

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51 We support eliminating the complex and confusing IRS code
52 and replacing the current, burdensome federal tax structure
53 with a simplified tax code.

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55 We support starting with zero-based (all expenditures justified
56 and clearly explained) balanced budgets at all levels of
57 government to be fully disclosed to the public.

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

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

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

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70 In the event a tax generates more revenue than is needed for
71 the purpose, the tax should be reduced accordingly.

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

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

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80 We support the elimination of Davis-Bacon law.

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82 **Constitution**

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

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Without further clarification of the rules and process, we do not support an Article V convention.

We demand that our representatives at all levels of government uphold 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 our 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, permit requirement, age requirement or Red Flag laws.

Specifically, we support the repeal of AB291 (Red Flag law) adopted in 2019, which allows confiscation of firearms without due process.

115 We support constitutional carry and concealed carry reciprocity
116 among all fifty states.

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118 We oppose “gun-free zones”.

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120 We support the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the
121 United States that protects the right of the people to be secure
122 in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against
123 unreasonable searches, seizures, liens, and forfeitures,
124 including civil asset forfeitures, without due process.

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126 We call upon Congress to review and remove from the Patriot
127 Act and the National Defense Authorization Act any part that
128 violates the Constitution and Bill of Rights. We call on
129 Congress to review FISA Court procedures and identify and
130 provide cures for any abuses that have or are occurring. We
131 support harsh penalties for any abuse.

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133 All Government branches shall respect the rights of the States
134 in accordance with the Tenth Amendment. The Nevada
135 Attorney General shall defend the rights of the State of Nevada
136 and the people as defined by the Ninth and Tenth
137 Amendments.

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139 We support Constitutional justification for all Federal and State
140 legislation. Federal and State Legislatures should address the
141 constitutionality of executive orders and agency regulations,
142 within sixty days of enactment.

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144 We support changing NRS to limit the Governor's state-wide
145 emergency powers to 14 days, unless extended by a 2/3 vote of
146 the Legislature.

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148 Federal and State legislation should be limited to a single issue
149 referencing the applicable Constitutional authority and allow a
150 24-hour minimum public review period for every twenty
151 pages of text after a bill is presented to the floor.

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153 **Education**

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

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159 Our public education system needs substantial improvement.
160 We support local control of public education with the money
161 following the child, giving parents and guardians more options
162 in school choice.

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164 Parents/guardians should be able to choose between public,
165 charter, private schools, or homeschooling as the best option
166 for their children.

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168 We support implementing and funding Education Savings
169 Accounts (ESA), Opportunity Scholarships, and other funding
170 options.

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

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177 We oppose using school time for critical race theory, radical sex
178 education, gender identity issues, social engineering, social
179 emotional learning, etc.

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181 We support protecting the safety and privacy of children by
182 keeping bathrooms and locker rooms single sex associated with
183 the child's biological sex. We support keeping single sex sports
184 based on biological sex.

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186 We support student loan privatization.

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188 We support Career and Technical Education (CTE), vocational,
189 and technical training.

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

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197 We oppose mandated sex and gender education curriculum for
198 all students being taught in our public schools PK-12. We
199 support parental/guardian's rights to opt in or out of the class.

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201 We support maintaining an elected, rather than appointed, Board of
202 Regents as specified by the Nevada Constitution.

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204 We support the efficient use of funds within the Nevada System of
205 Higher Education (NSHE).

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207 We support programs such as dual-enrollment programs which help
208 high school students receive college credit before high school
209 graduation and stay within the Nevada System of Higher Education
210 (NSHE).

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212 We support state and federal funding which support our high-research
213 R1 Institutions which focus on creating a workforce capable of meeting
214 the needs of the economy within the State of Nevada.

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216 **Elections**

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

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221 We oppose same day voter registration to preserve election
222 integrity.

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224 We call for rescinding election laws passed by the 2021 Nevada
225 Legislature that degrade election integrity.

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

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231 We urge the Nevada Legislature to reinstate the Presidential
232 Caucus system to remain “First in the West” during the
233 Presidential Campaign.

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

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

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241 The Electoral College must be maintained to ensure
242 representation of the less populated states.

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244 We urge the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to
245 investigate allegations and enforce penalties for election fraud
246 of any kind.

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248 We oppose Federal efforts to usurp voting rights and
249 procedures that are Constitutionally allocated to the States.

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251 **Energy**

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

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

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263 We support positioning Yucca Mountain as a world class, high-
264 tech nuclear research, reprocessing, repurposing, recycling and
265 science facility predicated upon sound, safe and proven
266 scientific principles. Nevada should negotiate an agreement so
267 that Nevadans enjoy the financial and economic benefits of
268 hosting the nation's nuclear assets.

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270 We support the elimination of the Federal Environmental
271 Protection Agency.

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273 **English as Our Official Language**

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

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277 **Environmental Social Governance (ESG)**

278 We oppose legislative and executive actions implementing
279 environmental social governance (ESG) standards in our
280 communities.

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282 **Healthcare/Health Insurance**

283 We support total repeal of the Affordable Care Act
284 (Obamacare), and we advocate that healthcare and health
285 insurance are personal choices that are best managed by the
286 individual without government interference.

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288 People should be free to choose a healthcare path that best
289 suits their needs and beliefs.

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291 We support restoring full funding to Medicare.

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293 We recognize the God-given right of parents as the medical
294 decisionmakers for their minor children.

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296 We support parental/legal guardian notification and full
297 consent for minor girls seeking an abortion.

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299 We oppose medical treatment such as puberty blockers, cross
300 sex hormones and surgeries that will sterilize or adversely
301 affect the health and fertility of minor children.

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303 **Immigration**

304 We welcome people from all nations, races, and cultures who
305 enter our country legally and support the Constitution of the
306 United States of America and our rule of law. We support
307 annual, merit-based immigration and naturalization levels that
308 maintain sustainable employment and wage growth for all
309 Americans.

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

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317 We support the Four Pillars of Immigration reform in sequence:

- 318 1. Secure the border (build the border wall, increase
- 319 Department of Homeland Security agents, and
- 320 continuation of Title 42)
- 321 2. Ending visa lottery (Diversity Immigrant Visa Program)
- 322 3. Ending chain migration
- 323 4. Path to citizenship for DREAMers

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

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329 We oppose sanctuary cities, counties, and states. We oppose
330 automatic citizenship for children born in the United States to
331 foreign visitors or to those who are here temporarily or illegally.
332 We believe the original intent of the Fourteenth Amendment
333 (adopted in 1868) did not confer citizenship on children born to
334 non-citizens.

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336 **Limited Government**

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

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

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346 We support holding Congress accountable for the minting and
347 printing of U.S. currency by repealing the Federal Reserve Act.

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

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352 We support in-person voting by members of Congress, and do
353 not support the use of proxies.

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355 We oppose the proposed State Equal Rights Amendment (SJR8)
356 that will be on the 2022 general ballot.

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358 **Military / National Defense**

359 We support fully funding and supporting our military as
360 necessary to meet the demands of modern warfare.

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362 The United States should avoid entanglements with foreign
363 nations and attempt to maintain neutralities in foreign
364 conflicts. We support peace through strength to sustain our
365 national defense and protect our citizens abroad.

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

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372 We support an aggressive program to protect the electrical grid
373 and other infrastructure against EMP (electromagnetic pulse)
374 and cyber-attacks.

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376 We reject policies that undermine law enforcement's ability to
377 protect persons and property.

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379 **Nevada Natural Resource Use and Management**

380 We support the federal government relinquishing to the State
381 of Nevada her federally managed lands, excluding
382 constitutionally authorized uses.

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384 Domestic necessity should always remain the highest priority of
385 water usage over "for profit" uses. We oppose restrictions on
386 domestic wells such as mandatory connection to utilities and
387 reduction to 2-acre foot allotment or less per year that
388 endanger a rural lifestyle. We oppose the metering of domestic
389 wells and taxing the usage.

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

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395 We support the mining industry. We strongly oppose any laws,
396 regulations, ordinances, or other legally binding actions that
397 diminish the ability of the mining industry to discover and/or
398 access minerals and mine them. We support the streamlining
399 the permitting and application processes.

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401 We support the livestock and agricultural industries in Nevada
402 including the individual ownership of grazing rights, water
403 rights, and access to grazing lands.

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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 affected 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.

433 **Sanctity of Life**

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

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

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

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443 We oppose assisted suicide, euthanasia and the non-
444 consensual withholding of medical treatment resulting in
445 serious injury or death.

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447 **Sovereignty**

448 We support limits on the authority of the Federal Government
449 as determined by the United States Constitution.

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451 We support striking Article 1, Section 2, from the Nevada State
452 Constitution that grants the Federal Government authority to
453 employ armed force against the people of the State of Nevada.

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455 We affirm our national sovereignty and reject the concept of
456 global governance. No treaty shall supersede the United States
457 Constitution, nor shall international foreign law be relied on or
458 cited.

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460 No international or foreign law shall be imposed on any
461 individuals within any American jurisdiction.

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

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

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473 We support the defunding of the United Nations (UN) and the
474 removal of UN offices from the United States.