

YAVAPAI COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

PREAMBLE: We, the members of the Yavapai County Republican Committee, recognize the U. S. Constitution as the Supreme Law of the land and stand united on the traditional values that made America a place of legal refuge, defender of human rights, and exemplar of God-given liberty. To maintain American exceptionalism, we promise to hold fast to these values in the face of all adversity, and to spare no effort in keeping that beacon of hope ablaze for all the world to see. We expect our candidates and party members to protect our constitutional state's rights, preserve our personal private property rights, support the laws of our land, and honor this platform.

NATIONAL:

- First and foremost, government is instituted by the consent of the governed to secure our God-given rights as enumerated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We expect our elected representatives to advocate for a limited role of the federal government, protecting individual liberties, preservation of our property rights and emphasizing the need for state and local governments to govern themselves.
- Our Natural Rights are under attack, and we expect our elected representatives to support and defend the freedom of American citizens to make informed choices about self-government, and the active protection of their homes and lives if necessary. This fully includes protection of faith-based groups and their activities (eg.church closures and anti-semitism).
- Take extraordinary actions to support our nation's defense to include, energy independence and replenishing the strategic oil reserve, funding our military at a scale to protect the our nation and fully meet any hostile threat; close and protect our borders, and deport all adult aged illegals who have crossed the border illegally.
- Pursue legislation to phase out the Department of Education.
- Significantly reduce funding for all Federal departments that have committed lawfare or failed their oath to protect and serve and provide justice for all citizens of the United States, to include the DOJ, IRS, FBI, CIA, and Homeland Security.
- Pursue every effort to reduce spending on all non-defense programs, and halt spending on subsidies for wind, solar, climate, and other energy related initiatives. Develop and implement an effective program to reduce both the national debt and growth of interest on the debt. Prevent all efforts to forgive student loans. Promote "from welfare to work" within existing program funds to give every able-bodied citizen the dignity of work to support themselves and their families.
- Demand voting integrity measures that assure confidence in our national voting system. Pursue, as a near term goal, a National Voting Day (federal holiday) that encourages citizens to vote at an actual polling place, while discouraging wholesale mail-in voting.

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- Protect our farmland, mining, commercial industries and ancillary producers from ownership and possible exploitation by foreign countries not amicable to the best interests of our country.
- For every future law that is enacted, legislators should insist a minimum of three or more related or redundant laws be stricken from the books.
- Pursue legislation restricting private and public universities from receiving monies and students from foreign governments or entities. Require full disclosure of all sources of funding.

STATE:

- Take all actions necessary to support and protect the Empowerment Scholarship Account program. Pull all state subsidies from the three state universities and restrict these universities from receiving any foreign monies. Support all educational efforts that are proven to increase student performance as measured by standardized testing. Ensure all education bills provide full transparency for parents.
- Pursue all efforts to ensure election integrity of our voting process by legislating a requirement that voting machines shall be removed and elections conducted via paper ballot with watermark and hand counting. Mail in ballots will be restricted to military, legal absentee and home-bound citizens.
- Enact state policy to protect rural water sources from being depleted by, or imported to, more populous counties and other states.
- Since the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled abortion is a state issue, we ask our representatives to pursue legislation whereby abortion is discouraged ~~rare~~, and should be limited to 15 weeks. Longer times for ~~situations of rape, incest, and~~ the protection of the health of the mother.

LOCAL:

- Pursue a policy for new construction to assume the costs of new infrastructure for water, sewer, and fire/police protection rather than placing the burden on existing taxpayers.
- Demand all local officials, both county and municipal, support a “non-sanctuary” ordinance.
- Pursue all efforts to establish policies to conserve our finite water resource, without which future development could degrade the state’s policy of a 100-year assured water supply throughout the county.
- Recruit and elect members to our school district governing boards whose first responsibility will be to represent the parents and students and tax payers rather than the school administration and teachers’ union. Ensure students, upon graduation, are prepared to become contributing citizens of the United States. Support all efforts to increase parent involvement in their student’s education.