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# Report of the Permanent 2022 Platform & Resolutions Committee

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## 69 Preamble

70 1. Affirming our belief in God, we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,  
71 that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty,  
72 and the Pursuit of Happiness. Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity.  
73 The Republican Party of Texas unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom  
74 given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution. We  
75 recognize that human nature is immutable. We further recognize that the traditional family is the strength  
76 of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and develop responsible citizens. We  
77 understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our  
78 sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals.

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## 80 Principles

81 2. We, the 2022 Republican Party of Texas, believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to  
82 uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action. We believe in:

- 83 3. (1) “The laws of nature and nature’s God,” and we support the strict adherence to the original  
84 language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United  
85 States and of Texas.
- 86 4. (2) The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally  
87 protected from fertilization to natural death.
- 88 5. (3) Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom.
- 89 6. (4) Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas  
90 Constitutions.
- 91 7. (5) Personal accountability and responsibility.
- 92 8. (6) Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
- 93 9. (7) Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of  
94 their children.
- 95 10. (8) The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
- 96 11. (9) A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
- 97 12. (10) Honoring all of those that serve and protect our freedom.

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## 100 **Constitutional Issues**

### 101 (Preservation of Constitution)

102 **13. Keep Oath to the Constitution:** We call for all who swear the oath to support and maintain the  
103 limitations and clear meaning of the United States Constitution.

104 **14. Preservation of our Constitutional Republic:** We support our constitutional republican form of  
105 government as set forth in the Texas Bill of Rights. We further resolve that all amendments to the Texas  
106 Constitution require a majority of the voters in at least 191 counties (three-fourths), instead of a simple  
107 majority of the votes.

108 **15. Enforce the Constitution Article 4 Section 4:** The sovereignty of this state requires the protections  
109 afforded under Article 4, Section 4, of the Constitution, and any failing thereof authorizes the Governor of  
110 this State or the Legislature to declare an invasion, which shall be met with the full force of this State.

111 **16. No Foreign Law:** No foreign law, contract, or judgment arising from any foreign state whose laws  
112 violate fundamental constitutional rights shall be honored or enforced by any Texas court.

113 **17. Judicial Overreach:** All attempts by the judiciary to rule in areas not constitutionally granted to the  
114 judiciary, including abuses of the “commerce clause,” the “general welfare clause,” and the “supremacy  
115 clause,” should be nullified. Any federal enforcement activities that do occur in Texas should be conducted  
116 under the authority of the county sheriff. (SCOTUS Ruling in 1997 *Mack-Prinz v. US*)

117 **18. Limiting the Power of the Supreme Court:** Judges don’t define the roles of judges; Article 3, Section  
118 2, defines the roles of judges. We support Congress’s limiting the power of the Supreme Court by invoking  
119 Article 3, Section 2, Clause 2, by “legislating exceptions and creating regulations” to limit the cases for  
120 which the Supreme Court has jurisdiction.

121 **19. Amendments to the US Constitution:** We:

- 122 a. Support term limits of twelve years for federal and state offices.
- 123 b. Oppose “packing” (or enlarging) the United States Supreme Court and supports the  
124 pending “Keep Nine Amendment” as filed in the United States Senate and the House of  
125 Representatives with bipartisan support.
- 126 c. Support repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment (Federal Income Tax)
- 127 d. Support restoring state sovereignty with the repeal of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United  
128 States Constitution and the appointment of United States Senators by the state legislatures.
- 129 e. Support a change to the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to eliminate “birth tourism” or anchor babies by  
130 granting citizenship only to those with at least one biological parent who is a US citizen.
- 131 f. Support a constitutional amendment making English the official language of the United  
132 States, and one of no more than two official languages of all US territories and other  
133 possessions.

134 **20. Executive Orders:** We oppose all executive orders, whether by a president, a governor, or a local  
135 official, that go beyond administration of executive authority and have the effect of legislation. We call  
136 upon the Texas Legislature or local lawmakers to nullify such executive orders.

137 **21. Limiting Overreaching State Government:** We recognize the sovereignty of this state, and its citizenry

138 has been imperiled and threatened by the ongoing overreach of state elected officials and agencies. We  
139 therefore call for the enforcement of Article 2 of the Texas Constitution and restoration of our liberty by the  
140 following:

- 141 a. Repeal and replace Texas Code 418.
- 142 b. No form of government shall ever again implement mass lockdowns on the people, our  
143 businesses, and our churches.
- 144 c. We oppose funding or implementation of any form of contact tracing.
- 145 d. The State Constitution must be changed to require the Legislature come to session after a  
146 declared emergency lasting 30 days or more in five or more counties.
- 147 e. The Texas Governor shall no longer use executive orders to create public policy or law, and  
148 shall no longer have the power to close businesses or declare some as “essential” or “non-  
149 essential.”
- 150 f. The Governor’s authority during an emergency shall not be delegated.

151 **22. Dereliction of Duty:** The failure by a public official to discharge any duty shall be a violation of the  
152 terms of his or her oath of office, which shall constitute a crime, and upon conviction, this crime shall be  
153 punishable by a fine or imprisonment, depending on the nature of the offense. Any entity or person who  
154 acts under the color of federal or state law to deprive a Texan of the rights or privileges insured by the  
155 federal and state constitutions shall be liable to the injured parties for redress, including monetary  
156 damages and injunctive relief, notwithstanding any preexisting immunities.

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## 158 (Citizen Rights)

159 **23. The Rights of a Sovereign People:** We support the historic concept, established by our nation’s  
160 founders, of limited civil government jurisdiction under the natural laws of God, and we oppose the  
161 concept that the state is sovereign over the affairs of men, the family, and the church. We believe that  
162 government properly exists by the consent of the governed and must be restrained from intruding into the  
163 freedoms of its citizens. The function of government is not to grant rights, but to protect the inalienable,  
164 God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness of all, including the unborn.

165 **24. Protecting Constitutional Rights Regarding Age:** There should be a single age of majority upon  
166 which, when reached, all citizens will be guaranteed their rights, duties, and privileges.

167 **25. National Popular Vote:** The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a direct violation of Article 1,  
168 Section 10, and Article 2, Section 1, of the Constitution and shall be rejected by Texas and all its officials.  
169 We support the Electoral College.

170 **26. Recall Elections:** We support the right to recall our elected officials.

171 **27. Habeas Corpus:** Any federal suspension of the writ of habeas corpus against a Texas citizen shall be  
172 violative of the tenth amendment, Texas sovereignty, sovereignty of the individual, and actionable by the  
173 state or the citizen.

174 **28. Census:** In accordance with the United States Constitution, we support an actual count of only United  
175 States citizens ~~only~~, and we oppose Census Bureau estimates and the collection of all other data.

176 **29. Equal Rights Amendment:** We call upon the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature to adopt a resolution clarifying  
177 that the 1972 ratification by the 62<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the  
178 United States Constitution was valid only through March 22, 1979.

179 **30. Parental Rights:** The rights of parents are foundational to Western society and shall be respected,  
180 affirmed, and protected by the Texas Constitution and Texas Law. We call upon the Legislature to properly  
181 recognize and affirm the fundamental right of parents to make all decisions regarding the upbringing and  
182 control of their children in all aspects, especially with regard to the grievous violations of the Texas  
183 education system. Any failure to recognize, protect, or honor these fundamental rights shall be actionable.  
184 No parent exercising any of these fundamental rights shall be prosecuted as domestic terrorists.

185 **31. Prayer, Bible, and Ten Commandments in Schools:** We support prayer, the Bible, and the Ten  
186 Commandments being returned to our schools, courthouses, and other government buildings.

187 **32. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms:** State and Federal Legislatures shall:

- 188 a. Repeal and/or nullify the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968.
- 189 b. Pass unrestricted Constitutional Carry by amending Article 1, Section 23, of the Texas  
190 Constitution by removing, “but the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the  
191 wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime.”
- 192 c. Nullify any gun laws that violate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment or rights of due process.
- 193 d. Support national reciprocity for gun ownership rights.
- 194 e. Recognize the right of License to Carry holders to carry anywhere off-duty or retired law  
195 enforcement can carry.

196 The above legislation shall not be construed as impinging on private property rights.

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## 198 (State Sovereignty)

199 **33. State Sovereignty:** Pursuant to Article 1, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, the federal government  
200 has impaired our right of local self-government. Therefore, federally mandated legislation that infringes  
201 upon the 10th Amendment rights of Texas should be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified. Texas  
202 retains the right to secede from the United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called upon to  
203 pass a referendum consistent thereto.

204 **34. State Electoral College:** The State Legislature shall cause to be enacted a State Constitutional  
205 Amendment creating an electoral college consisting of electors selected by the popular votes cast within  
206 each individual state senatorial district, who shall then elect all statewide office holders.

207 **35. Unfunded and Under-Funded Mandates:** Unfunded mandates and under-funded mandates are  
208 unacceptable. The State of Texas must fully fund, at a minimum, the following additional costs to local  
209 governments:

- 210 a. Indigent criminal defense.
- 211 b. Inmate healthcare in jails.
- 212 c. Indigent burials and autopsies.
- 213 d. Veteran services offices.

214 **36. Equal Protection for the Preborn:** We urge lawmakers to enact legislation to abolish abortion by  
215 immediately securing the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the  
216 moment of fertilization, because abortion violates the US Constitution by denying such persons the equal  
217 protection of the law.

218 **37. Article V Convention of States:** The Texas Legislature shall extend the call for a Convention of States  
219 to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government.

221 **Business, Commerce and Transportation**

222 (Energy and Environment)

223 **38. Utilities:** We encourage free-market solutions for providing utilities whenever possible.

224 **39. Power Grid:** We urge that the Texas Legislature pass legislation to harden the Texas Electric Grid  
225 increasing capacity and being prepared for all hazards, including:

- 226 a. Cyberattacks on the grid’s computerized command and control system.
- 227 b. Physical attacks on substations and major high-voltage transformers.
- 228 c. Geomagnetic storms created by solar flares from the sun.
- 229 d. Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP).
- 230 e. Extreme weather events, both cold and hot

231 **40. Carbon Tax:** We oppose all efforts to classify carbon dioxide as a pollutant.

232 **41. Midland Not Moscow:** We fully support and encourages greater energy production in the Permian  
233 Basin and throughout Texas, as well as the necessary policies and infrastructure investment in roads,  
234 pipelines, and ports; to support Texas workers and help America’s energy security instead of increasing  
235 our reliance on foreign governments that do not benefit America or our allies.

236 **42. Environment:** We oppose environmentalism that obstructs legitimate business interests and private  
237 property use, including the regulatory taking of property by governmental agencies. We oppose the abuse  
238 of the Endangered Species Act to confiscate and limit the use of personal property and to infringe on a  
239 property owner’s livelihood. We support the defunding of “climate justice” initiatives, the abolition of the  
240 Environmental Protection Agency, and repeal of the Endangered Species Act, and we oppose the  
241 “America the Beautiful” Initiative, also known as the 30 x 30 program.

242 **43. Flooding Mitigation, Hurricane, and Early Warning of Impending Disaster:** We support the immediate  
243 study, implementation, and construction of projects that will:

- 244 a. Address river, bayou, reservoir, and other flood threats to public and private property.
- 245 b. Seek the input of those most likely to be affected by a casualty to public and private  
246 property, to include infrastructure and facilities that affect national security.
- 247 c. Address the risk of storm or tidal surge that affects the critical industries along the Gulf  
248 Coast.
- 249 d. Create an early warning system that will immediately alert residents to an impending flood,  
250 wind, or casualty weather event.
- 251 e. Establish regional flood control districts where necessary for counties to resolve joint  
252 flooding issues.
- 253 f. Provide funds to complete these projects from federal, state, and local funds.
- 254 g. Government boards responsible for flood mitigation shall be elected and not appointed.

255 Governments at all levels must work together to avoid the historical bent to push projects, safety, and  
256 implementation into the future. Projects must be of most urgent priority now in order to avoid further  
257 trauma; loss of life; loss of personal, government, and business wealth; and diminution of the tax base.

258 **44. Tidelands and Resources:** We assert that the State of Texas and all coastal states shall enjoy and  
259 maintain jurisdiction and control of their offshore waters up to the international water boundaries as well as

260 state inland waterways regarding all natural resources therein, and that the federal government shall not  
261 set limits on harvesting or taking natural resources therein, nor allow foreign entities to harvest or take  
262 such natural resources therein, including minerals, game, fisheries, and hydrocarbons. Also, we demand  
263 that no entity shall usurp Texas's original tideland boundaries.

264 **45. Water Resources:** While we support the decision by the Texas Supreme Court in preserving  
265 individuals' rights to the groundwater under their property and their right to capture it, we support tying  
266 surface rights of ownership to groundwater rights of ownership. We support regulations that may put limits  
267 on a person's capture and use of groundwater, if such use will negatively impact adjoining owners' use of  
268 their groundwater for private wells, their water supply, or agricultural use.

269 **46. Energy Production:** We support free-market solutions and immediate removal of government barriers  
270 and direct subsidies to the production, transportation, reformulation, refining, and distribution of energy.  
271 We oppose federally directed plans and proposals that favor renewable energy sources that may  
272 constitute a nuisance, or otherwise have a substantially negative impact on neighboring landowners,  
273 including harming property values of our neighborhoods, farms, and ranch areas.

274 **47. Energy Innovation:** Texas should take advantage of its independent grid and mines by encouraging  
275 providers to build and operate traditional and next-generation nuclear power plants (such as molten salt  
276 reactors), free of the red tape they would otherwise incur. To keep the federal government from interfering,  
277 Texas should also ensure that the supply chain of components and fuel remains in-state and off federally-  
278 claimed land.

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## 280 (Markets and Regulation)

281 **48. Municipal Preemption:** We encourage the Legislature to preempt local government efforts to interfere  
282 with the State's sovereignty over business, employees, and property rights. This includes but is not limited  
283 to burdensome regulations on short-term rentals, bags, sick leave, trees, and employee criminal  
284 screening. We support preemption of city ordinances that dictate sick leave policies to private businesses.  
285 This excludes the handling of emergency orders.

286 **49. Licensing:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to review all Texas Department of Licenses and  
287 Regulations (TDLR), business/professional licensing programs, and associated licensing for the purpose  
288 of abolishing or removing as many as reasonably possible and repealing those laws, rules, and  
289 regulations.

290 **50. Practice of Law:** We support allowing any person to sit for the Texas State Bar Exam regardless of  
291 educational background, as long as criminal and ethical background requirements are met. We oppose  
292 mandatory State Bar membership for Texas lawyers. We favor restricting those who may file grievances in  
293 the legal disciplinary process of Texas to those who have standing. Further, we support sanctions for  
294 those who weaponize and politicize the legal disciplinary process of Texas.

295 **51. Reduce Business Regulations:** We believe that the following businesses should be minimally  
296 regulated at all levels.

297 Federal Laws:

- 298 a. Repeal Minimum Wage Law and Prevailing Wage laws.
- 299 b. Repeal Dodd-Frank.
- 300 c. Repeal Sarbanes-Oxley.
- 301 d. Repeal The Lacey Act.



302 State Laws:

- 303 a. Eliminate Blue laws.
- 304 b. Eliminate the three-tier alcohol system (production, distribution, and retail).
- 305 c. Allow auto manufacturers to sell directly to consumers.
- 306 d. Business licensing.
- 307 e. Professional licensing.
- 308 f. Purchase of edible products from small farms.
- 309 g. Use of hemp as an agricultural commodity.

310 Local Municipal Laws:

- 311 a. Minimum wage laws.
- 312 b. Blue laws.
- 313 c. Mandatory sick/family leave.

314 **52. Trade Agreements:** We support free trade as a necessary component of American capitalism and of  
315 the United States' influence in the world. But all trade agreements between the federal government and  
316 other nations should strictly adhere to the US Constitution and require approval by 2/3 of the Senate.

317 **53. Origin Labeling:** We urge that all food products entering the United States show not only the country  
318 of origin, but also the country that processed it and the country that packaged it.

319 **54. Predatory Towing:** We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation increasing the criminal  
320 penalties resulting from predatory towing and decreasing the state-allowed amount that a tower can  
321 charge, to disincentivize the practice of predatory towing.

322 **55. Municipal Permitting:** We call on the Texas Legislature to continue to streamline the building  
323 permitting process to ease burdens and costs on developers and consumers. We encourage the  
324 Legislature to monitor implementation of existing legislation that protects property development rights and  
325 close loopholes that cities are using to circumvent these laws. We oppose retroactive rulemaking and  
326 changing the rules on developments that have already been issued permits.

327 **56. Texas Resistance to the Great Reset:** Texas should continue to pass legislation needed to protect  
328 the citizens of Texas from corporate violation of their rights in the Great Reset/Environmental, Social,  
329 Governance (ESG) scheme as follows:

- 330 a. Ban corporations who attempt to suppress funding for Texas industries from doing business  
331 with the State of Texas and its subdivisions.
- 332 b. Make it illegal for banks and financial institutions operating in Texas to make lending  
333 decisions based on anything other than financial concerns. The model for such legislation  
334 should be the Fair Access to Financial Services rule promulgated by President Trump's  
335 Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which was immediately suspended by the current  
336 occupant of the White House.
- 337 c. Add penalties in Texas law for corporations operating in Texas who lead boycotts against  
338 Texas due to legislative action to protect the rights of Texans to decline vaccination, protect  
339 the unborn, stop the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools, compete in sports with  
340 those of their own biological gender, or to protect children and juveniles against sexual  
341 organ mutilation and hormones and puberty blockers designed to fake transition from one  
342 gender to another.
- 343 d. Add explicit protections for the natural right of Texans to keep and exchange and store their  
344 wealth in the mediums of exchange (including digital currency, gold and silver coin, bullion,  
345 cash, and scrip) of choice to the Texas Bill of Rights. This will help stop global institutions  
346 and the federal government from forcing Texans to use the financial services and currency

347 dictated by them.  
348 e. Consider the expansion or use of existing Texas anti-trust law to prohibit collusion between  
349 woke corporations to cancel/drive others out of business."

350 **57. Patent Protection:** We support reversing state and federal legislation and court decisions that have  
351 damaged patent rights for Texas independent inventors and startups. This includes abolishing  
352 administrative tribunals and restoring injunctive relief, thus restoring the US patent system and driving  
353 American back to leading the world technologically, economically, and militarily.

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## 355 (Retirement, Savings, Unions)

356 **58. Government Accountability:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to eliminate all special collective  
357 bargaining statutes for public employees and to hold all public servants accountable to taxpayers through  
358 existing civil statutes. We oppose any distribution of taxpayer dollars to unions.

359 **59. Social Security Privatization:** We support privatization of the Social Security system.

360 **60. Rural and Volunteer Fire Departments:** We urge Congress to overturn the rules of the United States  
361 Department of Labor restricting volunteerism by paid firefighters and emergency medical technician  
362 personnel and to support protections similar to those provided to National Guardsmen for service during  
363 declared emergencies.

364 **61. Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs):** Republicans support maximum economic opportunity for  
365 all citizens and believe that legal limits on employee ownership of Texas firms by Employee Stock  
366 Ownership Plan (ESOP) trusts should be eliminated. We also believe that changes in ownership from  
367 private individuals to a majority ownership by an ESOP should not create a disadvantage when doing  
368 business with the State of Texas or political subdivisions of the State. We believe the State of Texas  
369 should encourage the creation of more ESOPs by making information easily available to businesses  
370 located in Texas.

371 **62. Unions:** We support legislation requiring labor unions to obtain consent of the union member before  
372 that member's dues can be used for political purposes. We oppose card check. Texas should prohibit  
373 governmental entities from collecting dues for labor unions through deductions from public employee  
374 paychecks. We also encourage the adoption of a National Right to Work Act.

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## 376 (Transportation)

377 **63. Freedom to Travel:** We oppose the Biden Infrastructure and Green Energy Plan that threatens our  
378 freedom to travel, imposes a federal mileage tax, as well as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) or other  
379 social justice policies on Texas taxpayers and drivers. We oppose anti-car measures that punish those  
380 who choose to travel alone in their own personal vehicle, and oppose any measure to impose "road diet"  
381 mandates designed to shrink auto capacity and/or intentionally clog vehicle lanes to force deference to  
382 pedestrian, bike, and mass transit options (whose users do not pay gas tax). We urge the Texas  
383 Legislature to protect drivers from these California-style, anti-driver policies in Texas.

384 **64. Vehicle Taxes:** Vehicle registration should only be a one-time occurrence at the point of sale and  
385 should only be based on the price actually paid on the vehicle or trailer. Only commercial vehicles should  
386 be required to obtain a state safety inspection.

387 **65. Toll Roads:** We believe that tolls should come off the road when the debt is retired, and if the debt is  
388 ever restructured or refinanced, the pay-off date needs to remain the same.

389 Public-private partnerships, toll authorities, and construction:

- 390 a. We oppose public-private partnerships, specifically regarding toll projects.  
391 b. We oppose conversion of existing roads or lanes to toll roads.  
392 c. We oppose the use of taxpayer money to subsidize any toll projects, and we call upon  
393 lawmakers to adequately fund our highways without hidden taxes, tolls, or raiding of  
394 emergency funds.

395 Toll administration and collections:

- 396 a. We urge the Legislature to pass a uniform toll collection and billing procedure that prohibits  
397 excessive fines and fees, along with other pro-taxpayer reforms such as requiring agencies  
398 to:  
399 i. send out accurate bills prior to adding fines and fees.  
400 ii. immediately notify drivers if a payment card is not working.  
401 iii. allow payment plans to be set up prior to being put into collections.  
402 b. We call upon the Legislature to pass legislation to decriminalize the failure to pay tolls.

403 **66. High Speed Rail:** Taxpayer money should not fund or subsidize high speed rail, nor should eminent  
404 domain be used in the construction of high speed rail.

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## 406 (COVID Response)

407 **67. COVID-19 Liability:** Businesses shall not be held liable for any customer who frequents their business  
408 and later is confirmed to test positive for COVID-19.

409 **68. Jobs Are Essential:** We urge the Texas State Legislature to adopt legislation that recognizes and  
410 establishes all businesses and jobs as essential and a fundamental right. Governments do not have the  
411 authority to determine what entities are essential during an emergency.

412 **69. Government Mandates:** No government entity may require a business, via financial or legal coercion,  
413 to act as an enforcement arm of the state, such as the egregious action when local governments required  
414 businesses to enforce mask mandates or be fined or closed.

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## 416 (Privacy, Information Freedom, Internet)

417 **70. Doxing and Swatting:** We recommend the State Legislature consider modifying existing state law to  
418 take into account the implications of doxing that results in harm to one's person or business, and Swatting,  
419 a criminal harassment tactic of deceiving an emergency service into sending a police or emergency  
420 response team to another person's address.

421 **71. Regulating the Internet:** We oppose efforts to implement net-neutrality on internet service providers.

422 **72. Personal Data Privacy:** We demand that all rights to privacy that individuals have in their homes  
423 should be extended to all digital data via the use of strong public key encryption technologies. We call  
424 upon Texas to prohibit vendors of the State of Texas and its subdivisions from selling or sharing data  
425 captured in providing services to Texans. We support laws limiting the ways in which internet providers,  
426 electronic applications, websites, schools, government entities, and others may access the electronic  
427 communications or documents of all Texans.

428 **73. Social Media Freedom:** We call on our Congressional Delegation to push for reform of Section 230 of  
429 the Communications Decency Act to limit the ability of online social media platforms to censor the speech  
430 of citizens in the new digital town square, which they currently control. We support Texas legislative efforts  
431 such as House Bill 20 that afford Texas residents the power to sue Big Tech Companies for targeting and  
432 censorship.

433 **74. Cyber Security Self-Defense:** We support “hack-backs”, defined as counterattacks aimed at disabling  
434 or collecting evidence against a perpetrator, as a legitimate form of self-defense of persons and  
435 organizations in order to ensure their cyber security. The right to defend oneself in our current era must  
436 be expanded in order to preserve the safety, property, and livelihood of Texans.

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## 438 **Finance**

### 439 (Spending Restraint)

440 **75. Government Spending and Taxation:** We in the Republican Party of Texas believe in the principles of  
441 constitutionally limited government based on federalist principles. To this end, we encourage our elected  
442 officials at all levels of government to work to reverse the current trend of expanding government and the  
443 growing tax and debt burdens placed on “We the People.” Government spending is out of control at the  
444 federal, state, and local levels, and action is needed to reduce spending, and therefore taxation, at all  
445 levels.

446 **76. State Fiscal Restraint:** Amend the Texas Constitution and State statute with a stricter spending  
447 limitation based on US Census population growth plus inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price  
448 Index, and apply the new limit to Texas’s total government budget. We call on the Texas State Legislature  
449 to freeze state spending until wasteful programs have been eliminated, a sustainable size of government  
450 has been restored, and substantive property tax relief has been provided to Texas citizens. Any budget  
451 surplus should be applied to property tax relief.

452 **77. Economic Stabilization Fund:** We oppose the use of the Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day  
453 Fund) to expand government. Use of the Economic Stabilization Fund should be limited to its intended  
454 purposes of preventing tax increases during economic downturns and responding to unforeseen disasters.

455 **78. Government Pensions:** The Texas Legislature shall enact new rules to begin to transition government  
456 pensions for public sector employees from a defined benefit pension to a defined contribution retirement  
457 plan similar to a 403(b).

458 **79. Gambling:** We oppose any expansion of gambling, including legalized casino gambling. We oppose  
459 and call for a veto of any budget that relies on expansion of legalized gambling as a method of finance.

460 **80. Truth in Taxation:** We urge that taxes established for a particular purpose shall not be used for any  
461 other purpose. Tax revenue derived from gasoline taxes and all other taxes/fees on our vehicles (including  
462 vehicle sales tax) should only be used for road construction and maintenance, and not be diverted to any  
463 other use, including mass transit, rail, restrictive lanes, and bicycle paths.

464 **81. Public Posting:** We support all government entities compiling and publicly posting their current debt,  
465 future obligations, financial statements, check registers, and all government contracts on their official  
466 websites.

467 **82. Repeal Taxes:** We support abolishing the following:

- 468 a. Estate tax (commonly known as the Death Tax).
- 469 b. Inventory taxes.
- 470 c. Business franchise taxes.
- 471 d. Taxes on phone and internet services.
- 472 e. Affordable Care Act Home Sales Tax.

473 **83. Federal Taxes:** We support a flat tax or the replacement of the income tax with a consumption tax  
474 that reduces the overall tax burden.

475 **84. Let Texans Run Texas:** The Texas Legislature should pass legislation that prohibits political  
476 subdivisions of Texas and state agencies from accepting federal funds that violate Texas law.

477 **85. Impact Fees:** We support the use of impact fees by counties, municipalities and school districts to  
478 ensure that new growth pays for the impact on governmental services without forcing the current residents  
479 to subsidize newcomers moving in.

480 **86. Higher Education Spending Control:** Freeze public spending on State higher education until waste  
481 and administrative costs are reduced.

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### 483 (School Finance and Property Taxation)

484 **87. Defund Big Government, Not the Police:** Any large city or county that cuts its police budget by more  
485 than 10 percent should be required to cut its property tax revenue by the same or greater percentage.

486 **88. Management Districts:** We oppose the creation of management or special purpose districts with the  
487 authority to impose taxes and bonded debt, and we oppose the use of eminent domain by these districts.

488 **89. Permanent School Fund:** We support saving the Permanent School Fund for future generations and  
489 oppose raiding it or using it as a source of additional funding for the state budget. We oppose any effort to  
490 remove State Board of Education authority over the Fund, whose constitutionally intended purpose is to  
491 fund SBOE-approved instructional materials.

492 **90. Axe the Property Tax:** We support replacing the property tax system for businesses and individuals  
493 with an alternative other than the income tax and requiring voter approval to increase the overall tax  
494 burden. We urge the Legislature to immediately develop and implement a transition plan that is a net tax  
495 cut.

496 **91. Property Tax Relief:** We support these incremental steps toward the ultimate abolition of property tax:

- 497 a. Dedicate surpluses to buy down school district maintenance and operation property tax.
- 498 b. Replace the appraisal system with a system that values property at the purchase price.
- 499 c. We support requiring appraisal districts to publish the amount of property taxes and  
500 appraisals attributable to each rental unit.
- 501 d. Close the loophole called the "Unused Increment Rate," which allows taxing entities to  
502 bypass recently added limits to increases in property taxes.

503 **92. Bonds Create Bondage:** We urge the Texas Legislature to amend the Texas Election Code to require  
504 bond issues be approved by a 2/3 majority of those voting and only if 20% of all registered voters in the  
505 district cast ballots. Taxpayer standing must be established to allow taxpayers to hold government entities  
506 accountable.

507 **93. Administrative Bloat Is Not Transformative:** We call on Texas school administrators to deliver more

508 education for our dollars, instead of nonstop lobbying for more dollars for education. At a minimum, 65  
509 percent of revenue should be spent in the classroom. We oppose the underhanded strategy of making  
510 cuts to visible frontline teaching positions instead of administrators and overhead.

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## 512 (Opposition to Market-Distorting Tax and Fiscal Subsidies)

513 **94. Property Tax Abatements:** We support repealing Tax Code Chapter 312 county and municipal  
514 property tax abatements, and we oppose reintroducing school property tax abatements, formerly known as  
515 Chapter 313.

516 **95. Bailouts and Subsidies:** We encourage government to divest its ownership of all businesses that  
517 should be run in the private sector. We oppose all bailouts of and subsidies to domestic and foreign  
518 government entities, states, and all businesses, public and private.

519 **96. Eliminate Federal Activity:** We call upon the federal government to stop the following:

520 a. Community Reinvestment Act.

521 b. Funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

522 c. Ownership of or insurance related to Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae),  
523 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and SLM Corporation (Sallie  
524 Mae).

525 **97. Special Funds:** We urge the Texas Legislature to abolish the Special Events Trust Fund program, the  
526 Texas Enterprise Fund, and the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program.

527 **98. Pro Stadiums:** Tax dollars should not be used to fund the building of stadiums for professional or  
528 semi-professional sports teams.

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## 530 (Transparency and Oversight)

531 **99. End the Fed:** We support abolishing the Federal Reserve. Until that is accomplished, we support  
532 additional accountability and transparency for the Federal Reserve System, including regular performance  
533 audits.

534 **100. Right to Use Cash and Cash Substitutes:** We support adding the following protection to the Texas Bill  
535 of Rights: The right of the people to own, hold, and use a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange,  
536 including cash, coin, bullion, digital currency, or scrip, when trading and contracting for goods and services  
537 shall not be infringed. No government shall prohibit or encumber the ownership or holding of any form or  
538 amount of money or other currency. This amendment shall not be construed to restrain the State of Texas  
539 from choosing the mediums of exchange it will accept or reject in payments to it.

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## 541 **Education**

### 542 (Parents' Rights)

543 **101. School Choice:** Texas families should be empowered to choose from public, private, charter, or  
544 homeschool options for their children's education, and the funding should follow the student. We also

545 support tax credits and exemptions for education and choice within the public school system.

546 **102. No Regulation of Homeschooling or Private School Curriculum:** We oppose any attempt to regulate  
547 homeschooling or the curriculum of private or religious schools.

548 **103. Parents Rights in Education:** Parents are the primary educators and disciplinarians of their children,  
549 to which all other entities are inferior. The fundamental rights of parents to make decisions regarding the  
550 upbringing and control of their children in all aspects, but especially in all aspects of the Texas education  
551 system shall be recognized, affirmed, and protected by changes to the Texas Constitution, and Texas Law  
552 including codifying the protections currently existing in the Texas Family and Education Codes. No public  
553 service entity nor its agents, district personnel, community partners, or District Board of Trustees shall  
554 infringe upon these rights.

555 **104. Enforcement of Parental Rights:** Parents need more effective mechanisms to enforce their rights in  
556 education. We support creation of impartial ombudsmen in both general education and special education.  
557 We call on the legislature to establish to allow for appeals beyond the school district when parents file  
558 grievances to protect their rights as well as a process to administer penalties to districts and their  
559 personnel who violate those rights. Enforcements must include criminal, civil, and other enforcement  
560 measures while giving the state and private citizens a right to sue outside of the local grievance process  
561 with expedited enforcement. We call for development of a Parent's Right to Know and Consent booklet  
562 that contains pertinent state and federal law. The federal Pupil Protection Rights Amendment and the  
563 Children's Internet Protection Act should be codified in Texas law and additional state protections for  
564 students with disabilities. We call for reforms to the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)  
565 placement to protect parents' rights and ensure that placement is reserved only for serious offenses.

566 **105. Sexual Education:** We demand the State Legislature pass a law prohibiting the teaching of sex  
567 education, sexual health, or sexual choice or identity in any public school in any grade whatsoever, or  
568 disseminating or permitting the dissemination by any party of any material regarding the same. All school  
569 districts, individual schools, or charter schools are prohibited from contracting with or making any payment  
570 to any third party for material concerning any of the above topics. Until this prohibition goes into effect,  
571 sexual education shall only utilize sexual risk avoidance programs and promote abstinence outside of  
572 marriage. Before a student may be provided with human sexuality or family planning instruction, the  
573 district must obtain the written consent of the student's parent or guardian [Opt-In status].

574 **106. Inappropriate and/or Harmful Content:** We request that the Texas Legislature pass legislation that  
575 requires Texas schools and libraries to filter inappropriate and/or harmful content, such as pornography,  
576 for minors. Operators of adult sex entertainment businesses and venues, adult entertainment of any kind,  
577 including Drag Queen Story Hour, shall not be part of educational programming in public schools, libraries,  
578 or any other taxpayer-funded program for children. We support passage of a law more comprehensive  
579 than the Florida law that prohibits instruction in sexual orientation and gender identity in public schools.  
580 We advocate for those who violate any of the above to have their educator's certification revoked and be  
581 prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law where appropriate.

582 **107. Healthcare in Public Schools:** Legislators shall prohibit reproductive healthcare services, including  
583 counseling, referrals, and distribution of condoms and contraception through public schools. We support  
584 parents' right to choose, without penalty, which medications are administered to their minor children. We  
585 support informed consent of parents before any school-based mental health assessments or interventions  
586 are performed.

587 **108. Religious Freedom and Public Schools:** We urge school administrators and officials not to infringe on  
588 Texas school students' and staffs' rights to pray and engage in religious speech, individually or in groups,

589 on school property without government interference. We urge the Legislature to end censorship of  
590 discussion of religion in our founding documents and encourage discussing those documents, including  
591 the Bible as their basis. Students have the right to exhibit religious items on school property.

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## 593 (Curriculum)

594 **109. Instructional Excellence:** The educational system should focus on imparting essential academic  
595 knowledge, understanding why Texas and America are exceptional and have positively contributed to our  
596 world, and while doing so, also offer enrichment subjects that bless students' lives. Curriculum of  
597 Instructional Excellence shall include the following:

- 598 a. Language arts, with phonics-based reading instruction, spelling, literature, and writing.
- 599 b. Civics, which includes passing the US Citizenship and Immigration Services test.
- 600 c. Mathematics, which has correct answers and focuses on how to arrive them.
- 601 d. Science.
- 602 e. Social Studies, including geography, economics, US and World History. Such instruction  
603 should focus on American exceptionalism and the benefits of the free-enterprise system  
604 and includes instruction on the consistent failures of socialism and communism.

605 We support education in the arts and music and building critical thinking skills, including logic, rhetoric,  
606 and analytical sciences. We support quality vocational educational training that imparts skills needed by  
607 local employers and leads to meaningful post-graduation employment.

608 **110. Founding Documents in High School:** We support a high school level curriculum (rather than 8<sup>th</sup>  
609 grade level) for the study of American history (pre-1877) that is heavily weighted toward the study of  
610 original founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution,  
611 the Constitutional Convention, the *Federalist Papers*, and Founders' writings.

612 **111. American Identity:** We favor strengthening our common American identity, which includes the  
613 contribution and assimilation of diverse racial and ethnic groups. We reject Critical Race Theory as a post-  
614 Marxist ideology that seeks to undermine the system of law and order itself and to reduce individuals to  
615 their group identity alone. We support legislation to remove this ideology from government programs,  
616 including education involving race, discrimination, and racial awareness. To facilitate the appreciation of  
617 our American identity, the contrast between freedom and the tyrannical history of socialism/communism  
618 throughout history must be taught. Students shall pledge allegiance to the United States and Texas flags  
619 daily to instill patriotism. Students have the right to display patriotic items on school property. Schools  
620 should have the options to display the National Motto "In God We Trust."

621 **112. Scientific Theories:** We support objective teaching of scientific theories, such as life origins and  
622 climate change. These shall be taught as challengeable scientific theories subject to change as new data  
623 is produced. Teachers and students shall discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these theories openly,  
624 without fear of retribution or discrimination of any kind.

625 **113. National Core Curriculum:** We oppose the use of national or international standards in the State of  
626 Texas (i.e., International Baccalaureate, Common Core, TEKS Resource System (formerly CSCOPE),  
627 United Nations Inclusion, National Sexuality Education Standards, and SIECUS, etc.) We also oppose the  
628 modification of college entrance exams to reflect any national core philosophies. Any school district that  
629 violates state law banning the use of a national core curriculum or standards shall lose all state funding  
630 until said curricula or standards are removed and no longer utilized in classrooms.



631 **114. Bilingual Education:** We encourage non-English-speaking students to transition, via best practices, to  
632 English within two years, allowing them to quickly assimilate and succeed in American society.

633 **115. Oversight of Instructional Materials:** All instructional materials paid for with state funds should be  
634 vetted by the elected State Board of Education, and we oppose appropriation of state funds for  
635 instructional content that has not been approved by the SBOE. This approval process must continue to  
636 include public review, hearings, and the right to have factual errors corrected. We call on local districts to  
637 hold public hearings before deciding which instructional materials they will use including supplemental  
638 materials and programs. We call for the repeal of the big tech corporate welfare bill (Senate Bill 6, 82nd  
639 Legislature, 1st Called Session), which created a loophole around SBOE approval allowing progressive  
640 propaganda and Common Core-based materials into the classroom.

641 **116. Education on Humanity of the Preborn Child:** Texas students should learn about the Humanity of the  
642 Preborn Child, including life-affirming definitions of life and the study of life, life begins at fertilization,  
643 milestones of fetal development at two-week gestational intervals, use of fetal baby models, witnessing of  
644 a live ultrasound, viewing the *Miracle of Life* type video, and (for high school students) the contents of the  
645 Woman's Right to Know booklet.

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## 647 (Governance)

648 **117. Abolish Department of Education:** Since education is not an enumerated power of the federal  
649 government, we believe the Department of Education should be abolished, and the transfer of any of its  
650 functions to any other federal agency should be prohibited.

651 **118. Elected SBOE:** We believe that the SBOE should continue to be an elected body consisting of fifteen  
652 members. Their responsibilities must include:

- 653 a. Appointing the Commissioner of Education.
- 654 b. Maintaining constitutional authority over the Permanent School Fund.
- 655 c. Maintaining sole authority over all curricula content.
- 656 d. The state adoption of all educational materials. This process must include public hearings.
- 657 e. Granting, revoking, or amending open enrollment school charters.
- 658 f. Teacher and administrator certification. We call for the abolition of the State Board for  
659 Educator Certification.

660 The SBOE should be staffed out of general revenue.

661 **119. School Security:** We support passage of a statute, which permits local law enforcement to provide  
662 handgun safety and proficiency training for all educators, and allows LTC (License to Carry) holders to  
663 carry a concealed firearm on the premises of Pre-K-12 schools for security and protection purposes.

664 **120. School Safety:** We call for the repeal or revision of Senate Bill 393 (2013). We call for mandatory  
665 reporting to law enforcement of school children who have committed violent acts on school property.

666 **121. School Boards:** We believe locally-elected school boards have a duty to ensure that the education  
667 provided reflects traditional Texas values and have purview over policy, curriculum, and budget. We  
668 oppose micromanagement guidelines, trainings, and governance policies that empower appointed  
669 superintendents at the expense of elected school boards. We believe university regents should also play  
670 an active role in the governance of their institutions and should not rubberstamp what university  
671 chancellors and presidents propose.

672 **122. Withdraw from Taxpayer-Funded Lobby Groups Like TASB:** Local independent school districts

673 should sever all ties with taxpayer funded lobby groups including the Texas Association of School Boards  
674 (TASB), the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), and the Texas Association of Community  
675 Schools (TACS). Required training now provided by groups like the above-named organizations would  
676 instead be under the auspices of the State Board of Education, with funds appropriated for that purpose.

677 **123. Enforcement of Open Meetings:** We support requiring audio or video recording of closed sessions  
678 and allowing taxpayers to seek limited civil penalties for school trustees who violate the Texas Open  
679 Meetings Act. We believe an open meetings violation should be an affirmative defense to a charge or  
680 disrupting a public meeting.

681 **124. Gender Identity:** The official position of the Texas schools shall be that there are only two genders:  
682 biological male and biological female. We oppose transgender normalizing curriculum and pronoun use.  
683 We hold that biological men shall compete against other biological men and biological women shall  
684 compete against other biological women in athletics in the public school system of Texas and at the  
685 collegiate level.

686 **125. School Health Advisory Councils:** Until the legislature removes sex education from the curriculum of  
687 public schools, the State of Texas should adopt changes to Texas Education Code 28.004 to:

- 688 a. Require every member of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to be appointed by  
689 the Board of Trustees.
- 690 b. Require at least 50% of the SHAC to be parents of students within the district, who are not  
691 related to district employees.
- 692 c. Require at least 50% of the parent attendees to be present for business to be conducted  
693 and be open to the public.
- 694 d. Require every school district to post:
  - 695 i. SHAC meeting minutes.
  - 696 ii. Full and fair disclosure of the contents of the human sexuality instruction.
  - 697 iii. Proposed changes to health education.
- 698 e. Close loopholes in order to prohibit contraception distribution and demonstration.
- 699 f. Expand the grievance process to cover the entire section of Texas Education Code 28.004.

700 **126. Foreign Charter Schools:** Charter schools should have accountability and transparency to local  
701 parents, taxpayers, and the State of Texas, as do current public schools. We oppose public funding of  
702 charter schools that receive money from foreign entities. We urge the Texas Legislature to enact  
703 legislation that requires charter school operators and board members to be eligible Texas voters.

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## 705 (Higher Education)

706 **127. College Tuition and Student Loan Reform:** College costs are out-of-control, and reform is urgently  
707 required, including the following:

- 708 a. We call for reasonable limits on public university tuition and student loan borrowing  
709 commensurate with fiscal responsibility and current earnings in the student's field of  
710 education
- 711 b. We oppose mass cancellation of student loan obligations but support tax credits and  
712 interest rate reductions to ease the burden on students deeply in debt.
- 713 c. We support requiring universities to share the risk of guaranteeing student loans, and  
714 universities with multi-billion dollar endowments should guarantee their own student loans.
- 715 d. We oppose in-state tuition and financial aid for illegal aliens.

716 e. We oppose Robin Hood schemes that raise tuition for some students to give to others.

717 **128. Fund and Support Western Civilization Instruction, Defund Political Correctness:**

- 718 a. Like Hillsdale College, we agree that state universities “should value the merit of each  
719 unique individual, rather than succumbing to the discriminatory trend of so-called social  
720 justice and multicultural diversity, which judges individuals not as individuals, but as  
721 members of a group which pits one group against other competing groups in divisive power  
722 struggles.”
- 723 b. We oppose any state formula funding or graduation requirements for divisive curricula  
724 inconsistent with the above, including Marxist, anti-American, Critical Race Theory,  
725 multiculturalism, or diversity-equity-inclusion courses.
- 726 c. We oppose using public funds for homosexuality, transgender, or diversity-equity-inclusion  
727 centers.
- 728 d. Public universities should be required to create a comprehensive program of instruction in  
729 Western Civilization, American Institutions, and free-market liberty principles, with centers  
730 and funding dedicated to that task.
- 731 e. Public universities should be required to comply with the above before tuition or state  
732 appropriations are increased.

733 **129. Campus Speech:** We urge the Texas Legislature to recognize the rights of those on college  
734 campuses to practice their faith and their right to free speech. We support withdrawal of public funding  
735 from any college or university within this state that actively or passively discriminates or permits  
736 discrimination against the free speech of either students or guest speakers. Student groups shall have the  
737 unfettered right to elect their leaders, choose their members, and set their organization’s mission, purpose,  
738 and standard of conduct.

739 **130. Tenure:** We support abolishing the system of tenure in academia and advocate replacing it with a  
740 merit-based system for teacher retention.

741 **131. Equal Access:** All Texas students shall have equal access to all state-supported university  
742 admissions, grants, scholarships, and loans, based upon measurable academic criteria. We support the  
743 suspension of federal funding from universities that prohibit military recruitment on campus. We support  
744 allowing homeschool and private school students to compete as individuals in UIL academic competitions  
745 and be eligible for associated scholarships.

746 **132. Medical Students’ Religious Liberty:** All persons have the right of conscience and should be protected  
747 under Texas law if they conscientiously object to participate in practices that conflict with their moral or  
748 religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, including any requirement for a medical  
749 resident or physician to perform an elective abortion on an Opt Out basis instead of an Opt In basis, the  
750 prescription for and dispensing of drugs with abortifacient potential, human cloning, embryonic stem cell  
751 research, eugenic screenings, genetic engineering, euthanasia, assisted suicide, harmful futile  
752 procedures, vaccines, and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration.

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## 754 **Health and Human Services**

### 755 (Mental Health)

756 **133. Caring for Citizens who Are Mentally Disabled**: We urge the Legislature to continue funding and  
757 operating all state-supported living centers for mentally disabled legal Texas residents, and to continually  
758 seek common sense improvements to increase efficiency.

759 **134. Mental Health**: We support parents' right to choose or reject, with prior written informed consent and  
760 without penalty, each medication and mental health assessment or survey administered to their children.

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### 762 (Government-funded Health Programs)

763 **135. Parental Safeguard**: We support abolishing the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, the  
764 trauma-informed care policy, school-based mental health providers, school-based or school-connected  
765 mental health interventions, and other public school programs that serve to expand access to minor.  
766 Legislators shall prohibit all reproductive healthcare services in public schools.

767 **136. Welfare Reform**: We support the abolition of all federal welfare programs, as they are not an  
768 appropriate role of the federal government. Until such time, welfare reform should encourage partnerships  
769 with faith-based institutions, community, and business organizations to assist individuals in need. We  
770 encourage welfare reform in the following areas:

- 771 a. Denying benefits to individuals who cannot prove citizenship.
- 772 b. Reforming welfare programs to require recipients to work, learn, and train to move toward  
773 self-sufficiency.
- 774 c. Reforming welfare programs to require recipients to remain substance-abuse free in  
775 exchange for temporary benefits not exceeding two years.
- 776 d. Requiring all welfare recipients to submit to random drug testing in order to receive benefits.
- 777 e. Requiring that money provided through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
778 (SNAP) be used only for nutritious foods consistent with those included under the WIC  
779 program, and be released only with a photo ID of the approved user.
- 780 f. Implementing a non-monetary-based assistance program for providing supplemental food  
781 benefits.
- 782 g. Removing prisoners from welfare rolls.

783 **137. Child Support Related to Welfare**: Mothers applying for government financial support, exempting rape  
784 victims, should provide the verifiable name and any known contact information of the birth father, which  
785 information shall be turned over to the State of Texas Attorney General's Office within 30 days for  
786 collection of child support.

787 **138. Oversight of Disability Claims**: We call for stronger and more stringent reviews of disability claims to  
788 ensure that assistance is provided only to those truly in need.

789 **139. Medicaid Reform**: We support Medicaid block grants to the states and returning Medicaid to its  
790 original purpose to be a temporary assistance program. We oppose any further expansion of Medicaid.

791 **140. Medicare Reform**: Medicare should have a non-penalized opt-out for those who have health  
792 insurance through their employer and continue to work.

793 **141. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")**: We demand the immediate repeal of the  
794 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which we believe to be unconstitutional.

795 **142. Home and Community-Based Services:** We call on the Texas Legislature to support Home and  
796 Community-Based Services (HCBS) as a pro-life alternative, and as an alternative for children and adults  
797 with disabilities.

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## 799 (Homosexuality and Gender Issues)

800 **143. Homosexuality:** Homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle choice. We believe there should be no  
801 granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special status for homosexual behavior, regardless of  
802 state of origin, and we oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose homosexuality out  
803 of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values. No one should be granted special legal status based on  
804 their LGBTQ+ identification.

805 **144. Gender Identity:** We oppose all efforts to validate transgender identity. For the purpose of attempting  
806 to affirm a person age 21 or under if their perception is inconsistent with their biological sex, no medical  
807 practitioner or provider may engage in the following practices:

- 808 a. Intervene in any way to prevent natural progression of puberty.
- 809 b. Administer or provide opposite sex hormones.
- 810 c. Perform any surgery on healthy body parts of the underage person.

811 **145. No Taxpayer Funding for Sex Change:** We oppose the use of taxpayer funds for any type of medical  
812 gender dysphoria treatments or sex change operations and/or treatments. This includes but is not limited  
813 to military personnel as well as inmates in federal, state, or local prisons or jails. Inmates must be housed  
814 according to their biological sex. No Federal, state, insurance, or probate monies may be allocated for the  
815 use of such treatment.

816 **146. Counseling Methods:** Therapists, psychologists, and counselors licensed with the State of Texas  
817 shall not be forbidden or penalized by any licensing board for practicing Reintegrative Therapy or other  
818 counseling methods when counseling clients of any age with gender dysphoria or unwanted same-sex  
819 attraction.

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## 821 (Substance Abuse & Addiction)

822 **147. Addiction:** We oppose legalization and decriminalization of illicit natural and/or illegal synthetic drugs,  
823 and we support the exercise of a zero-tolerance policy with maximum penalty for illegal drug  
824 manufacturers and distributors. We also oppose any needle exchange programs. Faith-based  
825 rehabilitation programs should be considered as a part of an overall rehabilitation program.

826 **148. Cannabis Classification:** Congress should remove cannabis from the list of Schedule 1 and move to  
827 Schedule 2.

828 **149. Pornography Crisis:** The State of Texas shall recognize that pornography is a public health-hazard.

829 **150. Ban on Exposing Minors to Pornography Online:** We call upon our elected leaders to compel any  
830 websites displaying pornographic content in Texas to implement age verification for preventing minors  
831 from accessing the content, and to block or punish any such websites that continue to make such material  
832 available to minors.

833 **151. Pornography Crisis:** The State of Texas shall recognize that pornography and pedophilia are public  
834 health hazards.

## 836 (Healthcare Independence)

837 **152. Medical Freedom:** We call for an addition to the Texas Bill of Rights that explicitly states that Texans  
 838 have the natural, inalienable right to refuse vaccination or other medical treatment. Therefore, the  
 839 following are expressly forbidden even in an emergency or in a pandemic:

- 840 a. Since informed consent is a basic human right, any attempt to mandate, force, or coerce  
 841 any medical test, procedure, or product, including vaccines or masks.
- 842 b. Our personal healthcare decisions are private; any attempt to use a citizen's perceived  
 843 health, infection recovery, or vaccination status as a condition to maintain or obtain housing  
 844 or employment or employee benefits, attend school or childcare, or access state services.
- 845 c. Any school, public or private, or any health care provider withholding from a parent or legal  
 846 guardian information that is relevant to the physical or mental health of the minor, to include  
 847 information related to a minor's perception that his or her gender or sex is inconsistent with  
 848 his or her biological sex.
- 849 d. Any mandates by public, private, government, or medical entities for treatment, vaccination,  
 850 vaccine passports, mask requirements, health insurance surcharges, or use of controlled  
 851 substances of any kind.
- 852 e. Any involuntary isolation or quarantine of anyone not experiencing an active contagious  
 853 infection.
- 854 f. Any withholding of the risks and benefits of a proposed intervention, including quantifiable  
 855 adverse effects, that must be equally communicated and accessible to the patient or to a  
 856 minor patient's parents or guardian.
- 857 g. Any prevention of visitation to the ill when risks are acknowledged and mitigated according  
 858 to patient and visitor choice.
- 859 h. Any Nuremberg Code violations—including but not limited to the requirement that use of  
 860 experimental use medications must provide full knowledgeable consent and be free from  
 861 any form of coercion or inducement.
- 862 i. Any tracing of individuals by cell phones or another means for any reason without an  
 863 individual court issued warrant. We ask that the Contact Tracing Program, Workforce and  
 864 Center Programs agreement be rescinded.
- 865 j. Any requirement that a nurse practitioner can only provide healthcare to Texans under a  
 866 delegation agreement with a physician in the State of Texas.
- 867 k. Any holding of an individual against their will (or that of their parent or guardian) in a  
 868 hospital or residential care facility, or preventing an individual from changing their  
 869 healthcare provider.

870 **153. Texas Medical Practice Act:** To protect the rights of both patients and physicians, the Texas Medical  
 871 Board (TMB) should adopt the following provisions in the Texas Medical Practice Act:

- 872 a. Protect the right of patients to choose natural solutions, including chiropractic care, to their  
 873 health problems, as well as the physician's right to provide natural solutions for health  
 874 problems.
- 875 b. Protect physicians from interference from the TMB or the Texas State Board of Pharmacy  
 876 in the physician's treatment plans or prescriptions.
- 877 c. Eliminate confidential complaints against physicians.
- 878 d. Eliminate anonymous medical witnesses against physicians.
- 879 e. Mandate legal due process in all TMB proceedings.
- 880 f. Allow physicians the right to have a complaint against them tried in a state district court,  
 881 rather than in an administrative law court.
- 882 g. Prohibit TMB members from working for insurance, pharmaceutical companies, or hospitals  
 883 while serving on the board, to prevent conflict of interest.
- 884 h. Prohibit intimidation tactics by TMB lawyers against physicians.

885 **154. Medication Manufacturing:** Medications and prescription drugs consumed in the US should be  
886 manufactured in the US for security, consistency, and reliability of the drug. We strongly encourage our  
887 state to promote private entities to initiate and sustain the buildup of the supply chain and manufacturing of  
888 the medical and health products in this state to help reduce the costs and increase the availability of  
889 medical products to its constituents.

890 **155. Labels on Medications:** The labels on all prescription and over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and  
891 medical supplies must be required to show the country where manufactured or produced.

892 **156. Medical Records and Informed Consent:** We oppose any state or federal medical record computer  
893 database that stores personal identifiable records on citizens without their written consent.

894 **157. Right to Try:** We urge the Texas State Legislature and Governor to enact laws that protect patient's  
895 and their doctor's rights to have access to experimental or off-label medications and procedures that can  
896 potentially be lifesaving or improve quality of life without the Medical Board, Pharmacy Board, or Hospital  
897 Boards Interfering.

898 **158. Healthcare Savings Accounts:** All individuals should be allowed to establish health savings accounts.  
899 Individuals should be allowed higher annual contributions to health savings accounts.

900 **159. Texas HSA:** We recommend the creation of the State of Texas Health Savings Account, with funds in  
901 excess of those needed in the Rainy Day Fund, with the purpose of enabling the state to develop reserves  
902 sufficient to exit the federal Medicaid program, which will not expire nor be utilized for any other purpose.

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## 904 (Environmental Health)

905 **160. Toxic Exposure:** We support the immediate implementation of the Toxic Exposure Research Act of  
906 2015, which will ensure that the federal government will establish a database on all exposed veterans and  
907 their families.

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## 909 (Parental Rights)

910 **161. Parental Rights and Responsibilities:** We support the fundamental constitutional rights of parents to  
911 raise and educate their children, including their rights to direct the care, custody, control, upbringing, moral  
912 and religious training, and medical care of their children. Local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or  
913 policies that limit parental rights in the rearing of both biological and adopted children shall not be enacted.  
914 Parents have the God-given right and responsibility to direct and guide their children's care and moral  
915 upbringing.

916 **162. Parental Rights of Dependent Adult Children:** As long as parents are responsible for an adult child,  
917 through college or the age of 26 when children are on the parents' insurance, the parents must have  
918 access to medical information, grades, and other information normally afforded to parents of minor  
919 children.

920 **163. Parental Consent:** We insist on informed parental consent for all medical care, counseling, etc., for all  
921 minors.

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## 923 (Life-Affirming Health Care Concepts)

924 **164. Conscience Clause:** All persons and legal entities have the right of conscience and should be  
925 protected under Texas law if they conscientiously object to participate in practices that conflict with their  
926 moral or religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, the prescription for and dispensing  
927 of drugs with abortifacient potential, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, eugenic screenings,  
928 genetic engineering, euthanasia, assisted suicide, harmful futile procedures, vaccines, and the withdrawal  
929 of nutrition and hydration. We call on the Texas Legislature to enact additional conscience protections for  
930 all healthcare professionals, including medical students, that are all-encompassing, enforceable at the  
931 state level, and protect against adverse action and retaliation taken against an individual.

932 **165. Fetal Tissue Harvesting and Stem Cell Research:** We support legislation prohibiting and criminalizing  
933 the harvesting, sale, and experimentation or commercial use of human fetal tissue, including for vaccines,  
934 which requires or is dependent upon the destruction of human life. We encourage adult stem cell research  
935 using cells from umbilical cords, from adults, and from any other means that does not kill human embryos.  
936 We also support elimination of public funding for embryonic stem cell research, research on fetal tissue, or  
937 human cloning. All products that use embryonic and fetal tissue in their production shall be labeled in the  
938 State of Texas to inform consumers, promote alternatives, and affirm the value of human life.

939 **166. Alternatives to Abortion:** We urge the Republican Party of Texas to support programs that provide  
940 assistance to pregnant women by:

- 941 a. Protecting and increasing funding to Alternatives to Abortion Program.
- 942 b. Ensuring women have medical insurance coverage up to one year postpartum, making it  
943 safer for pregnant women to give birth in Texas.
- 944 c. Safeguarding pregnant and parenting college students from discrimination, ensuring access  
945 to educational opportunities, benefits, accommodations, and support services.
- 946 d. Utilizing a reformed adoption process.

947 **167. Discriminatory Abortion:** We support legislation such as the Preborn Non-Discrimination Act (Pre-  
948 NDA) to close existing discriminatory loopholes that fail to protect preborn children suspected of having a  
949 "fetal anomaly" or disability, and we support legislation to enact anti-discriminatory language to apply  
950 additional protections to preborn children at risk of being aborted because of their sex, race, disability, or  
951 age of gestation, in addition to providing families with information about life-affirming social and medical  
952 services available to them in Texas, such as perinatal palliative care.

953 **168. Planned Parenthood:** We support completely eliminating complete elimination of public funding for, or  
954 contracts with, Planned Parenthood and any other abortion providers and all their affiliates. We oppose  
955 their digital or physical presence in our schools and other public institutions, as well as the expansion of  
956 their facilities in our neighborhoods. We call for a state law prohibiting governmental contracts with  
957 abortion providers and their affiliates.

958 **169. Human Embryos:** We support the adoption of human embryos and the banning of human embryo  
959 trafficking.

960 **170. End-of-Life Patient Protection:** We support patients' rights, especially near the end of life, and call for  
961 reform of existing legislation so that:

- 962 1. Medical personnel may not deny care, change advanced directives, or originate directives  
963 for any patient without the informed consent of the patient or the patient's designate.



- 964 2. The Advance Directives Act is strengthened by requiring hospitals intending or threatening  
965 to withdraw life-sustaining treatment against the patient’s wishes or their advance directive  
966 to continue all treatment and care for such patients pending transfer to another facility.  
967 3. The discriminatory rationing of healthcare services premised on any aspect of the patient,  
968 including a patient’s age, race, sex, disability, or perceived quality of life is prohibited.

969 **171. Repeal the Anti-Life 10-Day Rule:** We support the pro-life priority as a legislative priority, and include  
970 therein a call for the Texas Legislature to repeal the unethical, unconstitutional, unprecedented, and anti-  
971 life 10-Day Law in Section 166.046, Health and Safety Code (Texas Advance Directives Act) and replace  
972 it with a truly life-affirming law that requires physicians to adhere to a patient’s or surrogate’s medical  
973 decision about life-sustaining treatment and provides for physicians who disagree with the patient’s  
974 decision to transfer the patient to another physician or facility that will honor the decision to continue life-  
975 sustaining treatment; such a law will guarantee due process and the right to life for vulnerable Texas  
976 patients.

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## 978 **Criminal and Civil Justice**

### 979 (Family Law)

980 **172. Equal Parenting:** We support legislation providing for equal and consistent parenting (possession and  
981 access) for every child, when both parents are fit, willing, and able, as it is in the best interest of the child.

982 **173. Child Protective Services:** We support reforming or replacing Child Protective Services, and we ask  
983 for any legislation that would support due process in family court proceedings, oversight of the system,  
984 and a jury determining the outcome of any case, if requested by either party.

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### 986 (Law Enforcement)

987 **174. Abortion Homicide Exemption:** The physician homicide exemption of the Texas Penal Code Section  
988 19.06 should be modified to apply only to nonelective abortions such as required to save the life of the  
989 mother.

990 **175. Capital Punishment:** Properly applied capital punishment is legitimate and should be reasonably  
991 swift, while respecting all due process.

992 **176. Police, Firefighters, and Other First Responders Appreciation:** We express our gratitude and  
993 appreciation for police officers, firefighters, and other first responders. We support them in the exercise of  
994 their duties. To that end, we support proper funding for robust training programs that provide them with  
995 intensive and comprehensive physical and academic training in the classroom and on the ground. We also  
996 support funding of proper mental health care and encouragement for officers.

997 **177. Mental Health Support Backup:** We support trained mental health personnel backup being provided  
998 to peace officers at all hours, day and night, in order to serve the public.

999 **178. Protection from Arbitrary Stops:** The Texas Legislature is to enact legislation to protect Texans from  
1000 arbitrary stops, detentions, or arrests for only openly carrying a firearm.

1001 **179. No-Knock Raids:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to improve no-knock warrant procedures to  
1002 protect law enforcement and the community.

1003 **180. Oppose Riots:** We oppose riots, vandalism, and looting and condemn such conduct. We advocate  
1004 that each and every said criminal act be dealt with immediate arrest, imprisonment, and prosecution, to  
1005 the fullest extent of the law and that those who have been found guilty of causing injury or the destruction  
1006 of property be held financially responsible for restitution including the withholding of any state provided  
1007 benefits/entitlements if applicable.

1008 **181. Political Policing:** We believe that laws should be enforced uniformly, that punishment should meet  
1009 the crime, and that law enforcement should never be used to target individuals for political purposes. We  
1010 oppose the targeting of police officers by progressive district attorneys. We support automatic and prompt  
1011 expunction of law enforcement officials' records who are found not guilty in a court of law regarding job-  
1012 related actions.

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## 1014 (Courts, Prosecutions, Restitution)

1015 **182. Court Accountability:** We support the right to inform the jurors of their common law power to judge  
1016 law (jury nullification) as well as the evidence, and to vote on the verdict according to their conscience.  
1017 Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution defines the role of judges. We support Congress limiting the powers  
1018 of the US Federal Court by invoking Article 3, Section 2, and Clause 2, by 'legislating Exceptions, and  
1019 creating Regulations' to limit the cases for which the US Federal Court have jurisdiction. We believe  
1020 district attorneys have a duty to seek justice for victims of all forms of crime and oppose policies that  
1021 systematically decline to prosecute crimes.

1022 **183. Frivolous Lawsuits:** We support further reform to discourage frivolous lawsuits. We oppose the  
1023 abusive use of class action lawsuits and any law which allows government agencies to collect lawyer fees  
1024 from the plaintiff when they win but not have to pay the plaintiff fees when they lose.

1025 **184. Bail Reform:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to ensure bail in Texas is based only on a person's  
1026 danger to society, risk of flight, and criminal history.

1027 **185. Victims of Human Trafficking:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to amend the Code of Criminal  
1028 Procedure to allow victims of human trafficking to have convictions within the previous five years for  
1029 prostitution offenses set aside, if they received these convictions as a direct result of being trafficked.

1030 **186. Human Trafficking Jurisdiction:** The Texas Legislature should pass legislation granting the Texas  
1031 Attorney General full concurrent jurisdiction over multi-jurisdictional cases, to be limited specifically to  
1032 those cases involving human trafficking.

1033 **187. Rule of Law Enforcement:** We support rule of law and enforcement of laws which maintain an  
1034 ordered republic. We call for independent prosecutorial authority to prosecute crimes that maintain order  
1035 (such as sedition, riot, official oppression, election integrity, etc.) to be delegated to a statewide officer  
1036 such as the Attorney General. We oppose the December 2021 opinion of the Court of Criminal Appeals in  
1037 *State v. Stephens*, which was judicial activism, and encourage the Court to reconsider this ill-advised  
1038 opinion. We call on the Legislature to ensure that election crimes will be promptly prosecuted, even in  
1039 counties with progressive district attorneys.

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## 1041 (Rights and Protections)

1042 **188. Obscenity Exemption:** We urge repeal of the Texas Penal Code "Obscenity Exemption" [43.24(c)],  
1043 which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials under the guise of education

1044 materials. The State of Texas should repeal all Texas laws based on the fraudulent research by Dr. Alfred  
1045 Kinsey.

1046 **189. Civil Asset Forfeiture:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to abolish civil asset forfeiture,  
1047 independently or in partnership with federal authorities, and to ensure that private property only be  
1048 forfeited upon a criminal conviction.

1049 **190. Government Surveillance:** We oppose all forms of warrantless government surveillance of United  
1050 States citizens and businesses.

1051 **191. Location and Data Privacy:** We call upon the Texas Legislature to protect citizens' current and  
1052 historic technologically available location data by requiring a warrant based on probable cause or a legally  
1053 obtained subpoena.

1054 **192. Hate Crimes:** We urge the complete repeal of the hate crime laws, since ample laws are currently in  
1055 effect to punish criminal behavior towards other persons.

1056 **193. Marriage Officiation:** We believe religious institutions have the freedom to recognize and perform only  
1057 those marriages that are consistent with their doctrine.

1058 **194. Raise the Age:** We call upon the Legislature to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 17 to 18  
1059 years.

1060 **195. Warrant Validity:** The filers of search warrants should be held responsible for the validity of the  
1061 information used to obtain the warrants.

1062 **196. Pandemic Business Fines:** We support prohibiting fines or imprisonment of business owners for  
1063 operating their business during pandemics and calls for the legislature to pass these protections into law.

1064 **197. Fraudulent Lien Filings:** We support legislation designed to reduce fraud by requiring that the identity  
1065 of the debtor on all liens be confirmed prior to filing by at least three methods, including but not necessarily  
1066 limited to state ID, county records, and personal contact.

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## 1068 **State Affairs Section**

### 1069 (Heritage Preservation)

1070 **198. Alamo:** The Alamo is a historical event to Texas and as such:

- 1071 a. Should be remembered and not “reimagined.”
- 1072 b. Texas’s authority regarding the Alamo shall not be infringed upon by any organization or
- 1073 authority, including but not limited to local governments, the federal government, the United
- 1074 Nations, or UNESCO.
- 1075 c. Decision-making authority for the Alamo must never be removed from Texas.
- 1076 d. The custodians of the Alamo must be required to
- 1077 i. Affirm and emphasize the intrinsic significance of the 1836 battle in telling the story of
- 1078 the Alamo.
- 1079 ii. Maintain transparency in finances and operations of the Alamo.
- 1080 e. Specific protection shall be afforded the site, including all land and existing monuments,
- 1081 including the Cenotaph, which SHALL NOT be moved from its present site.
- 1082 f. We oppose any official action from a state-funded institution of higher education that

1083 disrespects the heroic actions that occurred during the Texas Revolution. We call for swift  
1084 financial and personnel consequences for universities that cancel official Texas  
1085 Independence Day celebrations or remove “Come and Take It” as an official slogan.

1086 **199. Heritage:** We call upon governmental entities to protect all symbols of our American and Texan  
1087 heritage and therefore:

- 1088 a. We oppose governmental action to remove the public display of the Ten Commandments or  
1089 other religious symbols.
- 1090 b. We support the Pledge Protection Act. We urge that the national motto, “In God We Trust,”  
1091 and the National Anthem be protected from legislative and judicial attack.
- 1092 c. Penalties should be established for any form of desecration of the American or Texas Flag.
- 1093 d. We support preservation of Texas history and historical sites.
- 1094 e. Visitors to the Alamo should conduct themselves with decorum and reverence inside the  
1095 shrine, out of respect for the sacrifice of the heroes who are honored there.
- 1096 f. We call for restoration of plaques honoring the Confederate widows’ pension fund  
1097 contribution, which were illegally removed from the Texas Supreme Court building.
- 1098 g. We support March 2nd Texas Independence Day being an official state holiday.
- 1099 h. We support all schools, state agencies, and public offices to celebrate and honor  
1100 Constitution Day on September 17th of each year or the preceding Friday or following  
1101 Monday closest thereto.

1102 **200. Historical Monuments:** We believe that all historical war memorials, including Confederate  
1103 monuments, in Texas shall be protected from future removal or defacement, and we believe that those  
1104 monuments that have been removed should be restored to their historical locations. We support the  
1105 continuing allocation of funds that are necessary to preserve the USS Texas as a permanent monument to  
1106 the ship, her crew of two world wars, and the history of the State of Texas.

1107 **201. Honor Our Flags:** We appreciate and honor our flags and what they represent, and we strongly  
1108 advocate for all public schools to display the US and Texas flags in every classroom and to begin each  
1109 school day with the pledges to both.

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## 1111 (Individual Rights and Freedoms)

1112 **202. Data Privacy:** We demand that the Texas legislature protect data privacy by prohibiting the collection  
1113 and selling of data and the enforcement of data privacy through private right of action. Schools should not  
1114 consent to data collection of minors on behalf of parents. Schools should protect the confidentiality of  
1115 students’ identifiable information and codify federal privacy law.

1116 **203. Location and Data Privacy:** The Texas Legislature should be called upon to expand existing privacy  
1117 laws and laws protecting identity theft by limiting the ways in which internet providers, schools,  
1118 government entities both state and federal, and others may access, collect, store, and use the electronic  
1119 communications, documents, META data and protected information of all Texans.

1120 **204. Religious Freedom for Business:** We support the removal of laws and regulations that are used to  
1121 force business owners and employees to violate their conscience, sincerely held beliefs, or core values.  
1122 Property defining public accommodation as understood in the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

- 1123 a. Prohibit any change to that legal definition by any federal, state, or local law to expand  
1124 government control to restrict any First Amendment rights.

- 1125           b. Proscribe any law that requires any private business or individual to create or provide a  
1126           custom product or service, or any kind of expressive work, or enter into a contract, or be  
1127           coerced into any speech that is not their own.
- 1128 **205. Religious Freedom of Speech and Practice:** As America is “one nation under God,” founded on  
1129 Judeo-Christian principles, we affirm the constitutional right of all individuals to worship as they choose.  
1130 We strongly believe in Religious Freedom and Freedom of Speech. Therefore, we demand:
- 1131           a. The repeal of the Johnson Amendment, which assaults the free speech of pastors and  
1132           religious organizations.
- 1133           b. Protection of the First Amendment rights of any citizen to practice their religion and exercise  
1134           their right to free speech in the public square, as well as in religious organization affiliations.
- 1135           c. That Texas judges and legislators uphold and defend our God-given unalienable rights of  
1136           religious liberty and freedom of speech, and we oppose any effort to intimidate and prevent  
1137           Christians and other people of faith from exercising these rights which the civil government  
1138           is required, by the First Amendment, to protect.
- 1139           d. Acknowledgement that the Church is a God-ordained institution with a sphere of authority  
1140           separate from that of civil government, and thus the Church is not to be regulated,  
1141           controlled, or taxed by any level of civil government. Nor shall services or other church  
1142           functions ever again be shut down or suspended by over-reaching civil authorities under  
1143           any pretext whatever.

1144 **206. Gender Identity:** We support enacting legislation in the State of Texas ensuring that:

- 1145           a. No government entity in the state shall be allowed to take it upon itself to define for any  
1146           private business or private entity how it must segregate its restrooms, changing facilities, or  
1147           showers.
- 1148           b. Nor may any government agency be allowed to require businesses to profess, espouse, or  
1149           adopt specific views on sex, sexuality, gender, or gender identity. We oppose any attempt  
1150           to criminalize and/or penalize anyone for the wrong use of pronouns.
- 1151           c. Government agencies must guarantee that views and positions on these matters are not  
1152           used as a basis to deny access to public accommodations, as defined by the Civil Rights  
1153           Act of 1964, nor to deny employment, or discriminate in employment decisions, solely on  
1154           the basis of a person’s views on these matters.
- 1155           d. We recognize that gender identity disorder is a genuine and extremely rare mental health  
1156           condition and that denial of an immutable gender binary not only denies those with the  
1157           condition proper mental healthcare but also leads to physically and psychologically abusive  
1158           “social transitioning” as well as irreversible physical mutilation. We urge the State  
1159           Legislature to pass legislation that requires adherence to sex identifications on all official  
1160           documents that will be based upon biological gender, as well as legislation enacting civil  
1161           penalties and fiscal compensation awarded to de-transitioners who have received “gender  
1162           affirming surgery” as compensation for malpractice.

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## 1164 (Family and Gender Issues)

1165 **207. Human Sexuality:** We affirm God’s biblical design for marriage and sexual behavior between one  
1166 biological man and one biological woman, which has proven to be the foundation for all great nations in  
1167 Western civilization. We oppose homosexual marriage, regardless of state of origin. We urge the Texas  
1168 Legislature to pass religious liberty protections for individuals, businesses, and government officials who

1169 believe marriage is between one man and one woman. We oppose the granting of special legal  
1170 entitlements or creation of special status for sexual behavior or identity, regardless of state of origin. We  
1171 oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose non-traditional sexual behavior out of  
1172 faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values.

1173 **208. Protect Minors Until Age of Consent:** A law should be enacted to protect the rights of the individual  
1174 until the age of consent is reached.

- 1175 a. Prohibit sexual transition surgeries, hormonal blockers, social transitioning, or other  
1176 treatments
- 1177 b. Protect against predatory sexual behaviors, including but not limited to “Drag Queen Story  
1178 Hour”
- 1179 c. Remove immunities or protections from school districts and personnel which participate in  
1180 the sexualization of our children
- 1181 d. Require disclosure of the above offenses to parents or guardians

1182 **209. Definition of Marriage:** We support the definition of marriage as a God-ordained, legal, and moral  
1183 covenant only between one biological man and one biological woman.

1184 **210. State Authority over Marriage:** We support withholding jurisdiction from the federal courts in cases  
1185 involving family law, especially any changes in the definition of marriage.

1186 **211. Spousal Benefits:** We shall not recognize or grant to any unmarried person the legal rights or status  
1187 of a spouse, as defined in Principle #6 of the Platform, including granting benefits by political subdivisions.

1188 **212. No-Fault Divorce:** We urge the Legislature to rescind unilateral no-fault divorce laws and support  
1189 covenant marriage and to pass legislation extending the period of time in which a divorce may occur to six  
1190 months after the date of filing for divorce.

1191 **213. Nullify Unconstitutional Ruling:** We believe the Obergefell v. Hodges decision, overturning the Texas  
1192 law prohibiting same-sex marriage in Texas, has no basis in the Constitution and should be nullified.

1193 **214. Adoption:** We encourage the Texas Legislature to remove as many barriers to adoption as possible  
1194 and make the process less intrusive while protecting children’s safety and best interests. We urge the  
1195 Texas Legislature to adopt the following steps to promote adoption:

- 1196 a. Expand Community Based Care—increase partnerships with local private and nonprofit  
1197 charitable organizations to create a safer and more responsive system.
- 1198 b. Require a Guilty Verdict Before Placing Individuals in the Central Registry—currently an  
1199 unsubstantiated accusation of abuse or neglect can lead to Texans being listed in a  
1200 government database and cause them to lose jobs and other penalties without ever being  
1201 found guilty by a court. In some cases, even those found innocent remain listed on the  
1202 database. No Texan should be deprived of liberty or their right to earn a living without a fair  
1203 hearing.
- 1204 c. Expand Service Options—improve care for families of children at risk of entering foster care  
1205 by providing more choice and flexibility for family preservation services outside of the  
1206 current state contracted services.
- 1207 d. End hidden Foster Care—many families are threatened and coerced into giving up custody  
1208 of their child without ever going to court. Texas should protect parents’ rights and end  
1209 coercive agreements by limiting CPS’s ability to separate families without court oversight.
- 1210 e. Repeal anonymous reporting—False reporting of families to CPS can lead to great harm  
1211 and a large waste of resources. False reporting can be prevented while increasing the  
1212 accuracy of reports to CPS by eliminating the option of anonymous reporting in favor of  
1213 confidentiality. Professionals who must report suspicious activity should be trained on

1214 alternatives to filing a CPS report and permitted to refer struggling families to community  
1215 service providers.

1216 We urge communities and people of faith to promote adoption and for those not called to adopt  
1217 themselves to offer assistance to families that can. We believe that, in the best interests of the family and  
1218 child, the State of Texas should allow children to be adopted only by married or single heterosexuals.

1219 **215. Child Rights:** We call on the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to protect privacy in public schools  
1220 and government buildings as allowed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, by ensuring that  
1221 multi-use facilities, including showers, changing rooms, and bathrooms, are designated for and used only  
1222 by persons based on the person’s biological sex.

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## 1224 (Pro-Life Issues)

1225 **216. Pro-Life:** Until the abolition of abortion is achieved, we support laws that restrict and regulate abortion  
1226 including, but not limited to:

- 1227 a. Parental and informed consent, including the elimination of judicial bypass.
- 1228 b. Prohibition of licensing, liability, and malpractice insurance for abortionists and abortion  
1229 facilities.
- 1230 c. Prohibition of financial kickbacks for abortion referrals.
- 1231 d. Prohibition of late-term abortions.
- 1232 e. Prohibition of abortions after the time an unborn child’s heartbeat is detected.
- 1233 f. Prohibition of the manufacturing and sale of abortifacients.
- 1234 g. Elimination of causes of action for “wrongful birth.”
- 1235 h. Health insurance coverage for abortion services and abortifacients, which under Texas law  
1236 should be considered supplemental coverage and billed to the beneficiary.
- 1237 i. Criminal penalties be attached to any entity, excluding the mother, convicted of conducting  
1238 an illegal abortion or selling body parts of aborted children.
- 1239 j. Extend the private cause of action used in the Texas Heartbeat Act to all pro-life laws and  
1240 policies in Texas.

1241 **217. Abolish Abortion:** Since life begins at fertilization, we urge the Texas Legislature to abolish abortion  
1242 through enacting legislation that would immediately secure the rights to life and would nullify any and all  
1243 federal statutes, regulations, orders, and court rulings that would deny these rights.

1244 **218. Inviolability of Life and Fundamental Right to Life:** All innocent human life must be respected and  
1245 safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn, the aged, and the physically or  
1246 mentally challenged have a fundamental individual right to life, which cannot be infringed. We respect the  
1247 uniqueness of human life and oppose practices which corrupt human DNA, mix human and animal DNA,  
1248 or other trans-humanist initiatives that do not respect the sanctity and uniqueness of human life. All  
1249 humans are endowed by their creator with sovereign rights of ownership of their person and DNA,  
1250 regardless of any DNA modification, and claims to the contrary are invalid.

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## 1252 (Land Use)

1253 **219. Property Annexation:** Homeowners and landowners in an area proposed for annexation should have  
1254 the right to vote to approve or reject the annexation, regardless of the population of the county. No  
1255 annexation can occur within 45 days of any election.

1256 **220. HOA Governance:** We support legislation prohibiting HOAs from using “policies” to bypass the

1257 process of residents' voting on changes in deed restrictions. We urge the Texas Legislature to enact  
1258 legislation allowing a simple majority of property owners within and subject to a homeowners' association  
1259 to dissolve the association. The Texas Legislature should enact legislation to restrict developers from  
1260 controlling the Homeowners Association more than 5 years and expanding the properties included beyond  
1261 contiguous property. We also call upon the Texas Legislature to amend the language of that section of the  
1262 Open Meetings Act that applies to HOAs to clearly require that every HOA that charges fees to residents  
1263 be required to comply with every aspect the Texas Open Meetings Act. We oppose HOAs' limiting  
1264 freedom of speech and assembly imposed on master-planned community homeowners.

1265 **221. Property Rights:** Property ownership and free enterprise, the foundation of our collective wealth, must  
1266 not be abridged nor denied by government. We support legislation to protect these bedrock rights. Areas  
1267 of concern are: annexation, eminent domain (including foreign entities), property forfeiture, extraterritorial  
1268 jurisdiction, seizure for public or private development, natural resources and conservation easements,  
1269 groundwater and/or mineral rights, nationalization of lands, and the preservation of our Fourth Amendment  
1270 right to privacy. Property owners should be notified of their rights with regard to condemnation,  
1271 annexation, or easement, and the condemner should be required to petition a court of jurisdiction to show  
1272 public necessity. Taking of property should result in immediate compensation of fair market value to the  
1273 owner. These issues should be administered by elected officials accountable to voters.

1274 **222. Eminent Domain:** The use of eminent domain must exclude the seizure of private property for private  
1275 economic development or increased tax revenue.

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## 1277 (State Governance)

1278 **223. Campaign Contribution Limits:** We urge immediate repeal of all limits on campaign contributions by  
1279 American citizens to the candidates or causes of their choice.

1280 **224. Texas Independence:** We urge the Texas Legislature to pass bill in its next session requiring a  
1281 referendum in the 2023 general election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of  
1282 Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.

1283 **225. Prosecution of Election Fraud:** We urge the passage of a constitutional amendment that gives the  
1284 Texas Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute election fraud along with the county District  
1285 Attorneys.

1286 **226. Marijuana Remains Illegal:** Oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana and offer opportunities  
1287 for drug treatment before penalties for its illegal possession, use, or distribution.

1288 **227. Gun Free Zone in Texas:** There shall be no gun free zones in Texas.

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## 1290 **Government and Election Integrity**

### 1291 (Government Operations)

1292 **228. Sexual Harassment:** We believe sexual harassment should not be tolerated. Elected and appointed  
1293 officials should be held to a higher standard.

1294 **229. Government Authority:** We believe any government authority that has the ability to levy a tax, fee, or



1295 appraise property on the people should be accountable to those who pay the taxes via the electoral  
1296 process, from the local level to the federal level.

1297 **230. Federal Land in Texas:** All federal land should be turned over to its respective state, except for land  
1298 specifically authorized in the Constitution (military bases, federal buildings, post offices).

1299 **231. Tax-Funded Lobbying:** We oppose using tax dollars to hire lobbyists or paying tax dollars to  
1300 associations that lobby the Legislature.

1301 **232. Texas Speaker of the House, House Committees and Legislative Quorum:**

1302           a. We oppose the use of pledge cards and call for the Republican members to caucus after  
1303 each November general election to determine, by secure secret ballot, their candidate for  
1304 Speaker and Speaker Pro-Tempore. We also call for the Republican members to vote as a  
1305 unified body for their selected Speaker candidate when the Legislature convenes in regular  
1306 session.

1307           b. Texas House standing committees should advance the conservative grassroots agenda,  
1308 not that of special interests and lobbyists. The chairman and a majority of members of key  
1309 committees should support the conservative agenda. Standing Committees should be  
1310 chaired by the political party in majority.

1311           c. Any legislator who purposely refuses to attend a legally scheduled session for the purpose  
1312 of denying a quorum shall LOSE any chairmanship, vice-chairmanship, and committee  
1313 membership to which he/she may have been appointed. Additionally, the individual shall  
1314 lose any salary for that absence period. Additionally, the individual shall pay back any  
1315 earnings and cost of living allowances earned during that period.

1316 **233. Caucus Priorities:** We urge the Texas Senate Republican Caucus and the Texas House Republican  
1317 Caucus to adopt and publish a list of legislative priorities before convening each regular session of the  
1318 legislature.

1319 **234. Sixty-day Rule:** We recommend that the Legislature pass legislation to remove the constitutional  
1320 provision that the House cannot take action until 60 days after convening.

1321 **235. House Calendars Committee:** We call for changes to the House Rules that require the House  
1322 Calendars Committee to vote on a bill within 14 days of receipt, or it is automatically put on the calendar.  
1323 We also support automatic setting of a bill on the calendar within seven days if it is cosponsored by three-  
1324 fifths of House members. We call for votes on each bill individually that is not set on the calendar, rather  
1325 than killing a slate of bills at once.

1326 **236. Unelected Bureaucrats:** We oppose the appointment of unelected bureaucrats, and we support  
1327 defunding and abolishing the departments or agencies of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Education;  
1328 Energy; Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Commerce; Health and Human Services (HHS); Labor;  
1329 Interior (specifically, the Bureau of Land Management); Transportation Security Administration (TSA);  
1330 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); National Labor Relations Board; Food and Drug  
1331 Administration (FDA); Centers for Disease Control (CDC); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC);  
1332 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); and any other federal agency or department that  
1333 is not authorized by the Constitution. In the interim, executive decisions by departments or agencies must  
1334 be reviewed and approved by Congress before taking effect.

1335 **237. Sunset Commission:** We support a majority citizen-led Sunset Commission.

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1337 (Elections)

1338 **238. Bond Elections:** State and local bond election ballots should be required to include the amount of  
1339 debt currently outstanding, current debt service payments, current per capita debt obligations, the amount  
1340 of new debt being proposed, estimated debt service for the new debt, and estimated per capita burden  
1341 being proposed. The bond issue must obtain a 2/3 affirmative vote of at least 20 percent of registered  
1342 voters in the voting jurisdiction. No public funds are to be spent influencing a bond election. We oppose  
1343 bundling of items on bond election ballots and “rolling polling” for bond and tax rate increase elections.

1344 **239. Pay-to-Play Endorsement Slates:** We oppose “pay-to-play” endorsement slates and urge Republican  
1345 primary voters to exercise extreme caution regarding any endorsement or statement made in these slates.  
1346 Slates shall include notice of the amount that was paid for advertising by the individual candidates so that  
1347 voters can see that endorsements might be contingent on purchase of advertisement.

1348 **240. In-Person Election Voting:** In-person voting should be conducted as a single period of time of no  
1349 more than three days with no time gap between the first day of Early Voting and Election Day.

1350 **241. Fair Elections Procedures:** We support the right of eligible voters to cast a ballot in each election  
1351 once, but we oppose illegal voting, illegal assistance, or ineligible persons. We support:

- 1352 a. Vigorous enforcement of all our election laws as written and oppose any laws, lawsuits, and  
1353 judicial decisions that make voter fraud very difficult to deter, detect, or prosecute.
- 1354 b. Voter Photo ID.
- 1355 c. Prohibition of internet voting for public office and any ballot measure.
- 1356 d. That mail-in ballots must be requested and only granted to those that cannot physically  
1357 appear in-person.
- 1358 e. Increased scrutiny and security in balloting by mail to including removal of Section 87.014  
1359 (d-1) of the Texas Election code to require once again full signature verification with the  
1360 need to rebut regardless of whether paper identification numbers are on the application and  
1361 ballot carrier envelope.
- 1362 f. Felony status for willful violations of the election code and increasing penalty for voter fraud  
1363 from a misdemeanor back to a felony.
- 1364 g. The constitutional authority of state legislatures to regulate voting, including  
1365 disenfranchisement of convicted felons.
- 1366 h. Changes to the appropriate sections of Texas law that would deny or cancel homestead  
1367 exemptions, driver licenses, and License to Carry, if the addresses on those documents DO  
1368 NOT match the address on the voter’s registration
- 1369 i. Consolidating elections to primary, run-off, special called, and General Election days and  
1370 locations
- 1371 j. Sequentially numbered and signed ballots to deter counterfeiting.
- 1372 k. Expanding the Attorney General’s staff for investigating election crimes and restoring the  
1373 ability of the Attorney General to prosecute any election crimes.
- 1374 l. The ability for civil lawsuits to be filed for election fraud or failure of officials to follow the  
1375 election code.
- 1376 m. Allowing trained Poll Watchers from anywhere in Texas with local Party or Candidate  
1377 approval.
- 1378 n. Creating processes that will allow rapid adjudication of election law violation disputes as  
1379 they occur and before violations can be successfully perpetrated.
- 1380 o. Withdrawing from Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

1381 **242. Voter Registration:** We support restoring integrity to the voter registration rolls and reducing voter

1382 fraud by:

- 1383 a. repealing all motor voter laws.
- 1384 b. requiring voters to re-register, if they have not voted in a five-year period.
- 1385 c. requiring photo ID of all registrants.
- 1386 d. requiring proof of residency and citizenship along with the voter registration application.
- 1387 e. retaining the 30-day registration deadline.
- 1388 f. requiring that a list of certified deaths be provided to the Secretary of State in order for the
- 1389 names of deceased voters be removed from the list of registered voters. periodic checks on
- 1390 the voter rolls to ensure all currently registered voters are eligible.
- 1391 g. giving the Secretary of State enforcement authority to ensure county registrar compliance
- 1392 with Secretary of State directives.
- 1393 h. revising Title 19 funding to avoid incentivizing retention of ineligible voters.
- 1394 i. use any undedicated federal election funds received to improve the security of our online
- 1395 voter registration data.

1396 **243. Campaigning at Poll Sites:** We encourage free speech at polling sites outside of the existing  
1397 boundaries. The right to campaign, including the display of signage, with respect to current state law, at an  
1398 appropriate distance (100 feet) from the polling place, shall not be infringed.

1399 **244. Voting Rights:** We support equal suffrage for all United States citizens of voting age. We oppose any  
1400 identification of citizens by race, origin, creed, sexuality, or lifestyle choices, and oppose use of any such  
1401 identification for purposes of creating voting districts. We urge that the Voting Rights Act of 1965, codified  
1402 and updated in 1973, be repealed and not reauthorized.

1403 **245. Closed Primary:** We support protecting the integrity of the Republican Primary Election by requiring a  
1404 closed primary system in Texas. While we welcome people to join the Republican Party who support  
1405 limited government and traditional values, we oppose campaigns to get liberal Democrats to cross over  
1406 and move the Republican Party to the left in the primary.

1407 **246. Redistricting:** We support drawing districts based on eligible voters, not pure population. We believe  
1408 districts should be geographically compact when possible. We oppose any redistricting map that is unfair  
1409 to conservative candidates in the primary or the general election.

1410 **247. Republican Party Operations:** We support the election of Republican County Chairs by their  
1411 respective County Executive Committees where they exist. We support removing the Republican Party of  
1412 Texas from the Election Code.

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## 1414 **National Defense and Foreign Affairs**

1415 **248. Support of Our Armed Forces:** The men and women who wear our country's uniform, whether on  
1416 active duty or in the Reserves or National Guard or Texas State Military are the most important assets in  
1417 our military arsenal. All current and prior military personnel and their families must have the benefits,  
1418 healthcare, housing, education, and overall support they need. Injured military personnel deserve the best  
1419 medical, mental health, and rehabilitative care our country has to offer. Veterans Administration monetary  
1420 benefits shall match present national price index value in all programs.

1421 **249. Eliminate Illegal Immigration Magnets:** Texas shall require proof of legal residency for obtaining a  
1422 Texas driver's license and enrolling in public school and shall require proof of citizenship for obtaining  
1423 voter registration and public benefits. Texas should require all employers to screen new hires through the

1424 free E-Verify system to prevent the hiring of illegal aliens and of anyone not legally authorized to work in  
1425 the US, and to protect jobs for American workers. No tax dollars should be provided for social or  
1426 educational programs for illegal aliens. All existing laws providing for in-state tuition and nonemergency  
1427 medical care shall be rescinded. All not verifiable foreign-issued identification cards shall be legally invalid  
1428 in the United States.

1429 **250. Military Readiness:** We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness to deter any threat  
1430 to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens. We oppose gender norming in the  
1431 military. Transgendered persons should not serve in the military as a special class; no special  
1432 considerations or medical treatment shall be required or offered. We are opposed to expanding Selective  
1433 Service to include women.

1434 **251. Cybersecurity:** As foreign and domestic threats to cybersecurity evolve, the State of Texas must  
1435 upgrade systems and system security to meet these threats and share threat intelligence data among  
1436 levels of government. The integrity of our state and local network infrastructure must be maintained.

1437 **252. Defeat Terrorism:** We support an aggressive war on terrorism, including radical Islamic terrorists,  
1438 which consists of cooperating with our allies and sanctioning nations that sponsor terrorists. We support  
1439 the reasonable use of profiling, the prosecution of national security breaches, and the revision of laws or  
1440 executive orders that erode our liberties. We call on the federal government to designate the Muslim  
1441 Brotherhood a foreign terrorist organization, and we call on governmental agencies to avoid and suspend  
1442 all activities with all radical Islamic organizations, such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations  
1443 (CAIR).

1444 **253. Designate Drug Cartels as Terrorist Organizations:** We strongly support H.R.1700—Drug Cartel  
1445 Terrorist Designation Act—116th Congress (2019-2020), introduced by Rep Chip Roy, which would  
1446 designate Trans-criminal Crime Organizations (TCO) identified as Drug Cartels as Foreign Terrorist  
1447 Organizations (FTO) with the intention of enhancing the policing policy related to Drug Cartels.  
1448 Furthermore, we request that the State of Texas establish a Counter Terrorism Division that could enforce  
1449 Anti-Terrorist laws to deter the trafficking of drugs, people, and any other illegal activity across our  
1450 southern border.

1451 **254. Immigration:** We demand that state and federal law enforcement officers enforce our immigration  
1452 laws, implement an entry/exit tracking system for visa holders, and expedite hearings on deporting both  
1453 violent and non-violent illegal immigrants and visa overstays. Chain migration and the diversity visa lottery  
1454 should be eliminated. We call for the abolition of the refugee resettlement program. Any form of amnesty  
1455 with regard to immigration policy should not be granted, including the granting of legal status to persons in  
1456 the country illegally. Our legal immigration system should be strictly merit based, and the total number of  
1457 new immigrants should be limited to a level that facilitates assimilation.

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## 1459 (Border Security and Immigration)

1460 **255. Border Security Funding:** We expect both the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress to  
1461 make a priority of allocating funds to effectively secure the border through whatever means necessary,  
1462 including but not limited to barriers, a border wall, and/or fence everywhere along the border where it is  
1463 feasible and useful, as well as personnel and technology over land, sea, and air. Texas shall seek  
1464 repayment from the Federal Government for expenses incurred in securing the border.

1465 **256. State Self-Defense:** We urge the Texas Legislature to invoke Art I, § 10, cl. 3 of the US Constitution,  
1466 also known as the state self-defense clause, which asserts that under an active invasion (as defined or

1467 declared by the Governor of the State or Texas Legislature), the sovereign state of Texas has the  
1468 authority and duty to defend Texas citizens against “imminent Danger,” not admitting delay, by any and all  
1469 appropriate measures the sovereign state defines as necessary to defend from such assaults.  
1470 Immediately equip the Texas Military with the necessary tools and authority to serve and protect Texas  
1471 State territories and citizens.

1472 **257. Interstate Border Compact:** We urge the Texas Legislature to establish effective interstate  
1473 compact(s) with other States for the purpose of securing the US border and enforcing immigration laws.

1474 **258. Sanctuary Cities:** State and federal funds shall be denied to any public or private entity, including but  
1475 not limited to sanctuary cities, that are not compliant with immigration laws. Prosecute the responsible  
1476 elected officials of sanctuary cities/counties/states for obstruction of immigration laws.

1477 **259. Border Security and Immigration:** We urge the implementation of state and federal laws to require  
1478 that:

- 1479 a. Biometric identity of suspected illegal aliens be compared with a database of biometric  
1480 identities of current and past suspected illegal aliens before further processing.
- 1481 b. A suspected illegal alien whose biometric identity matches biometric identity captured for a  
1482 prior attempt at illegal entry shall remain in custody and the case expedited as a probable  
1483 attempt at second or subsequent illegal reentry.
- 1484 c. No suspected illegal aliens can be transported across state lines until final determination of  
1485 immigration status.
- 1486 d. Additional court resources shall be made available to expedite final determination of  
1487 immigration status.
- 1488 e. Suspected illegal aliens of any age must remain in custody until final determination of their  
1489 immigration status.
- 1490 f. Suspected illegal aliens whose final immigration status does not make them known legal  
1491 residents to the US shall immediately be deported and shall remain in custody until  
1492 physically removed from the US.
- 1493 g. There shall be no suspected illegal aliens released into the general US public either directly  
1494 or indirectly.
- 1495 h. Only persons known to be legal entrants shall be released into the US population.

1496 **260. Implement 287(g) Program:** The Texas Legislature should prioritize legislation to incentivize and  
1497 encourage the expansion of the 287(g) program throughout the state.

1498 **261. H-1B Visas:** We call for the permanent end of the H-1B Foreign Worker Visa program in the interest  
1499 of protecting American jobs, classified technology, and national security.

1500 **262. Aiding and Abetting Illegal Immigrants:** We support revoking the 501(c)3 tax exempt status of any  
1501 organization that breaks state or federal law by knowingly aiding and abetting illegal immigrants. We  
1502 support disbarring attorneys who knowingly aid and abet illegal immigrants.

1503 **263. Texas National Guard Deployment and Benefits:** Congress shall not abdicate the war powers to the  
1504 executive branch except when under imminent threat and not to be used as a preemptive strike unless  
1505 approved by Congress. The Texas National Guard should only be deployed to overseas combat zones  
1506 under authorization of Congress through a declaration of war. The legislature shall provide parity of  
1507 benefits to the Texas National Guard regardless of whether they are activated under state or federal  
1508 orders. Parity would include but not be limited to the same benefits provided by the Hazelwood Act and  
1509 also the same benefits as, or equal benefits to, those from the VA that would be provided by federal  
1510 deployment orders.

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1512 (Foreign Affairs)

1513 **264. No RFIs from Bad Actors:** The Office of Economic Development and Tourism does not accept  
1514 requests for information (RFIs) from companies from those countries that have a poor human rights record  
1515 and proven corruption, from communist countries or from those countries sanctioned by the US  
1516 Government.

1517 **265. Trade with China:** We support a re-examination of our trading relationship with China based on  
1518 America's economic and foreign policy interests. America should not be dependent on a communist  
1519 country for critical medical or technological resources, including prescription drugs like penicillin. Critical  
1520 infrastructure such as internet or cabling, electrical or power, or water facilities should not be owned by  
1521 Chinese or communist companies.

1522 **266. People's Republic of China Aggression:** China's aggression in the South China Sea endangers  
1523 international trade routes and infringes on allied nations' sovereignty. The cybersecurity threat posed by  
1524 China continues to grow. We support the people of Hong Kong in their quest for freedom and democracy  
1525 and call for China to honor its agreements with the United Kingdom.

1526 **267. Foreign Policy:** We support a foreign policy that relies on peace through strength; putting America  
1527 first, providing for our national defense, and avoiding foreign deployments or entanglements. We support  
1528 foreign aid only to America's allies who share our values. We support a free-market economy, private  
1529 humanitarian aid to developing countries, continued favorable treatment of proven allies, censure of  
1530 adversarial entities that seek destruction of other countries, and strong policy on confronting terrorists. We  
1531 strongly oppose religious or ethnic cleansing. We oppose US aid to any foreign entity that consistently  
1532 votes against our interests or is openly hostile to our nation.

1533 **268. Foreign Defense:** We oppose any action, military or otherwise, or any other involvement in an  
1534 undeclared war by the US Congress.

1535 **269. Iran and North Korea:** We oppose development of nuclear weapons by Iran and North Korea, and we  
1536 oppose easing sanctions on either country until their hostile behavior and nuclear proliferation cease.

1537 **270. Israel:** We respect Israel's rights of sovereignty, self-determination, and self-defense and therefore  
1538 support:

- 1539           a. The US Embassy in Israel relocation to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal and indivisible capital.  
1540           b. Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.  
1541           c. Israel's right to exist, right to secure borders, and right to the land secured by practicing  
1542           self-defense from aggressive enemies.  
1543           d. Prohibition of a Palestinian state within the historical borders of Israel, as it would  
1544           jeopardize Israel's security and it would force Israel to give up land that God gave to the  
1545           Jewish people as referenced in Genesis.  
1546           e. Israel's maintaining a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries through  
1547           continued support militarily, financially, and technologically.  
1548           f. Prohibition of the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement as a  
1549           form of warfare being waged upon Israel, on all levels, including and especially on college  
1550           campuses, at the United Nations, and by anti-Western nongovernmental organizations.

1551 **271. Taiwan:** We call upon the United States to move toward full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan as an  
1552 independent and sovereign nation and to renew our commitment to defend our security and vital economic

1553 interests in the Western Pacific region in the face of China’s military provocations, which threaten its  
1554 neighbors and critical maritime trade routes.

1555 **272. One World:** The United States is a sovereign nation founded on the principles of freedom. We reject  
1556 any assertion of authority over our nation or its citizens from foreign individuals or entities, such as the  
1557 World Economic Forum, World Health Organization, and the United Nations. We reject the concept of a  
1558 One World Government, or The Great Reset.

1559 **273. United Nations:** The United Nations is a detriment to the sovereignty of the United States and other  
1560 countries; because of this we support:

- 1561 a. Our withdrawal from the current United Nations.
- 1562 b. The removal of the United Nations from United States soil.
- 1563 c. The opposition to placement of US troops under command of the United Nations.
- 1564 d. The rejection of all Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030 policies and programs.
- 1565 e. The rejection of all related NGOs, councils, and environmental programs.
- 1566 f. A zero-budget allotment of American tax dollars to any United Nations programs.
- 1567 g. The opposition to any designation of World Heritage Sites in the United States and  
1568 especially in Texas.
- 1569 h. Withdrawal from the UN Arms Trade Treaty.
- 1570 i. Withdrawal from the corrupt World Health Organization (WHO).
- 1571 j. Prohibition of any Global Pandemic Treaty, International Health Regulations (IHR), or  
1572 amendments to IHR that would infringe on our national sovereignty.
- 1573 k. A credible, impartial, and international investigation into the WHO’s and China’s actions  
1574 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1575 l. Withdrawal from the UN International Baccalaureate Organization.
- 1576 m. The rejection of the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 1577 n. The rejection of any attempt to allow the United Nations or any other foreign entity to levy  
1578 taxes on the United States or its citizens.

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1580 **Resolutions**

1581 **1. 2020 Election:** We believe that the 2020 election violated Article 1 and 2 of the US Constitution, that  
1582 various secretaries of state illegally circumvented their state legislatures in conducting their elections in  
1583 multiple ways, including by allowing ballots to be received after November 3, 2020. We believe that  
1584 substantial election fraud in key metropolitan areas significantly affected the results in five key states in  
1585 favor of Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.

1586 We reject the certified results of the 2020 Presidential election, and we hold that acting President Joseph  
1587 Robinette Biden Jr. was not legitimately elected by the people of the United States. We strongly urge all  
1588 Republicans to work to ensure election integrity and to show up to vote in November of 2022, bring your  
1589 friends and family, volunteer for your local Republicans, and overwhelm any possible fraud.

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1591 **2. Resolution against the Gang of 20 Gun Control bill:**

1592 Whereas those under 21 are most likely to be victims of violent crime and thus most likely to need to  
1593 defend themselves.

1594 Whereas “red flag laws” violate one’s right to due process and are a pre-crime punishment of people not  
1595 adjudicated guilty.

1596 Whereas waiting periods on gun purchases harm those who need to acquire the means of self defense in  
1597 emergencies such as riots.

1598 Whereas all gun control is a violation of the Second Amendment and our God given rights.

1599 We reject the so called “bipartisan gun agreement”, and we rebuke Senators John Cornyn (R-Texas),  
1600 Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Lindsey Graham  
1601 (R-S.C.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Mitt Romney (R-Utah) and Pat Toomey (R-Pa.).