

Platform of
The Walker County, GA, Republican Party
Adopted in Convention, March 9, 2019

- I. Guiding Principles and Values
 - a. Constitutional Government
 - i. We are the party of the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.
 - ii. Government exists primarily to protect the inalienable rights of its citizens.
 - iii. Our government, at all levels, operates with the consent of the governed to carry out functions that cannot be adequately performed by individuals or private organizations.
 - iv. The fundamental constitutional principles are: limited government, individual liberty, separation of powers, and the rule of law.
 - v. We believe that all citizens are equal under the law and we denounce bigotry, racism, ethnic prejudice, and religious intolerance.
 - vi. All elected and appointed government officials are accountable to the people for the honest, transparent, and effective performance of their duties.
 - vii. Federalism (states rights) is the foundation of personal liberty. All governmental powers not specifically granted to the federal government in the constitution belong to the states.
 - viii. The Federal government is not authorized by the Constitution to be involved in Education. We support more local control of our schools and less Federal control.
 - b. Responsible fiscal management
 - i. Government institutions should limit their activities, and therefore, their expenditure of public funds, to the minimum necessary to effectively carry out the duties of the institution as authorized by the citizens.
 - ii. Taxes should be levied only to the extent necessary to cover the costs of operating the government. Funds collected from citizens should be managed with diligent care, safeguarding the funds from any abuse or waste.
 - c. Strong Social Structure
 - i. The family is the foundation of a strong and civil society. Government institutions should support the proper functioning of the family and respect the sanctity of the family unit and the authority of parents.

- ii. Religious freedom is a key element of a strong community, where all citizens are free, and encouraged, to worship, or not, according to the dictates of their own conscience.
- iii. We oppose any governmental action that promotes addictive and harmful behavior among citizens, especially youth, and thereby weakens the fabric of our society. This includes legalizing recreational drug use, allowing the distribution of pornography, and promoting gambling.
- iv. A strong educational system is also a key element of our society.
 - 1. Parents bear the responsibility of educating their children.
 - 2. Public and private schools exist to assist parents in this responsibility, not to take over the role of the parents.
 - 3. Parents should have options available to them for fulfilling this responsibility in a manner that best meets the needs of their family. Tax money allocated to supporting education should follow the child.
 - 4. Public schools should provide quality educational opportunities to all citizens without regard to race, color, creed, gender, religion, disability, or national origin.
 - 5. All schools should ensure that the curriculum provides accurate and meaningful courses in American history and Civics.
 - 6. Sex education should be provided only with the approval of parents. We oppose any distribution of contraceptives at school. We oppose school provided abortion counseling.
- d. Sanctity of life
 - i. All persons have the right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”. All life is sacred. Part of the role of government is to protect life, especially those who cannot protect themselves.
 - ii. We are opposed to abortion on demand. Current law gives women the right to choose to abort an unborn child within certain limitations. Although this is legal, it is very controversial and extremely offensive to many Americans. We oppose the use of any tax money for abortions.
- e. Law and Order
 - i. All legislative bodies should enact laws only to the extent that they are needed to protect the rights of all citizens.
 - ii. All laws should be carefully considered. Fewer laws are better than more laws.
 - iii. Once properly enacted as authorized by the people, laws should be strictly but fairly enforced on all members of the community regardless of position or standing.
 - iv. Legal immigrants are welcome in our community.

- v. Illegal activities, by citizens or non-citizens, should be pursued aggressively by law enforcement and prosecuted vigorously.
- vi. Many different languages are spoken among different cultural groups of our country. English should be the official unifying language of citizenship. All government business should be conducted in English.
- vii. The privileges of citizenship should not be extended to individuals who are illegally in the country.
- f. Patriotism and Veterans
 - i. We recognize the great service rendered by our veterans and the service they have rendered to our country, which has included many sacrifices.
 - ii. We believe in honoring the flag of our nation in that it is a symbol of our fight for freedom around the world, and a symbol of the sacrifices of our veterans.
 - iii. All citizens should actively participate in their government. Every citizen should vote.
 - iv. We try to elect honest and responsible individuals to make good decisions for our country. Sometimes those decisions require the use of military force.
 - v. In all such actions we support our troops, regardless of our feelings about the right or wrong of the conflict.
- II. Current Issues
 - a. Current issues are constantly changing. Our principles and values do not.
 - b. The position taken by the Party on current issues will be addressed through the process of issuing Resolutions.
 - c. Resolutions issued by the Party are intended to be temporary in nature.
 - d. Resolutions issued by the Party will be approved by the proper governing body within the Party before release. Where practical, resolutions will be presented to the County Convention for approval. Between conventions, resolutions may be approved by the County Committee.

We hereby certify the above document is a true and correct copy of the Platform approved at the Walker County Convention on March 9, 2019.

Nancy Burton, Chairman

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