

# Walker County Republican Party

## Platform

Adopted in Convention March 12, 2011

### A. General Principles

The Walker County Republican Party believes:

1. That the role of government should be limited to those functions that cannot be carried out adequately by individual citizens or by the private sector. Government should confine itself to the functions granted to it by the Constitution
2. That Government officials and their employees should recognize that they are the servants of the people.
3. That taxation should be fair and equitable, and that taxes should be assessed at the lowest amounts possible, consistent with supporting the necessary functions of government.
4. That all persons have the right to life, and that the lives of all persons, including the unborn, sick, the aged, and disabled should be protected.
5. That the family is the most important and foundational unit of society, and its authority supersedes that of the schools or the state.
6. That the free enterprise system is superior to all other economic systems.
7. That the constitutions of the United States and State of Georgia are supreme governing documents and have our full support.

### B. Specific Issues

In accordance with the general principles stated above, the Walker County Republican Party seeks to address issues that are relevant to the citizens of the county at any given time. We believe the following issues to be the most significant in 2011 - 2013.

1. We support:
  - A. An elected Board of Equalization
  - B. Appointment of County Committees and Boards in a manner that will ensure that those bodies are bi-partisan and representative of all segments of the County.
2. We promote the use of accepted business practices in operation of county government. We call on all county officials to take the following steps when tax money is to be spent:
  - A. Take bids where possible, ensuring that local businesses are notified through the county oracle (The Walker County Messenger) when bids are taken for county projects.
  - B. Spend tax money in Walker County when possible.
  - C. Ensure monetary controls over county officials and their departments.
3. We call upon our elected officials to support a general reduction in taxes, and such reforms in the tax system as would make the tax burden more fair and equitable for all.
  - A. We support repealing the 16<sup>th</sup> amendment and implementing the Fair Tax at the Federal level.
  - B. We support implementing a version of the Fair Tax at the State level.

4. We support voter registration by political party or political preference, and that voters of each party elect their nominees in primaries for all offices.
5. We support and encourage such measures as the Human Life Amendment to the State and Federal Constitutions; reversal of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in the Roe v. Wade case; and parental notification bills as means to restrict abortion on demand and to protect the life of the unborn. We also oppose any measure which would promote or encourage euthanasia, suicide or cloning.
6. We support the traditional family value system and therefore, we oppose any instruction, counsel, or advice given by schools or any other tax-supported agency that would undermine the teachings of the family and church in such matters. We support the reading of the Bible in our schools as the only true foundation of morality. We particularly support sex education being taught with parental consent, and in the context of a moral value based on Biblical principles. We also oppose school-based distribution of contraceptives and abortion referrals.
7. We oppose the public sale and display of pornography.
8. We oppose the sale, use, and abuse of illegal drugs. We also oppose the abuse of alcohol. We support the law enforcement officials and our public schools in Walker County in their efforts to educate the public regarding the abuse of drugs and alcohol.
9. We support coordinated regional planning along with coordinated, planned zoning to encourage and to channel the desirable growth and development of Walker County.
  - A. As apart of planned and managed growth, we also support encouragement of commercial development through Walker County.
  - B. We support fair zoning ordinances, coordinated with cities, which would preserve and protect appropriate separation of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, agricultural, and natural areas.
  - C. We support the protection of our environment.
  - D. We support the establishment of ordinances authorizing government removal of unsafe structures and properties to protect the health and welfare of our citizens.
10. We support mandatory prison sentences without parole for habitual violent criminals and the death penalty those convicted of malice murder. We support truth in sentencing.
11. We support repeal of the 17<sup>th</sup> amendment and the election of United States Senators by the representative bodies of the several states.
12. We support the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment that citizens should have the right to keep and bear arms.

We hereby certify that the above and foregoing platform is a true and correct copy of the platform as adopted by the Walker County Republican Party in Convention on March 12, 2011.

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Nathan A. Smith, Chairman

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Judy F. Grammer, Secretary