

Platform of the Montana Republican Party
Adopted June 23, 2018

Resolution on Platform Principles

Lewis and Clark County Republican Central Committee Officer Accountability Memo

WHEREAS, Republican solidarity in opposition to the Democrat socialist agenda is necessary to preserve the security of our country, our economic and political freedoms, and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Republican faithfulness to its conservative principles and public policies as dictated by members of the GOP during convention and found in the Montana State Platform is necessary to maintain and restore the trust of the electorate in the Republican Party and a proven path that will lead to Republican electoral victories; and

WHEREAS, we understand the broad written form of the whole of the Montana GOP Platform provides a great narrative tool for discussing our beliefs, it is a mechanism to detail policy to support in legislation; and

WHEREAS, the MTGOP has a responsibility to develop a simple set of Principles based upon the MTGOP Platform, that could then be applied to all proposed legislation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MTGOP identifies the following ten (10) policy positions to be detailed in the Montana Republican Platform in a "Principles" section that shall be placed immediately after the Preamble and thus before the main body of planks;

Agree / Disagree

Initial Each Plank

1. Tax Policy: Reduce taxes, eliminate corporate subsidies, and enact a simplified tax code that is flat rate based.

2. Size of Government: Adopt a tax and expenditures limitation (TEL), adopt a more transparent and accountable zero-based budget, only allow the growth of government to match the growth of the private sector, and privatize public services when possible.
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3. Scope of Government: Market wage-based pay and pension system; review and reform MCA to reduce onerous regulations; remove price control mechanisms, allowing the free market forces to work; and adopt a stronger legislative influence on the checks and balances of executive and judicial branches activities.

4. Sanctity of life: Support "all life is sacred" policies from conception to natural end of life with the exception of the death penalty. There will be no taxpayer funding for abortions or suicides, parental notification and permission in all cases dealing with legal minors, and require taxpayer supported medical services programs to provide ultrasounds and all available choices for individuals dealing with crisis pregnancies.

5. Private Property: Understand that a property's owner has exclusive rights to determine the use of their deeded property including subdivision, and that government is prohibited from infringing on those rights without due process.

6. Education: Adopt school choice policies driven by parental control, reduce centralized control mechanisms embracing local control first, support transparent and locally accountable district budgets, and preserve the autonomy of private and home school institutions.

7. Social Programs: Adopt policies of "hand up" not "hand out" in all social programs, adopt accountability and eligibility standards that only help the truly needy, and implement measures that define the primary role of all social services to one of reducing dependency.

8. Natural Resources: Understand that the State of Montana has jurisdiction over all non-federal water rights, that the development of natural resource utilization is the best source of property tax burden reduction and high wage-earning potential, that economic impacts are just as important as environmental impacts and the permitting process for this use needs to be timely.

9. State Rights: Support the 10th Amendment, reject all federal programs that do not include funding for the life of the mandate, believe that all Federal Law implemented in Montana must be based on Article 1 section 1 of the US Constitution, that every Montana elected official work to confine Federal power to its Constitutional limits, and study the transfer of Federal public lands to the state.

10. Judicial: We follow the Rule of Law narrowly construed and support that the county Sheriff is the CLEO, individuals are responsible for their actions, and criminals need to compensate victims. We reject that the role of the court is to regulate through litigation, support reforming the Grand Jury laws to better root out corruption, and support limiting the ability of the MT Supreme Court to abuse its power to protect themselves.

In testimony hereof I confirm that I agree with all 10 policy positions and will do all I can to advance them as an officer in the Lewis and Clark County Republican Central Committee, if I ever find myself in disagreement with any of these positions, I will immediately resign. I acknowledge that if I am a public official at any level and I vote in any manner against these platforms, I will be held accountable for those votes and will **NOT** be endorsed or funded by the Lewis and Clark County Republican Central Committee.

Signed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Precinct Number: _____

Date: _____