

1 **Nevada Republican Party**  
2 **2020 Adopted Platform**

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4 **Preamble**

5 We the people of the Nevada Republican Party, affirm that this Nation and this State were  
6 founded upon the principle that all people are created equal; that the powers of government as  
7 outlined in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights exist to protect the people’s God given right to  
8 be free and to choose their own pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness; without regard to race,  
9 gender, religion, country of origin, or sexual orientation. We invite those who agree with the  
10 principles stated herein to join with our efforts so that this Republic will continue to be “The last  
11 best hope of earth;” and, so that this Republic will return to the principle that we are a  
12 “government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”  
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15 **Budget, Economy, and Taxation**

16 We support those in public office who actively support and work toward lower taxes and fees,  
17 and seek to reduce the size, cost, and scope of government at all levels. We support President  
18 Trump’s efforts to cut taxes and reduce regulation. Government cannot tax the state or the  
19 residents into prosperity.  
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21 Residents of the State of Nevada are not under-taxed and state government is not under-funded.  
22 Our budget crisis is the result of years of overspending and mismanagement. The current  
23 COVID-19 shutdown, by emergency order, has only exacerbated the budget crisis.  
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25 We support the Nevada constitutional prohibition on personal income tax.  
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27 We oppose the imposition of the Gross Receipts Tax, Commerce Tax, and any other taxes on  
28 businesses that will ultimately drive employers away from our state.  
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30 We support the repeal of the Commerce Tax which is ultimately passed on to the consumer.

31 We support elimination of Congressional excessive spending, earmark spending, un-funded  
32 mandates, the death/estate tax, capital gains tax, alternative minimum tax, and double taxation on  
33 corporate dividends and social security.

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35 We support sales tax exemption on all Internet sales.

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37 We support a free and open Internet.

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39 We support eliminating the complex and confusing IRS code and replacing the current,  
40 burdensome federal tax structure with a simplified tax code.

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42 We support starting with zero-based (all expenditures justified and clearly explained) balanced  
43 budgets at all levels of government to be fully disclosed to the public.

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45 All elected and appointed public servants must live by the same laws as the public, including  
46 social security, health care, retirement benefits, etc.

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48 Citizens should have the right to self-direct all or a portion of their Social Security account.  
49 Social Security funds should never be directed outside of the program.

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51 We support the repeal of taxes that were meant to “sunset,” and oppose the practice of creating  
52 any new sunset taxes without a vote of the people.

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54 We support a free market economy. The government shall not pick winners and losers using  
55 taxpayer dollars, tax subsidies, loan guaranties, bailouts, and other public-private partnerships.

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57 We support elimination of minimum wage laws and allow the free market to determine wage  
58 levels.

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60 We support the elimination of Davis-Bacon laws and prevailing wages.

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62 **Constitution**

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64 We support the Constitution of the United States in its original intent and context. We expect  
65 our elected officials, appointed officials, and the courts at all levels to support, interpret, and  
66 give effect to the Constitution, as prescribed in Article VI.

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68 We oppose an Article V convention.

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70 We demand that our representatives at all levels of government uphold their Oath of Office.

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72 We affirm the First Amendment in its totality: religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition  
73 the government for redress of grievances. We believe the First Amendment to the  
74 Constitution of the United States was intended to prevent a state sponsored religion, rather  
75 than a separation of God from government. Attempts to force individuals or religious  
76 institutions to violate their conscience are contrary to the Constitution.

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78 The Second Amendment is the recognition of our God-given right to keep and bear arms  
79 recognized under both the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions. No government entity shall  
80 infringe upon that right. We vow to preserve and defend that right against any infringements  
81 by statute, initiative, regulation, executive order, international treaty, gun registration, permit  
82 requirement or Red Flag laws.

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84 We support the repeal of AB291 (Red Flag law), which allows confiscation of firearms  
85 without due process, as passed in the 2019 Nevada Legislature. We support the Nevada  
86 Republican Caucus lawsuit seeking to nullify AB291.

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88 We believe the age requirement should be 18 years old to purchase any firearm.

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90 We support constitutional carry and concealed carry reciprocity between all fifty states.

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92 We oppose “gun-free zones”.

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94 We support the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that protects the  
95 right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against  
96 unreasonable searches, seizures, liens, and forfeitures, including civil asset forfeitures,  
97 without due process.

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99 We call upon Congress to review and remove from the Patriot Act and the National Defense  
100 Authorization Act any part that violates the Constitution and Bill of Rights. We call on  
101 Congress to review FISA Court procedures and identify and provide cures for any abuses  
102 that have or are occurring. We support harsh penalties for any abuse.

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104 All Government branches shall respect the rights of the States in accordance with the Tenth  
105 Amendment. The Nevada Attorney General shall defend the rights of the State of Nevada  
106 and the people as defined by the Tenth Amendment.

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108 We support Constitutional justification for all Federal and State legislation. Federal and State  
109 Legislatures should address the constitutionality of their respective executive orders and  
110 agency regulations, within sixty days of enactment.

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112 We support requiring Nevada Supreme Court review within 15 days of any emergency  
113 Gubernatorial executive order to ensure constitutionality.

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115 Federal and State legislation should be limited to a single issue referencing the applicable  
116 Constitutional authority and allow a 24-hour minimum public review period for every twenty  
117 pages of text after a bill is presented to the floor.

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122 **Education**

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124 The federally mandated educational system is failing our children and not preparing them to  
125 succeed in today's global economy. We support the elimination of the US Department of  
126 Education.

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128 Our public education system needs substantial improvement, and we support local control of  
129 education where the money follows the child, giving parents and guardians more options in  
130 school choice. Parents/guardians should be able to choose between public, charter, private  
131 schools or homeschooling as the best option for their children.

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133 We support implementing and funding Education Savings Accounts (E.S.A.s), Opportunity  
134 Scholarships, and other funding options.

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136 We support the repeal and defunding of mandated curricula such as Common Core, as well as  
137 the testing, data collection, data mining, and tracking that follow students for life.

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139 We support student loan privatization.

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141 We support Career and Technical Education (C.T.E), vocational, and technical training.

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143 We oppose the deference to, mock practice of, or explicit advocacy of a specific religion by  
144 public schools. The study of religion in public school is appropriate only in the context of a  
145 course on comparative religion and their similarities and differences are discussed fairly and  
146 accurately.

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148 We oppose mandated sex education curriculum for all students being taught in our public  
149 schools. We support parental/guardian's rights to opt in or out of the class.

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153 **Elections**

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155 We advocate proof of U.S. citizenship and residency at the time of voter registration and  
156 requiring government issued photo ID at the time of voting.

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158 We oppose same day voter registration to preserve election integrity.

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160 We support all electronic voting systems having a voter verified paper audit trail that is to be  
161 used in the event of a recount or an electronic malfunction.

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163 We support term limits for all elected offices.

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165 We support expanding the First in the West presidential caucus model to include extended hours  
166 and locations for voting.

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168 We adamantly oppose automatic voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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170 We support the current, partisan primary election system, and oppose any alternative such as the  
171 Open Primary System.

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173 We oppose the use of mail-in ballots, with the exception of standard absentee ballots.

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176 **Energy**

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178 Any level of dependence on foreign oil threatens our national security and our economy. We  
179 must continue to aggressively develop and pursue domestic energy resources including, but not  
180 limited to, petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear, and alternative sources.

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182 We believe the free market should determine the development of all energy resources, free from  
183 government planning, interference, regulation, subsidy or mandate.

184 We support positioning Yucca Mountain as a world class, high-tech nuclear research,  
185 reprocessing, repurposing, recycling and science facility predicated upon sound, safe and proven  
186 scientific principles.

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188 Nevada should negotiate an agreement so that Nevadans enjoy the financial and economic  
189 benefits of hosting the nation's nuclear assets.

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191 We support the elimination of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

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### 194 **English as Our Official Language**

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196 We support legislation affirming English as the official language for conducting business at all  
197 levels of government.

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### 200 **Healthcare/Health Insurance**

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202 We support total repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), and we advocate that  
203 healthcare and health insurance are personal choices that are best managed by the individual  
204 without government interference. People should be free to choose a healthcare path that best  
205 suits their needs and beliefs.

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207 We support restoring full funding to Medicare.

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214 **Immigration**

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216 We welcome people from all nations, races, and cultures who enter our country legally and  
217 support the Constitution of the United States of America and our rule of law. We support annual,  
218 merit based immigration and naturalization levels that maintain sustainable employment and  
219 wage growth for all Americans.

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221 We support strict enforcement of immigration laws by all levels of government and law  
222 enforcement.

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224 We support President Trump’s four pillars of immigration reform:

225 1. Secure the border (build the border wall and increase Department of Homeland Security  
226 agents)

227 2. Ending visa lottery (Diversity Immigrant Visa Program)

228 3. Ending chain migration

229 4. Path to citizenship for DREAMers

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231 We do not support blanket amnesty, government benefits, or other special treatment for those  
232 who enter the United States illegally.

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234 We oppose sanctuary cities, counties, and states.

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236 We oppose automatic citizenship for children born in the United States to foreign visitors or to  
237 those who are here temporarily or illegally. We believe the original intent of the Fourteenth  
238 Amendment (adopted in 1868) did not confer citizenship on children born to non-citizens.

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245 **Limited Government**

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247 The powers of government should be limited to those enumerated in the U.S. and state  
248 constitutions. We support smaller government, lower taxes, less regulation, and more individual  
249 responsibility.

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251 We support independent auditing with full disclosure and transparency of the Federal Reserve,  
252 Fannie Mae, Freddy Mac and all other federally sponsored corporations.

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254 We support holding Congress accountable for the minting and printing of U.S. currency by  
255 repealing the Federal Reserve Act.

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257 We support removing local, state, and federal governments from the marriage covenant.

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259 We only support in-person voting by members of Congress, and do not support the use of  
260 proxies.

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263 **Military / National Defense**

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265 We support President Trump's continued efforts to fully fund and support our military as  
266 necessary to meet the demands of modern warfare.

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268 We support the reduction of military commitments around the world to their original mission of  
269 National Defense. We support peace through strength.

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271 We continue to support a strong Veterans Administration subject to effective oversight and audit  
272 to ensure veterans and their families receive the care, benefits and support earned as promised.

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274 We support an aggressive program to protect the electrical grid and other infrastructure against  
275 EMP (electromagnetic pulse) and cyber-attacks.

276 We reject policies that undermine law enforcement’s ability to protect persons and property.

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279 **Nevada Natural Resource Use and Management**

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281 We support the federal government relinquishing to the State of Nevada her federally managed  
282 lands, excluding constitutionally authorized uses.

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284 Domestic necessity should always remain the highest priority of water usage over “for profit”  
285 uses. We oppose restrictions on domestic wells such as mandatory connection to utilities and  
286 reduction to 2-acre foot allotment or less per year that endanger a rural lifestyle. We oppose the  
287 metering of domestic wells and taxing the usage.

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289 We support the 1872 mining law including the recognition of easements and rights-of-way that  
290 allow access to and through public lands.

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292 We support the mining industry. We strongly oppose any laws, regulations, ordinances, or other  
293 legally binding actions that diminish the ability of the mining industry to discover and/or access  
294 minerals and mine them. We support the streamlining the permitting and application processes.

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296 We support the livestock and agricultural industries in Nevada including the individual  
297 ownership of grazing rights, water rights, and access to grazing lands. We oppose any laws,  
298 regulations, ordinances or other legally binding actions that diminish the ability of ranches, farms  
299 and their livestock to make productive use of lands or forages under the control of each ranch  
300 and farm.

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302 Controlled or prescribed fire and grazing should be used in concert with proper grazing  
303 management and other vegetation management tools to provide for sustainable rangelands and  
304 rangeland enterprises (e.g. livestock production, wildlife, recreation, etc.).

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306 We support removing limitations imposed by the Federal government in the development of  
307 natural resources.

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309 We oppose the designation of additional wilderness areas, national monuments, wildlife refuges  
310 or wilderness study areas in Nevada without a vote of the people in the affected counties.

311 We support removal of the sage hen (grouse) from consideration for inclusion on the endangered  
312 species list.

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### 315 **Recognition of Israel**

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317 We support Israel as a sovereign state and a valuable democratic ally, and recognize her right to  
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### 321 **Sanctity of Life**

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323 We affirm the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of each human being from conception to  
324 natural death.

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326 The unborn child has a fundamental right to life and should be welcomed into life and protected  
327 under the law.

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329 We oppose government funding of abortion and organizations that advocate for or provide  
330 abortions.

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332 We oppose Nevada SB179 that allows for abortion without parental/legal guardian notification.

333 We support parental/legal guardian notification and consent for minor girls seeking an abortion.

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337 **Sovereignty**

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339 We support limits on the authority of the Federal Government as determined by the United States  
340 Constitution.

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342 We support striking Article 1, Section 2, from the Nevada State Constitution that grants the  
343 Federal Government authority to employ armed force against the people of the State of Nevada.

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345 We affirm our national sovereignty and reject the concept of global governance. No treaty shall  
346 supersede the United States Constitution, nor shall international foreign law be relied on or cited.

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348 No international or foreign law shall be imposed on any individuals within any American  
349 jurisdiction.

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351 We oppose implementation of the United Nations' Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030, which lead  
352 directly to central control over private property, energy, water use, food production, ownership  
353 and use of automobiles, population control, heat and air conditioning in our homes and many  
354 other issues.

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356 We support foreign aid only to those countries that support the United States, and it should have  
357 a clear, defined purpose and transparent audit trail.

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359 We support the defunding of the United Nations (U.N.) and the removal of U.N. offices from the  
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