

2022-2024 DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Candidates and elected officials who run under the Republican banner should govern according to Republican principles and Platform.

COUNTY ISSUES

1. General Policies

a. The County should not approve any new taxes on Douglas County residents without a vote of the people.

b. The County will not support State or Federal mandates that negate or infringe on Constitutional rights.

c. The County should follow the land use plan set forth in the Master Plan and strongly resist Master Plan amendments.

d. There shall not be any inter-basin transfer of Transferable Development Rights (TDR).

e. We are opposed to any form of subsidized housing to be planned, permitted, or built in Douglas County.

f. The County shall prioritize existing infrastructure over all new County projects.

g. The County shall resist any and all efforts by any outside entity to use or divert water from the Douglas County aquifers.

h. The County shall consider all new ordinances and regulations for "sunset" review provisions.

i. The County shall not permit marijuana dispensaries.

j. Public comment should be allowed at both "For Presentation" and "For Possible Action" items before the Board of County Commissioners.

k. We support revising the current Douglas County policies to allow mining claim development without Douglas County retaining mineral rights.

2. Redevelopment. The County shall discourage any new redevelopment areas.

3. Budget and Finance

- a. The County should adopt Zero-Based Budgeting in formulating its budgets.
- b. The County shall not borrow money secured by General Obligation Bonds without the approval of the voters.
- c. The County shall not divert monies raised through taxation or bonding for a specific purpose to any other purpose without the approval of the voters.

4. Transparency and Accountability

- a. The County must oversee its accounts so that irregularities are discovered in a timely manner.
- b. The County shall, with forthrightness and expediency, publicly report any and all issues of concern regarding irregularities in its accounting or policies.
- c. We support the County's Audit Committee.

5. County Employment

- a. In the best interests of transparency and fiscal responsibility, the County shall negotiate all employment contracts in the best interests of taxpayers.
- b. Ideally, the County shall not negotiate any employment contract for a term longer than three years.
- c. All wage increases for County employees shall be based primarily on performance.

6. Education

- a. The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall support parents' rights to direct their children's educational pathway.
- b. The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall refuse to enact or enforce any policy, or allow any instruction or materials in classrooms, in instruction regarding staff training, in professional development, or in school libraries that are based in whole or in part upon those tenets of Social Emotional Learning (SEL); Critical Race Theory (CRT); or Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) guidelines that call for discrimination of any kind, or claim as truth the idea that the white race is inherently guilty of a moral failing (whether conscious or unconscious), or that all people of color are inherently disadvantaged by systemic forces for which the white race is responsible.
- c. The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall withdraw from using Common Core standards and curriculum.

- d. We oppose Douglas County schools teaching sex education in grades Kindergarten through third grade.
- e. We require Douglas County Schools to teach age-appropriate courses in Civics, Government, and the U.S. Constitution.
- f. Douglas County Schools should teach courses in financial literacy.
- g. The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall not adopt any form of restorative justice within the school district.
- h. The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall notify and allow parents to opt out of any and all standardized tests administered by the District.
- i. Parents will be notified and choose to opt in before any type of counseling survey, including but not limited to SEL, CRT, and DEI, shall be administered to their child.
- j. Transgender boys and girls are only allowed to use restrooms and locker rooms associated with their biological sex.
- k. Transgender boys and girls are only allowed to participate in sports associated with their biological sex.
- l. No child or adult shall be forced to use gender identifying pronouns or forced to acknowledge that more than two biological sexes exist.
- m. With respect to the subject of transgenderism and sexual transition, school employees shall not promote, encourage, assist, recruit, persuade, justify, guide, advise, champion, or provide medical advice concerning transgenderism or sexual transition to any student.
- n. The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall impose policies and regulations to protect the privacy of all K-12 students and their parents, especially with regard to third party vendors.
- o. The School District shall continue to improve and provide a reasonable SAFE environment for students and teachers, there should be no tolerance for bullying by students, faculty, administrators, staff, or other school employees.
- p. Continuing Education hours for SEL, CRT, DEI or associated ideologies must not be considered valid hours to be credited to teachers for continuing hourly education credit.
- q. All wage increases for school employees shall be based primarily on performance.

STATE ISSUES

7. General Policies

- a. The Nevada Legislature shall not allow the removal or disbursement of water from Douglas County Aquifers to any entity or geographical area outside of Douglas County.
- b. The Nevada Legislature shall not invest its Governor with any emergency power of a duration exceeding seven days without specific legislative authority.
- c. The State will not impose mandates, nor support Federal mandates, that negate or infringe on Constitutional rights.
- d. The Nevada Legislature and Nevada Board of Regents shall insist that free and open debate and speech are never inhibited in our State offices, Legislature, or college campuses.
- e. We support Nevada being a Constitutional carry State.
- f. Nevada shall designate English as the Official State Language.
- g. Nevada shall repeal any and all laws that permit the issuance of driver's licenses to illegal aliens.
- h. The Nevada Legislature shall prohibit any county, city, township, or municipality in the State from being a Sanctuary for illegal aliens.
- i. Nevada shall petition the Federal Government to transfer all BLM land within the State, where practical, to State control.
- j. Nevada shall petition the Federal Government to transfer Federal land identified for disposal to State control.
- k. Nevada shall facilitate the right to a jury trial for all persons charged with a misdemeanor under Nevada State law.
- l. The Nevada Legislature shall enact tort reform.
- m. We support Constitutional justification for all new State legislation.
- n. We support Douglas County becoming a "Home Rule" County.
- o. The Nevada Legislature shall remove all impediments to private sector energy development.

8. Employment

- a. Nevada shall prohibit collective bargaining for public sector unions.
- b. The Nevada Legislature shall repeal prevailing wage laws.
- c. Nevada shall remain a "Right to Work" state.
- d. The Nevada Legislature shall enact laws that mandate that all public employment contracts including, but not limited to, union contracts shall be negotiated in a public forum, and no contractual obligations shall be agreed upon in private without an opportunity for review by the general public.
- e. Nevada shall mandate E-verify for all employment in any business in the State.

9. Budget, Finance, and Taxing

- a. Nevada shall adopt Zero-based Budgeting in formulating its State budget.
- b. We support the repeal of the Commerce Tax.
- c. The Nevada Legislature shall reject any new tax or increase in any current tax or fee.
- d. The Nevada Legislature shall review all business regulations and taxes, and repeal those that discourage or overburden business formation or growth.
- e. The Nevada Legislature shall not pass legislation that includes unfunded mandates.
- f. The Nevada Legislature shall add "sunset" provisions to all applicable State programs, agencies, legislation, rules, and regulations.

10. Education

- a. The Nevada Legislature and the Nevada Board of Education shall support parents' rights to direct their children's education pathway.
- b. The Nevada Legislature shall provide for school choice.
- c. We support the Nevada Legislature establishing a new funding policy for K-12 education, whereby the public funding for each student's education goes to the school chosen by the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student and not to the default public school.
- d. The Nevada Legislature and the Nevada Board of Education shall prohibit the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) or any derivative of it in Pre-K, K-12, or post-secondary education.

- e. Nevada shall withdraw from Common Core.
- f. Nevada shall return school funding to the local districts where the taxes were collected.
- g. The Nevada Legislature and the Nevada Board of Education shall protect the privacy of all Nevada K-12 students, particularly with regard to third party vendors, except for the U.S. Military.
- h. Schools shall notify parents if third party data vendors are used, and if a data breach has occurred.
- i. Parents shall be able to opt out of third-party vendor programs, and students who opt out must be provided a reasonable alternative.
- j. Continuing Education hours for SEL, CRT, DEI or associated ideologies must not be considered valid hours to be credited to teachers for continuing hourly education credit.
- k. School Boards in Nevada shall retain teachers based on merit and not tenure.

11. Voting Laws, Rules, and Regulations

- a. The Nevada Legislature shall reinstate the Presidential Caucus system to remain "First in the West" during the Presidential Campaign.
- b. We oppose Federal efforts to usurp voting rights and procedures that are set forth in State law.
- c. The Nevada Legislature shall mandate proof of U.S. Citizenship as a requirement to vote.
- d. The Nevada Legislature shall mandate photo identification for a person to vote.
- e. The Nevada Legislature shall rescind same day voter registration.
- f. The Legislature shall terminate vote by mail except by absentee request.
- g. No electronic voting machines shall be used in Nevada.
- h. The Nevada Legislature shall mandate that Counties adopt a paper, watermarked, unreproducible ballot for voting purposes.
- i. Nevada shall rescind automatic voter registration through the DMV and all other State agencies.

j. Nevada shall protect the Electoral College and oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC).

k. Nevada shall oppose efforts for open primaries.

12. Welfare

a. We support welfare reform to require welfare recipients to be drug-free via drug testing as a condition of continued receipt of welfare benefits.

b. We support welfare recipients performing Community Service if able.

13. Healthcare

a. Nevada shall promote the right of its residents to purchase and transfer healthcare insurance between states.

b. Nevada shall encourage Health Savings Accounts.

14. Water. We support any and all efforts to prevent the Southern Nevada Water Authority's "water grab" in any and all eastern, northern, western, and central Nevada counties.

FEDERAL ISSUES

15. General Policies

a. We demand our elected officials at all levels support and give effect to the Constitution, as prescribed in Article VI, and resist all efforts to enforce it via changes under Article V.

b. We oppose Federal mandates that negate or infringe on Constitutional rights.

c. We oppose Federal efforts to usurp voting rights and procedures that are set forth in State law.

d. We oppose any form of Critical Race Theory ideology in training or policy regarding our military, government officials, or government employees.

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

f. We oppose the right-to-strike by public employees.

g. We support the operation under Nevada State control of Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository as a world-class, high tech nuclear research, storage, and science facility predicated upon sound, safe, and proven scientific principles.

h. We oppose government funded organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, donating to political candidates or parties.

i. We believe that the biological sex of a child be designated/determined on the birth certificate, if medically possible.

j. We oppose any limitations imposed by the Federal Government on the development of natural resources (States' Rights, 10th Amendment issue).

16. Rights of Individuals

a. We affirm the individual right to keep and bear arms recognized under both the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions, and we avow to preserve and defend those rights against any infringements by statute, initiative, regulation, executive order, or gun registration law.

b. We support nationwide Concealed Carry Weapon Permit reciprocity.

c. We support "Red Flag Laws" to be illegal Search and Seizure, therefore, unconstitutional.

17. Congressional, Executive, and Judicial

a. We support term limits for members of Congress from all states.

b. We support the proposition that impeachment must be based on high crimes and misdemeanors, not partisanship.

c. We support reorganization of the Departments of Energy, Education, and Labor.

d. We support Constitutional justification for all new federal legislation.

e. We support the policy that all new legislation should contain a "sunset" provision, except in matters to Defense.

f. We support a thorough review and revision of the Endangered Species Act.

g. We support reducing the time that any federally regulated business must retain transaction records from twenty to seven years.

h. We support lifting the now decades old "temporary" moratorium on mining claim patents.

18. Defense and Foreign Affairs

a. We support a strong national defense and oppose any efforts to weaken our military.

b. We oppose any action that places the U.S. Constitution in a subservient role to other nations or international organizations in determining any policy, treaty, or course of action.

c. We oppose implementation or support of Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030, adopted by the United Nations, because both directly lead to centralized control over private property.

19. Immigration

a. We do not condone the actions of those who enter the United States illegally in violation of our immigration laws.

b. Illegal or undocumented aliens shall not be relocated anywhere within Nevada.

c. We support merit-based immigration.

d. We oppose DACA recipients being awarded legal status.

e. We oppose chain migration.

f. We oppose the lottery system (Diversity Immigrant Visa Program).

g. We support full enforcement of current immigration laws and oppose amnesty, sanctuary cities, government benefits, or other special treatment for those who are in the United States illegally.

h. We support reformation of immigration and naturalization laws governing time constraints, processes, approvals, and documentation.

i. We support securing our land and sea borders to prevent illegal entry, including the building of a wall to protect our southern border.

j. We support requiring State and local Law Enforcement to work closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

k. We support a review of the automatic birthright to any child born of illegal aliens or visitors in the United States per Section 5 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

l. We support the enforcement of the requirement that employers, including the government, verify the legal residency of anyone applying for employment before actually being hired, mandatory E-verify.

20. Financial and Taxing

- a. We support the policy of Zero-based Budgeting.
- b. We support the reduction of the National Debt.
- c. We support the immediate defunding and repeal of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), also known as Obamacare.
- d. We support the elimination of corporate bailouts.
- e. We oppose any effort (legislative, executive order, regulatory) to modify, forgive, release, or excuse any federal or federally guaranteed student loan obligation.
- f. We support eliminating foreign aid to those countries that show contempt for the United States.
- g. We support elimination of the Federal and State Minimum Wage Laws.
- h. We oppose Stimulus programs.
- i. We support making the tax cuts authorized by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent.
- j. We support a flat income tax.
- k. We support elimination of any tax on repatriated income.
- l. We support elimination of the Inheritance (Death) Tax, and the Capital Gains Tax.
- m. We oppose any action that would institute "Cap and Trade."
- n. We support an independent audit/reevaluation of the need for a Federal Reserve.
- o. We support reformation of Social Security to create a sustainable program and to eliminate the ability of Congress to spend funds from Social Security.
- p. We support legislation eliminating all executive orders that relax qualifications for welfare benefits.

q. We support welfare reform to require welfare recipients to be drug-free via drug testing as a condition of continued receipt of welfare benefits.

r. We support returning "Workfare" (U.S. Code 2029 - Workfare) to its original intent and application as passed by Congress in 1996.

s. We oppose all unfunded mandates.

21. Abortion

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

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

c. We oppose taxpayer funding of abortion and organizations that advocate or provide abortions including partial birth abortions.

d. We support that critical medical aid shall be provided to a live birth.

e. We support the policy that medical professionals, healthcare facilities, religious organizations, and insurers should not be compelled to participate, provide, or pay for abortions, conscience-violating, or life-ending procedures.

f. We support parental notification for minors considering abortion.

g. We support that fetal remains shall not be used for testing or pharmaceuticals.

h. We support enforcement of statutory rape reporting laws.

22. Veterans Affairs. We support and honor our veterans and demand the U.S. Veterans Administration's health care system provide veterans with first-rate medical care in a timely, convenient, and professional manner.

