

2020-2022 DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

County Issues

1. County Policies

- a) The County should follow the land use plan set forth in the Master Plan and strongly resist Master Plan amendments.
- b) The County should not approve any new taxes without a vote of the people.
- c) The County shall consider all new ordinances and regulations for “sunset” review provisions.
- d) The County shall resist any and all efforts by any outside entity to use or divert water from the Douglas County Aquifers.
- e) The County shall not permit marijuana dispensaries.
- f) The County shall prioritize infrastructure over all new county projects.
- g) We support revising the current Douglas County policies to allow mining claim development without Douglas County retaining mineral rights.
- h) We are opposed to any form of subsidized housing to be planned, permitted, or built in Douglas County.
- i) Public Comment should be allowed at both “For Presentation” and “For Possible Action” Items before the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Redevelopment

- a) The County shall not create 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 divert monies raised through taxation or bonding for a specific purpose to any other purpose without the approval of the voters.
- c) The County shall not borrow money secured by General Obligation Bonds without the approval of the voters.
- d) Any County expenditure item brought by the Board of County Commissioners in a public meeting shall identify the revenue source(s)

funding such expenditure.

4. Transparency and Accountability

- a) The County shall with forthrightness and expediency publicly report any and all issues of concern regarding irregularities in its accounting or policies.
- b) We support all elected officials acting in the best interest of the citizens.
- c) The County must oversee its accounts such that irregularities are discovered in a timely manner.
- d) We support the County's Audit Committee and progress on its internal auditing.
- e) Candidates who run under the Republican banner should govern according to Republican principles and the Platform.

5. County Employment

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

6. Education

- a) The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall withdraw from using Common Core standards and curriculum.
- b) The Douglas County School Board of Trustees shall allow parents to opt out of any and all standardized tests administered by the District.
- c) 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.
- d) 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 or Staff.
- e) Require all public schools in Nevada to teach civics/US Constitution.

State Issues

7. Employment

- a) The Nevada Legislature shall repeal prevailing wage laws.
- b) The Nevada Legislature shall review all business regulations and taxes, and repeal those that discourage or overburden business formation and growth.
- c) The Nevada Legislature shall remove all impediments to private sector energy development.
- d) Nevada shall remain a “Right to Work” state.
- e) 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.
- f) Nevada shall mandate E-verify for all employment in any business in the state.
- g) Nevada shall prohibit collective bargaining for public sector unions.

8. Budget and Finance

- a) Nevada shall adopt Zero-Based Budgeting in formulating its state budget.
- b) The Nevada Legislature shall reject any new tax or increase in any current tax or fee.
- c) The Nevada Legislature shall add “sunset” provisions to all applicable state programs, agencies, legislation, rules, and regulations.
- d) We support the repeal of the Commerce Tax.
- e) The Nevada Legislature or any other governmental body shall not pass legislation that includes unfunded mandates.
- f) We support welfare reform to require welfare recipients to be drug-free via drug testing as a condition of continued receipt of welfare benefits.
- g) We support welfare recipients performing Community Service if able.

9. Education

- a) The Nevada Legislature shall provide for school choice.

- b) Nevada shall return school funding to the local districts where the taxes were collected.
- c) Nevada shall withdraw from Common Core.
- d) 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 US Military. Schools shall notify parents if third party data vendors are used, and if a data breach has occurred. Parents shall be able to opt out of third party vendor programs, and students who opt out must be provided a reasonable alternative.
- e) The Nevada Legislature and the Nevada Board of Education shall support parents' rights to direct their childrens' education pathway.
- f) School Boards in Nevada shall retain teachers based on merit and not tenure.

10. Public Policy

- a) Nevada shall designate English as the Official State Language.
- b) Nevada shall repeal the law that permits the issuance of driver's licenses to illegal aliens.
- c) The Nevada Legislature shall prohibit any county, city, township or municipality in the state from being a Sanctuary for illegal aliens.
- d) 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.
- e) Nevada shall petition the Federal Government to transfer all state land identified for disposal to state control.
- f) Nevada shall petition the Federal Government to transfer all BLM land within the state, where practical, to state control.
- g) Nevada shall facilitate the right to a jury trial for all persons charged with a misdemeanor under Nevada State Law.
- h) The Nevada Legislature shall enact tort reform.
- i) We support constitutional justification for all new State legislation.
- j) We support Douglas County becoming a "Home Rule" County.

11. Voting Laws, Rules and Regulations

- a) The Nevada Legislature shall make proof of U. S. Citizenship a requirement to vote.
- b) The Nevada Legislature shall rescind same day registration.
- c) The Nevada Legislature shall mandate photo identification for a person to vote.
- d) Nevada shall rescind automatic voter registration through the DMV.
- e) Nevada shall retain the Presidential Caucus system to remain “First in the West” during the Presidential Campaign.
- f) Nevada shall protect the Electoral College (Stop the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC)).
- g) Nevada shall oppose efforts for open primaries.

12. 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.

13. Water

- a) We support efforts to prevent the Southern Nevada Water Authority’s “water grab” in any and all eastern, northern, western, and central Nevada counties.

Federal Issues

14. Rights of Individuals, Citizenship

- 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 consider “Red Flag Laws” to be illegal Search and Seizure, therefore unconstitutional.
- d) We do not condone the actions of those who enter the United States illegally in violation of our immigration laws.

- e) We support full enforcement of current immigration laws and oppose amnesty, sanctuary cities, and government benefits or other special treatment for those who are in the United States illegally.
- f) We support requiring Law Enforcement to work closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- g) We support the reformation of immigration and naturalization laws governing time constraints, processes, approvals, and documentation.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) We support securing our land and sea borders to prevent illegal entry, including the building of a wall to protect our southern border.
- k) We oppose DACA recipients being awarded legal status.
- l) We oppose chain migration and lottery system (Diversity Immigrant Visa Program).
- m) We support merit based immigration.
- n) We support legislation affirming English as the official language for conducting business at all levels of government.
- o) We affirm the sanctity of life and the inherent dignity of each human being from conception to death. The unborn child has a fundamental right to life and should be welcomed into life and protected under the law.
- p) We oppose taxpayer funding of abortion and organizations that advocate or provide abortions including partial birth abortions.
- q) We support the policy that medical, professional healthcare facilities, religious organizations, and insurers should not be compelled to participate, provide, or pay for abortions, conscience-violating, or life-ending procedures.
- r) We support parental notification for minors considering abortion, and we support enforcement of statutory rape reporting laws.
- s) We oppose the right-to-strike by public employees.
- t) We oppose government funded organizations such as Planned Parenthood donating to political candidates or parties.
- u) We support critical medical aid shall be provided to a live birth.

- v) We believe that the biological sex of a child should be designated/determined on the birth certificate if medically possible. Fetal remains shall not be used for testing or pharmaceuticals.

15. Congressional, Executive, Judicial

- a) We support term limits for members of Congress from all states.
- b) We support the policy that all new legislation should contain a “sunset” provision, except in matters relating to defense issues.
- c) We support constitutional justification for all new federal legislation.
- d) We support a thorough review and revision of the Endangered Species Act .
- e) We support reducing the time that any federally regulated business must retain transaction records from twenty to seven years.
- f) We support lifting the now decades old “temporary” moratorium on mining claim patents.
- g) We support the idea that impeachment must be based on high crimes and misdemeanors, not partisanship.

16. 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, adopted by the United Nations in 1992, because it directly leads to centralized control over private property.

17. Financial

- a) We support the policy of Zero-Based Budgeting, and reduction of National Debt.
- b) We support the elimination of corporate bailouts.
- c) We support eliminating foreign aid to those countries that show contempt for the United States.

- d) We support reorganization of the Departments of Energy, Education, and Labor.
- e) We oppose Stimulus programs.
- f) We support a flat income tax.
- g) We support elimination of the tax on repatriated income.
- h) We support elimination of the Inheritance (death) Tax, and the Capital Gains Tax.
- i) We support an independent audit/ re-evaluation of the need for a Federal Reserve.
- j) We support reformation of Social Security to create a sustainable program and to eliminate the ability of the Congress to spend funds from Social Security.
- k) We oppose any action that would institute "Cap and Trade".
- l) We oppose any limitations imposed by the Federal Government on the development of natural resources (States Rights, 10th Amendment issue).
- m) We support the immediate defunding and repeal of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), also known as Obamacare.
- n) We support Yucca Mountain as a world-class, high tech nuclear research, storage, and science facility predicated upon sound, safe, and proven scientific principles under State control.
- o) We support elimination of the Federal and State Minimum Wage Laws.
- p) We support legislation eliminating all executive orders that relax qualifications for welfare benefits.
- q) We support returning "Workfare" (7U.S. Code 2029 – Workfare) to its original intent and application as passed by Congress in 1996.
- r) We support welfare reform to require welfare recipients to be drug-free via drug testing as a condition of continued receipt of welfare benefits.
- s) We oppose all unfunded mandates.

18. Veterans Affairs

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

19. Constitution

- 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.