

## **2026 DCRP Platform**

### **Preamble**

The Douglas County Republican Party presents its 2026 Platform and renews its dedication to the following beliefs:

We believe the strength of our state is in its people. We believe the input and participation of each citizen is critical to maintaining a government which represents and encourages individual initiative and the free enterprise system, which has given our nation an economic system second to none.

We believe good government should guarantee to its citizens' equality before the law regardless of political party, race, creed, age, gender, national origin, or income level. Each person's ability, dignity, and freedom, as well as responsibilities, must be recognized and honored.

We believe the government should promote the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens and that the government's proper function is to only do those things which citizens cannot do for themselves.

We believe the foundation of the Republican Party is diverse and regardless of its position on any particular issue, all Nebraskans are welcomed to join and support candidates who are constitutional and Platform dedicated Republicans.

With these principles, we believe that the Douglas County Republican Party is the means for persons who desire a positive and responsive government at the city, county, state, and national levels.

### **Agriculture**

The Douglas County Republican Party recognizes agriculture in all its many facets, including farming, ranching and agribusiness, as Nebraska's leading industry and a cornerstone of its economy. We support the establishment of expanded markets as part of a fair and open global marketplace. We believe in a free and open marketplace functioning in fairness to family farms, ranches, and independent agribusiness operations. We encourage the enforcement of state and federal antitrust laws to their benefit. We support laws prohibiting ownership of United States farmland, property, or other assets by foreign governments, entities or individuals controlled by same.

### **Constitution**

We believe in and fully support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Nebraska, and the DCRP as our founding documents. We support retaining the Electoral College as outlined in the Constitution of the United States. We oppose the National Popular

Vote Compact and support Winner Take All. We support the idea of limited government and expect our elected officials to uphold the oaths they swore to defend. We support term limits for elected officials and expect all laws must apply to the lawmakers as well as their constituents.

## **Crime and Public Protection**

The #1 job of Government should be to provide protection for all its citizens. Our safety must be the guiding principle of criminal justice. This means that Sharia Law shall be banned in our state. This requires a judicial system that imposes swift and appropriate punishment for heinous crimes, strict incarceration for violent crimes and punishment for non-violent crimes.

We call particular attention to the problems of illegal/legal drug use, child/spouse abuse and neglect, human trafficking and pornography, which strike at the roots of our families. We urge our elected officials to routinely examine the laws of our state to ensure the protection of our citizens, especially our children in this area.

We support the appointment and confirmation of judges who will follow the Constitution as it is written and not legislate their personal preferences from the bench. We oppose efforts to expand the Supreme Court of the United States to include more justices.

We believe all employers should require E verification (legal immigration form) in their hiring practices.

## **Education**

We believe parents have the primary responsibility for their children's education. Therefore, we support policies that provide parents with maximum control of the rearing of their children, including academic, moral, and religious education. We support efforts to provide parents with increased educational options for their children. We oppose Common Core and Critical Race Theory and believe that control of all aspects of public education should rest with parents and local school boards, not state or federal agencies.

We believe moral training based on principles established by God, under whom we profess to be a nation, should be returned to its proper and traditional place in public schools. We expect citizens to require fiscal and educational accountability from policy makers, educational institutions, and educational professionals to assure that quality services are being rendered. We oppose CSE (Comprehensive Sexuality Education) in all forms and support returning to core subjects.

We support the right of parents to personally observe all classroom instruction and activities. We strongly support the teaching of scientific, biologically verifiable X and Y chromosomal definition of male and female at birth and the use of locker rooms, sports team qualifications and restrooms based on the same definition.

## **Economic Development**

We believe the free market is the cornerstone of Liberty, producing a growing economy, which provides the best opportunity for citizens to support their families. Therefore, we support low tax, low regulation policies to promote risk taking and investment that fuels private economic growth

and job creation that lifts families out of poverty, thus enhancing each human being through the

dignity of gainful employment. We oppose any effort to transform our economic system from one of free enterprise to one of socialism.

We support employer sponsored safety standards, quality training and performance measures/outcomes with minimal government regulation.

### **Election Standards Voter ID**

We believe secure, transparent, and lawful elections are foundational to our constitutional republic. The integrity, authenticity, and reliability of Nebraska's election system must ensure that every qualified elector's vote is counted accurately and unlawful votes are prevented.

We support restoring Nebraska to a full winner-take-all allocation of Nebraska's Electoral College votes.

We support full enforcement and strengthening of Nebraska's voter identification law to ensure that only qualified electors cast ballots. We further support providing a free state-issued voter identification card to any eligible citizen who cannot afford one.

We support lawful measures to require affirmative documentary proof of United States citizenship at the time of voter registration and regular verification of voter rolls to ensure only qualified electors are registered.

We support Election Day voting as the standard, with limited, secure in-person early voting conducted under uniform statewide procedures. Excused absentee voting should be available upon request by qualified electors.

We support paper ballots as the official ballot of record, transparent chain-of-custody procedures, publicly auditable tabulation systems, and observable election processes to maintain voter confidence and trust.

### **Environment and Natural Resources**

We affirm our continuing commitment to clean air and water, productive lands, forests, abundant wildlife, and responsible stewardship of our God-given natural heritage. We believe that Nebraska's water is a resource vital to economic health and maintaining a high quality of life. Its preservation is essential and its management should occur on local and state levels and should address the potential of future water shortages.

We support the return of control of public land within the states to the state level. We support policies which protect the rights of hunters, fishermen, and other sportsmen on public lands. Such policies as those concerning wetlands and endangered species must be balanced between environmental and economic concerns and should not threaten individual property rights.

## **Energy Policy**

We oppose actions by Government that would increase the cost of energy to U.S. consumers. We support an all-inclusive energy approach and oppose top-down federal environment

mandates which place an unnecessary, costly burden on consumers, businesses and taxpayers. We support the free market pursuit of energy independence and self-reliance.

## **Family**

We support measures that strengthen and affirm the family and marriage as the natural indispensable foundation for human development. We oppose laws and programs that intrude on family rights, contribute to the family dissolution, or interfere with parental authority. We oppose infanticide in all of its forms, both active and passive. We recognize biological sex as determined at birth and apply it to participation in or use of restrooms, locker rooms, sports teams and similar facilities and accommodations.

## **Fiscal Responsibility**

We believe all public entities have the responsibility to citizens of Douglas County Nebraska of the United States to operate under balanced budgets and fight increasing taxes by managing taxpayer funds in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner. All public programs should be held accountable for elimination of wasteful and duplicative practices, as well as elimination of fraud.

Excessive taxation and government regulation have made it increasingly difficult for families to meet their needs. We favor a tax policy that supports and strengthens the American family. We oppose progressive taxation policies that punish wealth and success.

## **Health Care**

We oppose any type of single-payer healthcare, also known as the Affordable Care Act. We favor tort reform, tax policies, and regulatory changes that would afford citizens the opportunity to purchase health care as they deem appropriate using the free market. We oppose taxpayer funded abortion. We oppose one size fits all healthcare mandates, and we also oppose health passports & SMART health cards. We support strengthening Nebraska's mental health and substance abuse care systems and support public-private partnerships to address these issues. We oppose any attempt to socialize or nationalize the American healthcare system. We support the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

## **Human Rights**

We believe all human beings have an unalienable right to life which is endowed by their Creator from the moment of conception to natural death, and which the state exists to protect. We, therefore, affirm that the government acts outside its authority when it grants anyone the right to take innocent human life. We believe that the concept of equal rights and equal responsibilities under the law is basic to a free society and oppose discrimination that violates our unalienable rights.

## **Immigration**

We oppose utilizing the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to grant birthright citizenship to illegal immigrants or temporary visitors to the U.S. We support and welcome all legal

immigration into the United States. In fairness to legal immigrants, we support stringent federal, state, and local efforts to stop the tide of foreign nationals violating immigration laws or abusing legal programs. We believe border security is national security. We support efforts to 1) combat human and drug trafficking; 2) reduce illegal border crossings; and 3) utilize merit based legal immigration.

We oppose sanctuary status for cities and states, and taxpayer funded benefits to those who have broken our immigration laws, such as taxpayer subsidized in-state tuition for illegal immigrants. We support deportation of all illegals in a humane manner.

## **Law Enforcement**

We strongly support our law enforcement community and first responders. We extend our sincere gratitude for the invaluable job of keeping our neighborhoods safe.

## **Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

We support the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legislation, which would have the effect of infringing upon this inalienable right. We believe that law-abiding gun owners should not have their constitutional right curtailed because of the actions of criminals.

## **Senior Americans**

Senior citizens deserve the opportunity to live their lives with dignity and with continued confidence in the integrity of the Social Security system. We believe Social Security and Medicare should be protected. We support exemption from Federal and state income tax for Social Security benefits and personal property tax exemptions for seniors. We condemn ageism in all its forms.

## **Social Services**

We believe those individuals who cannot provide for themselves should be assisted by government, private philanthropy and faith-based groups, but every effort should be made to help them become self-supporting, productive citizens with pride in their independence. We support welfare reform with strict audit policies to prevent abuse of welfare programs that lead to multi-generational dependency.

## **Transparency**

We believe the government operates best when it is transparent and accountable. We support open votes for leadership positions in a legislative body.

### **Veterans**

Recognizing the special sacrifices of those that are serving and have served in our nation's armed forces, we support reasonable compensation for those Nebraska residents on active duty and for retirement benefits of veterans and their survivors. We support exemptions from state income tax, personal property and real estate tax for both active-duty military pay and veteran's retirement benefits. We further support federal and state policies granting veterans greater flexibility and access to rightfully earned medical care. We support recruiting and training more veterans to run for federal, state and local offices. In addition, we support the use of our limited resources in favor of benefits for active-duty military and citizen veterans instead of benefits for illegal immigrants.

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