

# STOREY COUNTY **REPUBLICAN** PARTY PLATFORM

*We the people of the Storey County Republican Party, affirm that this Nation, State, and County were founded upon the principle that all people are created equal; that the powers of government as outlined in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are derived from the people for the purpose of protecting the people's God given right to be free and to choose their own pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness; without regard to race, gender, religion, country of origin, or sexual orientation.*

## FIRST PRINCIPLES

Limited Government Power	We believe in the Constitutional design of separate and distinct branches of government and the balance of power between them.
Responsibility of Elected Officials and Candidates	We expect elected officials and candidates for elected and appointed office to strictly abide by the U.S. Constitution, the Nevada State Constitution and their Oath of Office, and maintain accountability to the citizens under whom they serve.
Fiscal Responsibility	We expect elected officials and candidates for elected and appointed office to be responsible with public funds; to restrain government spending to that which is absolutely necessary; to manage within balanced budgets at all levels of government (except in time of war as declared by Congress); and to implement a simplified tax code that respects income and property.
Private Property Rights	<p>We believe in minimal government regulation of private property and the restricted expansion of rules and regulations beyond specific legislative definition.</p> <p>We advocate for strong federal and state legislation to prevent abuse of the eminent domain power and to clarify and reinforce the Fifth Amendment limitation that private property may be taken only for public ownership, with just compensation paid when property is taken or devalued by regulation.</p>
Military and Veterans	We honor, and respect all U.S. military forces, veterans, and their dependents and expect government to provide the needed resources, proper compensation, and related benefits as promised and contracted.
Natural Resources and the Environment	We advocate for government policies and regulations that protect the environment based on valid peer-reviewed science, and manage natural resources while encouraging jobs and economic vitality.
Collective Bargaining	We advocate ending collective bargaining for wages and benefits for all public employees.
English as the Official Language	We support legislation that establishes English as the official language in which national, state, and local governments conduct business, and as the foundation for all public education.
Value Life & Family	<p>We believe in the sanctity of life and the protection of innocents, and support ending the government's funding of programs that conflict with this primary moral tenet.</p> <p>We recognize the family as the foundation unit of our society and support family rights without undue government interference on those rights and responsibilities.</p>
Citizen Involvement	We encourage all citizens of good character who share the goals and principles stated in this platform to participate in the public process; to influence government policies; and to seek elected office. We pledge to actively support candidates and those already elected whose statements, acts, and deeds remain consistent with our principles and this platform.

<b>FEDERAL</b>	
Constitutional Authority	We believe in the United States Constitution as written and intended by the founders, and the Constitution of the State of Nevada, without amendment, modification, or limitation by judicial interpretation.
Legislative Accountability	We expect the Executive, members of Congress, and the Judiciary to equally abide by all laws imposed upon the citizenry.
1st Amendment	All government officials are expected to respect the rights of individuals to gather, to engage in political debate, voluntary prayer, or any other exercise of free speech.
2nd Amendment	We hold firm in the belief in the citizens’ right to keep and bear arms, without infringement, in order to protect themselves, their property, their family and neighbors; we oppose restrictions to this right such as, but not limited to, mandatory gun registration, licensing of gun owners, and restriction on law-abiding citizens’ right to purchase, own, and carry firearms, ammunition, or firearm components.
Constitutional Convention	The process of Constitutional amendment is set forth in Article V of the U.S. Constitution, but we do not support a Constitutional Convention until the government and its agencies demonstrate a renewed and sustained adherence to, and enforcement of, the enumerated rights, powers, and limitations currently set forth in the foundational document.
Electoral College	We hold firm in our belief that Nevada’s Electoral College votes must be maintained to guard against a minority of states usurping control of the Presidential election process.
4th Amendment	We call for the repeal of provisions of the Patriot Act, Military Commissions Act, Defense Authorization Act, and similar legislation that violate the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that protects the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches, liens, and forfeitures without due process.
10 <sup>th</sup> Amendment	We support full adherence to the 10 <sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which reserves to the states and the people, all powers not specifically delegated to the federal government.
Immigration & Border Control	We support legal immigration, securing our borders against incursion by those who pose a threat to this nation or demonstrate disregard for our laws. We expect all levels of government and law enforcement to cooperate in the enforcement of national immigration laws.
National Sovereignty	<p>We expect our Government to maintain full control of our national sovereignty and be in command of our armed forces at all times; and, to honor the U.S. Constitution and all law and statutes promulgated under it as the basis for creating new laws, regulations, and court and administrative decisions.</p> <p>We strongly oppose any advocacy for allegiance and adherence to any non-U.S. laws or programs, such as, but not limited to, Sharia Law, U.N. Agenda 21/Sustainable Development, Convention on Rights of the Child, and other initiatives that abrogate our right to self determination and national rule of law.</p>

<b>STATE</b>	
State Sovereignty	We advocate for the return of BLM land to the State of Nevada for stewardship and public benefit.
Voter Verification	We demand legislation requiring proof of U.S. citizenship and residency at the time of voter registration; and, the requirement to display authentic government-issued photo identification at the time of voting.
Taxes	<p>We expect maintenance of the Nevada State Constitution’s prohibition on a state income tax, which should include a prohibition on fees and service charges levied in lieu thereof.</p> <p>We call for the repeal of the Commerce Tax.</p>
Public Education	<p>We believe that education is fundamental to creating an effective citizenry with the capacity for self-government and we support all forms of education, including public education that is open to all. Additionally, we believe that education is best when controlled by parents through local and state administration.</p> <p>We support parental choice in the schools their children attend inclusive of the apportioned return of the appropriate tax-collected money to fund tuition.</p> <p>We expect that the power to determine the educational content taught in local schools will be solely determined by local school boards in conjunction with parents.</p>
<b>COUNTY</b>	
Managed Growth	We support the County’s Master Plan and expect it to be foundational to all decisions for growth and development.
Financial Management	<p>We support annual publication of County Financial Statements and summary of past performance to previously approved budgets.</p> <p>We support priority based budgeting where we expect the County to reallocate funds between cost centers vs. increasing the overall budget and expenditures which increases taxpayer burden.</p> <p>We expect County Government to rein in Employment Benefit Costs and prevent them from overwhelming future budget priorities and taxpayer funds.</p>
Ordinance Sunsets	All new ordinances and regulations shall include a “sunset” review provision that insures periodic review of purpose, impact, and efficacy.
Scope of Government	<p>We expect County Government to provide only essential infrastructure and community services.</p> <p>Non-essential and special-interest-focused services and programs that can be equitably provided by user-cooperatives and non-profit/charitable organizations shall be privatized.</p>