

# 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	<p>We believe in the Constitutional design of separate and distinct branches of government and the balance of power between them.</p> <p>We find unchecked Government authoritarianism abhorrent, and strongly advocate specific and restrictive limits on any branch or division of Government's ability to impose or suspend citizens' constitutional rights.</p>
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.
Government Accountability	We strongly believe that all branches and divisions of Government and elected officials must be equally bound and accountable to the word and spirit of any legislation imposed upon the citizenry.
Fiscal Responsibility	We expect elected Government officials at all levels to be responsible with public funds; to restrain government spending to that which is absolutely necessary; to manage within balanced budgets (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 acceptable limits of the Fifth Amendment.</p>
Military and Veterans	<p>We support Foreign and Defense policy that embodies the philosophy of "<i>Peace through Strength</i>", and that honoring our treaties and commitments with foreign allies builds trust and projects the strength that maintains international tranquility.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 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 are consistent with our principles and platform.
Election Integrity	The integrity and security of each citizens' vote and our election process is fundamental to our rights and the perpetuation of our Republic. We believe that it should be <i>easy to vote but hard to cheat</i> . We believe in the right of all qualified citizens to have an equal opportunity to vote, and feel secure that their vote is accurately counted in an observable and transparent manner.

<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 on the citizenry.  We support the transparency and accountability of government at all levels consistent with the Open Meeting Law requirements as defined in Nevada statute.
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	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.  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.

<b>STATE</b>	
State Sovereignty	We advocate for the return of BLM land to the State of Nevada for stewardship and public benefit.
Election Integrity	<p>We believe that it should be <i>easy to vote but hard to cheat</i>. We believe in the right of all qualified citizens to have an equal opportunity to vote, and feel secure that their vote is accurately counted in an observable and transparent manner.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We want timely and effective voter registration roll management and in-person voting on Election Day unless an Absentee Ballot is requested by the citizen.</p>
Government Accountability	We want state government at all levels to be transparent and accountable in its deliberations and actions consistent with the Open Meeting Law requirements set forth in Nevada statute.
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>
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 the parents, with involvement by all citizens, through active participation in 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 parents have the power to determine the educational content taught in local schools through direct involvement with local school boards and with input from all the citizens.</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 transparency of County Finances and the ready availability of past and current performance to previously approved budgets to the maximum cost effective extent possible.</p> <p>We support priority based balanced 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>
Public Education	We expect the elected leaders and administrators of our Public Education System to be available, responsive and accountable to the parents and citizens of the County so that plans, budgets, policies, curriculum and actions are transparent to the fullest extent allowed by the law.