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Preamble

Affirming our belief in God, we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity. The Republican Party of Texas unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, established by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the United States Constitution. We recognize that human nature is immutable. We further recognize that the traditional family is the strength of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and cultivate responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends on free-market principles. We also recognize that, should we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live according to these ideals.

Principles

We, the 2026 Republican Party of Texas, believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action. We believe in:

1. “The laws of nature and nature’s God,” and we recognize the historic and continuing influence of Christianity in securing our rights and liberties as endowed by our Creator. We support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.
2. The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.
3. Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom.
4. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.
5. The concept that all liberties, freedoms, and rights require personal responsibility and accountability.
6. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of one natural man and one natural woman.
7. Parents having the complete freedom of choice for the education of their children, and where and by whom they acquire the general diffusion of knowledge.
8. The right of all people to defend themselves and their property is inalienable.
9. A free-enterprise society, is to be unencumbered by government interference, and that economic liberty and private property rights shall not be suspended, even during declared emergencies, disasters, public health crises, the State of the Union address, or societal circumstances.
10. The honoring of all those who serve and protect, or who have served and protected our freedom.

Constitutional Issues

Preservation of Constitution

1. Keep Oath to the Constitutions: We call for all who swear the oath to support and maintain allegiance to the strict construction of the United States and Texas Constitutions.
2. Amendments to the Texas Constitution: For the preservation of our Constitutional Republic as set forth in the Texas Bill of Rights we:
 - a) Support an amendment to the Texas Constitution that will require a majority of the voters in at least 170 counties (two-thirds), instead of a simple majority of the votes, to pass amendments.

- b) Support limiting the terms of the Texas Speaker of the House to two consecutive terms, after which the Speaker must vacate the office for the same number of terms served, after which that Speaker is eligible to run again.
 - c) Support an amendment to Article 4, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution to allow the Texas Legislature to convene itself on petition from 55 percent of each house's elected and serving members between Regular Sessions.
 - d) Support an amendment for term limits of twelve (12) years for state and county offices.
 - e) Support an amendment to allow the Attorney General of Texas to prosecute cases anywhere in Texas where county district attorneys refuse to enforce State law, and to prosecute those who are accused with prima facie evidence of violating State laws.
 - f) Support amending the language of the Texas Constitution to mirror the language of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, ensuring clarity and consistency in the protection of the people's right to keep and bear arms. In addition, licensed concealed carry holders may legally carry firearms in public sporting venues, including, but not limited to, ball parks, arenas, sporting events, airshows, car shows, rodeos, at any other venue financed in part with taxpayer funds, or at any venue that is tax exempt.
 - g) Pass unrestricted Constitutional Carry by amending Article 1, Section 23, of the Texas Constitution by removing the phrase: "but the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime."
 - h) Support an amendment that would allow for the recall of any elected officials in the State of Texas for misconduct while in office, or failure to properly represent their constituents.
3. Enforce the Constitution Article 4, Section 4: The sovereignty of this State requires the protections afforded under Article 4, Section 4, of the US Constitution, and any failing thereof authorizes the Governor of this State or the Legislature to declare an invasion, which shall be met with the full force of this State.
4. No Foreign Law: Texas courts shall not recognize, apply, or enforce any foreign law, including Sharia law or any religious legal code or political structure, that conflicts with the United States and Texas Constitutions and laws. Texas shall not recognize the operation of any private enclave, compound, tribunal, or association claiming exemption from Texas civil, criminal, or constitutional law.
5. Judicial Overreach: All attempts by the judiciary to rule in areas not constitutionally granted to the judiciary, including abuses of the Commerce Clause, the General Welfare Clause, and the Supremacy Clause, should be nullified. Any federal enforcement activities that occur in Texas shall be conducted under the authority of the county sheriff (SCOTUS ruling in 1997 *Mack and Printz v. US*).
6. Limiting the Power of the Supreme Court: We support Congress's limiting the power of the Supreme Court by invoking Article 3, Section 2, Clause 2, by "legislating exceptions and creating regulations" to limit the cases for which the Supreme Court has jurisdiction.
7. Amendments to the United States Constitution: We:
- a) Support term limits of twelve (12) years for the federal offices of US Senate and US House of Representatives.
 - b) Oppose "packing" (or enlarging) the US Supreme Court and support the pending "Keep Nine Amendment," as filed in the US Senate and the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.
 - c) Support the repeal or the nullification of the 16th Amendment (Federal Income Tax).
 - d) Support restoring state sovereignty with the repeal of the 17th Amendment of the US Constitution and the appointment of US Senators by the state legislatures.
 - e) Support a change to the 14th Amendment to eliminate "birth tourism" or anchor babies by granting citizenship only to those with at least one biological parent who is a legal United States citizen.
 - f) Support a constitutional amendment making English the official language of the United States, and one of no more than two official languages of all US territories and other possessions.

8. Executive Orders: We oppose all executive orders, whether by a president, a governor, or a local official, that go beyond administration of executive authority and have the effect of legislation. We call on the Texas Legislature or local lawmakers to nullify such executive orders.
9. Limiting Overreaching State Government: We recognize that the sovereignty of this State and its citizenry has been imperiled and threatened by the ongoing overreach of state elected officials and agencies. We therefore call for the enforcement of Article 2 of the Texas Constitution and restoration of our liberty by the following:
- a) To protect individual liberties, we must revise Texas Government Code Chapter 418, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.
 - b) No form of government shall ever again implement mass lockdowns on the people, our businesses, or our churches.
 - c) We oppose funding or implementation of any form of contact tracing.
 - d) The State Constitution must be changed to require the Legislature come to session after a declared emergency lasting 30 days or more in five or more counties.
 - e) The Texas Governor shall no longer use executive orders to create public policy or law and shall no longer have the power to close businesses or declare some as “essential” or “non-essential.”
 - f) The Governor’s authority during an emergency shall not be delegated.
 - g) The Texas State Legislature will define areas of intrastate commerce that are immune from federal regulation.
10. Legislators are United States Citizens: We support requiring all elected officials in Texas to be citizens of the United States and call on the Texas Legislature to pursue all available constitutional and legal means to establish and enforce such qualifications for public office.
11. Undivided Loyalty: We call on the Texas Legislature to prohibit any person holding dual citizenship from serving as an elected official, board member, commissioner, or governmental advisor at any level of Texas state or local government, requiring full renunciation of foreign citizenship as a condition of holding such office; and we further call on the Texas Congressional Delegation to support and pass federal legislation applying the same prohibition to members of the United States Congress.

Citizen Rights

12. The Rights of a Sovereign People: We support the historic concept, established by our nation’s Founders, of limited civil government jurisdiction under the natural laws of God, and we oppose the concept that the state is sovereign over the affairs of men, the family, or the church. We believe that government properly exists by the consent of the governed and must be restrained from intruding into the freedoms of its citizens, to include due process. The function of government is not to grant rights, but to protect the unalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness of all, including the preborn. Texas shall keep the Texas Citizens Participation Act (TCPA) intact and preserve its broad scope and essential protections for 1st Amendment Rights.
13. Protecting Constitutional Rights Regarding Age: There should be a single age of majority on which, when reached, all citizens will be guaranteed their rights, duties, and privileges.
14. National Popular Vote: The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a direct violation of Article 1, Section 10, and Article 2, Section 1, of the Constitution and shall be rejected by Texas and all its officials. We support the Electoral College.
15. Habeas Corpus: Any federal suspension of the writ of habeas corpus against a Texas citizen shall be violative of the 10th Amendment, Texas sovereignty, and sovereignty of the individual, and be actionable by the State or the citizen.
16. Census: In accordance with the United States Constitution, we support an actual count of United States citizens, and we oppose Census Bureau estimates data manipulation, including “differential privacy,” and the collection of all other data. Illegal aliens and noncitizens must not be included in any census. We support a new census now instead of waiting until 2030.
17. Equal Rights Amendment: We call on the Texas Legislature to adopt a resolution clarifying that the 1972 ratification by the 62nd Texas Legislature of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution was valid only through March 22, 1979.

18. Parental Rights: The rights of parents are foundational to Western society and shall be respected, affirmed, and protected by the Texas Constitution and by Texas law. Furthermore, it is imperative that the Texas Legislature pass a Parental Rights Amendment to be added to the Texas Constitution in order to secure these rights for future generations. We call on the Legislature to properly recognize and affirm the fundamental right of parents to make all decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children in all aspects, especially in light of the grievous violations of the Texas education system. Any failure to recognize, protect, or honor these fundamental rights shall be actionable. No parent exercising any of these fundamental rights shall be prosecuted as domestic terrorists.

19. Prayer, Bible, and Ten Commandments in Schools: We support affirmation of God, including prayer, the Bible, and the Ten Commandments, being returned to our schools, courthouses, and other government buildings.

20. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms: State and Federal Legislatures shall:

- a) Repeal or nullify the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968.
- b) Nullify any gun laws that violate the 2nd Amendment or rights of due process.
- c) Support national reciprocity for gun ownership rights and the right to carry.
- d) Recognize the right of both License to Carry holders and off-duty or retired law enforcement personnel to carry anywhere, including, but not limited to, any state or federal property accessible to the general public, waterways, lakes, dams, and postal offices.
- e) Ensure that any of the above legislation shall not be construed as impinging on private property rights.
- f) Ensure that individuals who have acted in justified defense should presumptively be immune from civil liability.
- g) Ensure that tenants of leased premises should not be evicted for acting in justified self-defense.
- h) Require that financial service firms doing business in Texas do not record financial transactions using Merchant Category Codes (MCC) for purchases related to guns, ammunition, gun accessories, gun safes, gun range payments, gun range memberships, and other 2nd Amendment-protected activities. The use of any such services for the tracking of these purchases shall be banned.
- i) Require that businesses or commercial property owners that prohibit licensed permit holders from carrying a firearm into their establishments assume liability for their safety, since the owners are denying those persons the right to protect themselves.
- j) Republicans believe armor piercing ammunition and chemical dispensing devices (OC spray) are useful for defense and must be legalized in Texas.

State Sovereignty

21. State Sovereignty: Pursuant to Article 1, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, the federal government has impaired our right of local self-government. Therefore, federally mandated acts that infringe on the 10th Amendment rights of Texas shall be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified—by passing the Texas Sovereignty Act. Texas retains the right to secede from the United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called on to pass a referendum consistent thereto and pass the Texas Sovereignty Act.

22. Unfunded and Under-Funded Mandates: Unfunded mandates and under-funded mandates are unacceptable.

23. Equal Protection for the Preborn: We urge lawmakers to enact legislation to abolish abortion by immediately securing the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, because abortion violates the United States Constitution by denying such persons the equal protection of the law.

24. Article 5 Convention of States: The Texas Legislature shall extend the call for a Convention of States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

Business, Commerce, and Transportation

Markets and Regulation

25. Municipal Preemption: We encourage the Legislature to preempt local government efforts to interfere with the State's sovereignty over business, employees, and property rights including, but not limited to, burdensome regulations on short-term rentals, plastic bags, sick leave, trees, and employee criminal screening. We support preemption of city ordinances that prohibit or penalize private charity to United States citizens. Emergency orders should be excluded from these preemptions. Preemption shall not be applied expansively to benefit developers at the expense of existing citizens and property owners.

26. Licensing: We call on the Texas Legislature to review all Texas Department of Licenses and Regulations (TDLR), business and professional licensing programs, and associated licensing for the purpose of abolishing or removing as many as reasonably possible and repealing those laws, rules, and regulations.

- a) **Practice of Medicine:** We support allowing any board-licensed medical graduate to practice medicine under the supervision of a full physician, just as Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Physicians Assistants (PAs) are permitted to practice medicine under the supervision of a full physician.
- b) **Practice of Law:** We oppose mandatory State Bar membership. The Texas Bar may not collect any more dues unless it conducts a membership referendum and, with more than two-thirds of all dues-paying members, approve of the mandatory membership requirement. We support sanctions for those who weaponize and politicize the legal disciplinary process of Texas in attorney disciplinary matters. We recognize the constitutional authority of the Judicial Branch to regulate law practice and license service providers, and we encourage the Supreme Court of Texas to reform burdensome regulations and allow the market to provide more quality legal services that Texans can afford. We call on the Court to issue rules authorizing trained non-lawyers who pass an exam to provide a limited range of basic legal services, much as nurse practitioners and physician assistants do in the medical field.

27. Address Texas Physician Shortage: We call on the Texas Legislature to address Texas's growing physician shortage by significantly expanding graduate medical education funding and residency slots for American medical students, especially in high-need specialties, enacting loan assistance and retention incentives for American-trained physicians, and promoting telehealth and rural infrastructure through public-private partnerships.

28. Reduce Business Regulations: We believe businesses should be minimally regulated at all levels by doing the following:

- a) **Federal Laws:**
 - i. Repeal Minimum Wage Law and prevailing wage laws.
 - ii. Repeal Dodd-Frank.
 - iii. Repeal Sarbanes-Oxley.
 - iv. Repeal The Lacey Act.
 - v. Allow Texans to buy beef and farm products directly from farmers without any FDA, USDA, or other governmental agency regulations.
 - vi. Eliminate mandatory sick or family leave.
- b) **State Laws:**
 - i. Eliminate Blue laws.
 - ii. Eliminate the three-tier alcohol system (production, distribution, and retail).
 - iii. Eliminate mandatory sick or family leave.
 - iv. Eliminate business licensing.
 - v. Eliminate professional licensing.
 - vi. Allow purchase of edible products from small farms.
 - vii. Eliminate use of hemp as an agricultural commodity.
 - viii. Allow the automatic Sunset Clause for all new regulations.

29. Homeowners Rights and Protection: The Texas Legislature should immediately take action to rescind all current laws that unnecessarily put the homeowner at risk for greater out-of-pocket exposure and expense while benefiting insurance companies and limiting homeowners' right to seek redress. The Texas Legislature shall reconsider other previous actions that act to the detriment of Texans by raising their exposure to higher out-of-pocket expenses and limiting their ability to seek redress.

30. Trade Agreements: We support free trade as a necessary component of American capitalism and of the United States' influence in the world. However, all trade agreements between the Federal Government and other nations shall strictly adhere to the United States Constitution and require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.

31. Origin Labeling: We urge that all food products entering the United States show not only the country of origin, but also the country in which they were processed and the country in which they were packaged. The use of "local" or "Texas" should only be used on packages with food products originating within the State of Texas.

- a) All products that are lab-grown to be consumed by people or animals shall be labeled as "lab-grown" and shall specify the state and country of origin.
- b) All food products sold in Texas shall disclose the specific source and every sub-ingredient contained within any ingredient identified as "natural flavors."
- c) Any products created for consumption by people or animals with insect parts or insect-derived liquid shall be labeled as "insects included."
- d) The Texas Legislature should amend shipping laws for distilleries and breweries to match that of wine shipments that are allowed to and from Texas. All shipped wine must be in packages that are clearly labeled and show that the packages contain wine. It must be delivered by a business holding a Carrier's Permit. Wine can be delivered to:
 - i. The person who purchased it.
 - ii. A recipient chosen in advance by the purchaser.
 - iii. A person at the delivery address who is 21 or older, after the recipient presents a valid ID.

32. Right to Repair: We urge all levels of government to protect Texans' right to repair their own property. We call for legislation requiring original equipment manufacturers to make available parts, tools, diagnostic software, firmware, and documentation on fair and reasonable terms to owners and independent repair providers. This action will protect fundamental property rights, promotes free enterprise and competition in the repair marketplace, supports small businesses and rural economies, lowers costs for families and producers, and opposes anti-competitive practices that restrict ownership or force premature replacement of functional equipment.

- a) **Vehicles:** Manufacturers increasingly install software locks and proprietary components, such as specialized headlights and batteries that were once standard and easily replaceable, to limit repairs and push drivers toward new vehicle purchases through planned obsolescence. Texans should own their vehicle data and have the freedom to choose independent auto repair shops or the mechanic of their choice without dealer monopolies blocking access to basic parts and diagnostics needed to keep vehicles in safe, working order.
- b) **Consumer Electronics:** Owners of smartphones, laptops, tablets, and other digital devices should have access to the same parts, tools, and repair information provided to authorized networks. Access will prevent manufacturers from creating repair monopolies that raise costs and shorten product lifespans, allowing independent technicians and consumers to extend the useful life of electronics through competitive, affordable service.
- c) **Agricultural Equipment:** Texas farmers and ranchers depend on timely repairs of tractors, combines, and other electronics-enabled implements to maintain operations during critical planting and harvest windows. Requiring original equipment manufacturers to provide diagnostic tools, software, and parts on fair terms to owners and independent providers reduces costly downtime, strengthens rural economies, protects food production, and affirms the right of agricultural producers to maintain their own equipment without being locked into manufacturer-controlled service networks.

33. Municipal Permitting: We call on the Texas Legislature to continue to streamline the building permitting process to ease burdens and costs on developers and consumers, provided that such easing shall not involve passing on costs to existing property owners. We encourage the Legislature to monitor implementation of existing legislation that protects property development rights and to close loopholes that cities are using to circumvent these laws. We support statutory tools for cities and counties, such as impact fees, to ensure that the burden of development is entirely borne by those who benefit from the development, not by existing property owners. We oppose retroactive rulemaking and changing the rules on developments that have already been issued permits. Unused landfill permits issued by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality shall automatically expire after 10 years.

34. No Backdoor Deals: Prohibit elected officials from entering into nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) with private businesses, companies, corporations, and institutions. Violators shall be subject to fines and criminal penalties.

35. Texas Resistance to The Great Reset: Texas should continue to pass legislation needed to protect the citizens of Texas from corporate violation of their rights in the Great Reset Initiative Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) scheme as follows:

- a) Ban companies and corporations that attempt to suppress funding for Texas industries from doing business with the State of Texas and its subdivisions.
- b) Make it illegal for banks and financial institutions operating in Texas to make lending decisions based on anything other than financial concerns. The model for such legislation shall be the Fair Access to Financial Services rule promulgated by President Trump's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.
- c) Penalize corporations operating in Texas that lead or participate in boycotts against Texas due to state legislative action that protects the rights of Texans to:
 - i. Decline vaccinations.
 - ii. Protect the unborn.
 - iii. Stop the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools.
 - iv. Compete in sports with only those of their own biological gender.
 - v. Protect children and juveniles against sexual organ mutilation, hormones, and puberty blockers designed to fake a transition from one gender to another.
- d) Consider the expansion or use of existing Texas antitrust laws to prohibit collusion between woke corporations to cancel or drive others out of business.
- e) Enact legislation protecting the property, rights, and freedoms of citizens and businesses in Texas by eliminating the priority given to the largest financial institutions to investor assets under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- f) Support legislation curtailing the practice of excessive swipe fees.
- g) Oppose any and all efforts to implement a carbon tax.

36. Texas Currencies: Texas should continue to recognize the natural right to use currency of choice in the Texas Bill of Rights and provide choices for ordinary Texans to use gold and silver in everyday transactions. The State of Texas shall prohibit the use of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) for use as legal tender to conduct private and commercial transactions or to settle debts, public or private. The State of Texas should not recognize the authority of the Federal Reserve Bank or the US Treasury to create or implement Central Bank Digital Currencies as legal tender, consistent with the provisions delegated to the Federal Government under Article 1, Section 8, of the US Constitution.

37. Patent Protection: We call for the reversal of state and federal legislation and court decisions that have damaged patent rights for Texas independent inventors and startups. Such reversals should include abolishing administrative tribunals and restoring injunctive relief, thus restoring the United States patent system and driving America back to leading the world technologically, economically, and militarily.

Retirement, Savings, Unions

38. Government Accountability: We call on the Texas Legislature to eliminate all special collective bargaining statutes for public employees and to hold all public servants accountable to taxpayers through existing civil statutes. We oppose any distribution of taxpayer dollars to unions.

39. Social Security Privatization: We support privatization of the Social Security system to lift the rate of return that workers obtain on retirement contributions and to boost national saving and economic growth. We encourage process simplification for Teacher Retirement System members to file for and receive benefits. Pension benefits earned by United States veterans and government employees should receive protection equal to pensions protected under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). These pensions represent earned service compensation and must be safeguarded from improper diversion or exploitation.

40. Rural and Volunteer Fire Departments: We urge Congress to overturn the rules of the United States Department of Labor restricting volunteerism by paid firefighters and emergency medical technician personnel, and to support protections similar to those provided to National Guardsmen for service during declared emergencies.

41. Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs): We support maximum economic opportunity for all citizens and believe that legal limits on employee ownership of Texas firms by Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) trusts must be eliminated. We also believe that changes in ownership from private individuals to a majority ownership by an ESOP must not create disadvantages when doing business with the State of Texas or political subdivisions of the State. We believe the State of Texas should encourage the creation of more ESOPs by making information easily available to businesses located in Texas.

42. Unions: We support legislation requiring labor unions to obtain consent of the union member before that member's dues can be used for political purposes. We oppose card check. Texas should prohibit governmental entities from collecting dues for labor unions through deductions from public employee paychecks. We also encourage the adoption of a National Right to Work Act.

Energy and Environment

43. Utilities: We support free-market solutions that provide resilient, affordable, and reliable utilities. Texas should:

- a) Require electric utilities to provide fair compensation, including credits for excess electricity generated by residential and small-scale producers.
- b) Require transparent and independent reviews of proposed utility infrastructure projects, including impacts on ratepayers, private property, natural resources, and community values.
- c) Require large industrial consumers, including data centers, to provide and finance their own water and infrastructure needs without shifting costs to residential or small-business property owners.
- d) Oppose the use of eminent domain for private utility or industrial projects.
- e) Allow voter approval of utility rate increases through local elections.
- f) Amend Section 251.107 of the Texas Utilities Code to designate the project manager as the point of contact for the Texas Notification Center.

44. Proposed Water District (MUD): In addition to those who have lived inside a proposed water district for the statutorily required minimum six months prior to an election to approve water districts, the Texas Legislature should amend the standards for approval of a water district, which is the precursor to a Municipal Utility District (MUD), to include any registered voter who has resided on a property within one thousand (1,000) feet from the proposed property line for at least the same amount of time.

45. Power Grid: We urge the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to harden the Texas Electric Grid by increasing capacity and preparedness for all hazards including, but not limited to, cyberattacks, physical attacks, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attacks, geomagnetic storms, and extreme weather events. We encourage the following:

- a) Texas Electric Grid remaining independent from the United States power grid system.

- b) Protecting the supply chain by prohibiting the use of components produced by foreign adversaries.
- c) Requiring all power generators participating in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to meet uniform reliability performance standards.
- d) Requiring transmission planning and cost allocation policies to adhere to a cost causation principle, ensuring that entities creating the need for new transmission facilities bear the associated costs.

46. Environment: We oppose environmentalism or “climate change” initiatives that obstruct legitimate business interests and private property use, including the regulatory use limitation and confiscation by governmental agencies. We support the reclassification of carbon dioxide as a non-pollutant, abolition of the Environmental Protection Agency, and repeal of the Endangered Species Act. We oppose all “climate justice” initiatives. We support Texas Land Application Permits (TLAP) and oppose TLAP conversion to Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) that allow for partially treated sewage to be dumped into our creeks and lakes. We oppose cloud seeding and geoengineering of any kind.

47. Flooding Mitigation, Hurricane, and Early Warning of Impending Disaster: We support the immediate study, implementation, and construction of projects that will:

- a) Protect lives, property, infrastructure, and the tax base.
- b) Address river, bayou, reservoir, and other flood threats to public and private property.
- c) Seek the input of those most likely to be affected by a casualty to public and private property, to include infrastructure and facilities that affect national security.
- d) Address the risk of storm or tidal surge that affects critical industries along the Texas Gulf Coast.
- e) Create an early warning system that will immediately alert residents to an impending flood, wind, or casualty weather event.
- f) Establish regional flood control districts, where necessary, for counties to resolve joint flooding issues.
- g) Require that government boards responsible for flood mitigation be elected and not appointed.

48. State Surplus for Local Protection against Flooding: We call on the Texas Legislature to expand and prioritize State grant programs—funded by the current budget surplus—to help cities and counties advance critical flood mitigation projects and warning systems along the Gulf Coast, in the Hill Country, and across Texas. These grants will relieve local taxpayers of costly Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) unfunded mandates while protecting lives, property, and infrastructure. All programs shall maximize local control, transparency, and accountability to deliver rapid, effective flood protection without expanding state bureaucracy.

49. Tidelands and Resources: We assert that the State of Texas and all coastal states shall enjoy and maintain jurisdiction and control of their offshore waters up to the international water boundaries, as well as state inland waterways, regarding all natural resources therein, and that the federal government shall not set limits on harvesting or taking natural resources therein, nor allow foreign entities to harvest or take such natural resources therein, including minerals, game, fisheries, and hydrocarbons. Also, we demand that no entity shall usurp Texas’s original tideland boundaries.

50. Water Resources: We support tying groundwater rights to surface ownership, as well as reasonable regulations to protect neighboring wells, local water supplies, and agricultural operations. Texas shall protect basin-of-origin water resources, private property rights, and local control by restricting interbasin transfers and groundwater exports that impair local water security, while preserving existing lawful water rights. Texas shall:

- a) Prohibit the large-scale export or sale of groundwater or surface water to any single private entity when such transfers threaten local water security, agriculture, or economic sustainability.
- b) Preserve the Rule of Capture and ensure that no single groundwater conservation district, municipality, or other governmental entity possesses exclusive rights to an aquifer that extends beneath multiple jurisdictions or landowners.

- c) Prioritize water for citizens and agriculture; support desalination, recycling, and conservation; and support alternative water technologies including, but not limited to, non-potable water sources or other nonwater alternatives, whenever feasible.
- d) Require high-demand users, including data centers, to bear the full cost of the infrastructure needed to serve their operations.
- e) Require data centers to disclose water use, recover infrastructure costs, prioritize reclaimed water, and recycle waste heat to protect the aquifers and the power grid.
- f) Support zero water evaporation closed-loop cooling systems being implemented for data centers.
- g) Support the deepening of detention basins to retention ponds, and a statewide water grid to transfer excess flood water to areas affected by drought.

51. Energy Production: We support free-market energy policies that promote affordability, energy independence, and fuel security through the removal of unnecessary regulatory barriers, direct subsidies, mandates, abatements, and preferential treatment. Texas should support the development, production, transportation, refining, export, and distribution of all energy resources on a neutral market basis. We oppose federal policies that distort energy markets or favor specific energy sources, and we support responsible energy development throughout Texas, including the infrastructure necessary to produce, transport, refine, and export energy. We oppose any energy infrastructure projects, including 765 kV transmission lines, that impose excessive costs on ratepayers, threatens agricultural lands, and infringes on private property rights through eminent domain, or that benefits special interests over the needs of Texans. Renewable energy facilities should not impose unreasonable burdens on neighboring landowners. A 547-yard firebreak setback shall be maintained around any battery storage facility. We support fair electric rate structures statewide and elected oversight of energy and natural resources, including evaluating consolidation of related regulatory functions under elected accountability.

52. Energy Innovation and Energy Security: We call for policies that deliver abundant, reliable, low-cost power to grow the economy and strengthen the grid while protecting the lives and livelihoods of Texans through the following:

- a) Texas should use its independent grid and in-state uranium resources to lead the nation in next-generation nuclear energy. The Legislature shall establish offices, incentives, workforce programs, and policies that clear barriers to education, permitting, construction, and deployment of advanced reactors. Such legislation shall include hard timelines, deemed approvals after safety criteria are met, and builder protections. Further, we encourage challenges to unnecessary federal rules.
- b) The Texas Legislature shall develop strategic energy reserves, including petroleum, and shall strengthen and secure domestic supply chains for critical materials and components, in order to reduce foreign dependence and protect against disruptions. We call for requirements for battery storage and solar facilities to maintain minimum setbacks from neighboring properties. We call for the State to provide local first responders with training and resources, and with financial assurance through bonds or letters of credit that survive operator or parent entity insolvency. Legislation must protect communities from fire, explosion, toxic release, long-term contamination, and abandonment risks. We call for these requirements to be incorporated into existing facilities on lease and interconnection renewals by explicitly requiring current safety and financial assurance standards to protect landowners without impairing existing contracts.

Transportation

53. Freedom to Travel: We oppose Net Zero, Vision Zero, declarations of a climate emergency, and other policies that restrict, control, or prohibit driving (particularly gas-powered vehicles), shrink auto capacity, or intentionally clog vehicle lanes to force deference to pedestrian, bike, and mass transit options. We oppose policies that seek to restrict Texans' freedom to travel, including the vehicle kill switch, road diets, autonomous vehicles, digital IDs, mileage taxes, carbon taxes, emissions testing, and toll billing abuses. We support ending unconstitutional tolls in perpetuity.

- 54. No CDLs to Foreign Drivers:** We call on the Governor and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to immediately take coordinated action to not only revoke non-domiciled Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL) issued to illegals (many of whom are not proficient in English), but also to find and apprehend them to expel them from our country. We urge the Texas Legislature to pass stiffer penalties for companies found in violation. We oppose any effort to withhold information about a truck driver, including their ability to read or speak English, from a jury during trial.
- 55. Ban Automated License Plate Readers:** We call on the Texas Legislature to prohibit the use, installation, operation, and data sharing of automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems, including Flock Safety cameras, TxDOT cameras used for vehicle tracking, and similar technologies used by any state or local government entity. Existing systems shall be removed, and vehicle-tracking data shall not be collected, retained, or shared without a warrant based on probable cause.
- 56. Toll Roads:** We call on the Texas Legislature to abolish existing toll roads and to prohibit future construction, returning responsibility for road construction and maintenance to the appropriate jurisdiction. We also urge the Texas Legislature to end toll billing abuses and pass a uniform toll collection and billing procedure that prohibits excessive fines and fees, requires transparent and accurate billing, and removes the criminal penalties for a person with unpaid tolls.
- 57. High-Speed Rail:** Taxpayer money shall not fund or subsidize high-speed rail, nor shall eminent domain be used in the construction of high-speed rail.
- 58. Prohibit Abortion Trafficking Across State Lines:** We support legislation to prohibit the use of any private or government funds, as well as the abortion trafficking of pregnant women across Texas state lines, by land, water, or air, for the purpose of procuring an elective abortion and for the provision of a private right of action against all persons and organizations who aid and abet in the harming of the woman, and the killing of her preborn child.

Privacy, Information Freedom, Internet

- 59. Doxing and Swatting:** We recommend that the Legislature consider modifying existing State law to take into account the implications of doxing, which results in harm to one's person or business, and swatting, a criminal harassment tactic of deceiving an emergency service into sending a police or emergency response team to another person's address.
- 60. Regulating the Internet:** We oppose efforts to implement net neutrality on internet service providers. We oppose all efforts to further regulate the internet in the United States or internationally, or to impose taxation on internet digital goods and services.
- 61. Artificial Intelligence Protections:** We believe that each person is the rightful owner of his or her name, image, signature, likeness, voice, knowledge, opinions, and other personally identifiable characteristics, and we support the individual's natural property right to protect his or her identity, name, image, voice, signature, data, information, and likeness from being collected or otherwise used, or misrepresented to the public, by data brokers or artificial intelligence applications without written consent. Each person has the right to know who is collecting information, when and how the information is being collected, and how the information is being used or sold. Each person has the right to opt out of any data collection or data use.
- 62. Personal Data Privacy:** We support extending all rights to privacy that individuals have in their homes to all digital data via the use of strong public key encryption technologies. We call on Texas to prohibit vendors of the State of Texas and its subdivisions from selling or sharing data captured in providing services to Texans. We support laws limiting the ways in which internet providers, data brokers, electronic applications, websites, schools, government entities, and others may access the electronic communications or documents of all Texans. We support a no-cost smart meter opt out for utility customers, or the provision of an auditable option to limit storing data to only once per monthly bill cycle.

- 63. Digital Communication Freedom and Responsibility:** We call on our Congressional Delegation to push for reform of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act to limit the ability of online digital communication platforms to censor the speech of citizens in the new digital town square, which these media platforms currently control. We support Texas legislative efforts, such as HB 20 of the 87th Second Called Session, that afford Texas residents the power to sue big tech companies for targeting and censorship. We also support stripping Section 230 immunity from sites that knowingly publish obscene and indecent material, particularly advertisement, promotion, presentation, distribution, or solicitation of child sexual abuse material, thus opening these sites to criminal and civil liability for the content posted on their platforms.
- 64. Cybersecurity Self-Defense:** We support “hack-backs,” defined as counterattacks aimed at disabling or collecting evidence against a perpetrator, as a legitimate form of self-defense of persons and organizations to ensure their cybersecurity. The right to defend oneself in our current era must be expanded to preserve the safety, property, and livelihood of Texans.
- 65. American Workers First:** Prioritize American workers in the workforce.

Finance

Spending Restraint

Note: Letters “F,” “S,” and “L” at the end of each plank in this section denote financial impact related to Federal, State, and Local factors.

- 66. Government Spending and Taxation:** We believe in the principles of constitutionally limited government based on federalist principles. Government spending is out of control at the federal, state, and local levels, and action is needed to reduce spending. We support and call for immediate and aggressive action, including constitutional and statutory changes, to curtail excessive state spending, including freezing state spending, identifying and cutting all waste, fraud, abuse, inappropriate expenditures, and spending that falls outside the proper constitutional role of government.

We support enacting stricter spending limitations on all revenues and expenditures by the State, and dedicating 90% or more of any State budget surplus to property tax relief (beginning with buying down school maintenance and operations taxes) until such taxes are phased out and eliminated. Likewise, local spending is out of control, far outpacing population plus inflation growth and what is sustainable, and is the primary driver of increased property tax burdens on Texans. More restraint is needed in order to achieve real property tax relief and a sustainable future.

We strongly support and call for comprehensive legislation to curtail local government spending and debt, including spending limits on all local taxing entities to the lesser of population growth plus inflation or 3.5%, and requiring voter approval to exceed those limits, requiring two-thirds voter approval for any property tax increase or new bond debt obligations, empowering voters to petition for rollback elections to lower existing property taxes, cutting waste, fraud, abuse, and inappropriate expenditures at the local level, and prohibiting loopholes or carve-outs, such as mandatory fees, that allow continued unsustainable growth. (F, S, L)

- 67. Economic Stabilization Fund:** Use of the Economic Stabilization Fund shall be limited to its intended purposes of preventing tax increases during economic downturns and responding to unforeseen disasters. Six (6) months after such events occur, excess funds shall first be deposited into the Texas Health Savings Account (HSA), and then go towards property tax relief. We urge the State of Texas to enact legislation that studies major economic risks, including federal spending policies, inflation or currency decline, economic attacks, and other large-scale threats. (S)

- 68. Government Pensions:** The Texas Legislature shall enact new rules to begin transitioning government pensions for public sector employees from defined-benefit plans to defined-contribution retirement plans. Retirement plans for elected officials shall be strictly limited and shall not exceed those available to the public employees they serve. We call on federal legislators to abolish pensions for members of Congress (F, S, L)

69. Predatory Gambling: We oppose all forms of predatory gambling, including:

- a) State Lotteries.
- b) Regional Casinos.
- c) Online Sports Betting.
- d) Online or Mobile Casinos.
- e) Prediction Markets.

We oppose any further legalization, government facilitation, advertising, promotion, marketing, or expansion of any type of gambling, including land-based casinos, riverboat casinos, sports-betting, daily fantasy sports, instant racing, electronic versions of raffles, bingo, lottery scratch tickets, keno, phone and computer-based wagering, online casinos, prediction markets, online sports-betting, slots, and other forms of gambling. We oppose government-sponsored gambling as a means of financing state or local government and urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation that assists in the vigorous enforcement of existing laws and regulations related to gambling and urge investigation of attempts to circumvent existing laws, affirming that people are worth more than money and rejecting the cruel and oppressive institution of predatory gambling.

We call for the complete and immediate abolition of the Texas Lottery as a cruel, oppressive, and failed institution of predatory gambling; we oppose its continued operation in any form under any agency; we urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation (including any necessary constitutional amendment) to wind down and permanently abolish the Texas Lottery, redirect any remaining funds to the general revenue fund or true education priorities, and vigorously enforce existing laws to prevent circumvention or replacement schemes.

We oppose and call for a veto of any budget that relies on expansion of legalized gambling of any type or size, whether as a standalone business or partnered with any other business or resort, as a method of finance. We call on all Republican legislators to decline campaign contributions from gambling PACs, lobbyists, or proponents thereof. We also call for the repeal of the vague “fuzzy animal” exception to Texas’s anti-gambling laws that allow non-cash prizes to be awarded based on the use of eight-liner slot machines. (S)

70. Truth in Taxation: We urge that taxes established for a particular purpose shall not be used for any other purpose. Tax revenue derived from gasoline taxes and all other taxes or fees on our vehicles (including vehicle sales tax) shall only be used for road construction and maintenance, and shall not be diverted to any other use, including mass transit, rail, restrictive lanes, and bicycle paths. (S, L)

71. Public Posting: We support requiring all government entities, quasi-governmental entities, charter schools, and entities receiving or administering taxpayer funds to prominently post on their official websites, in a downloadable and searchable format, all records necessary for taxpayers to review public spending, revenue, assets, liabilities, expenses, debt, obligations, contracts, audits, bond projects, and official actions. (F, S, L)

72. Repeal Taxes: We support abolishing the following:

- a) Inventory taxes. (S, L)
- b) Business franchise taxes. (F, S, L)
- c) Taxes on phone and internet services. (F, S, L)
- d) Firearms, ammunition, accessories, and safety equipment taxes. (S, L)

73. Federal Taxes: We support repealing the 16th Amendment to eliminate all federal income taxes. We oppose federal estate taxes, payroll taxes, capital gains taxes, and gift taxes. Until federal income taxes are eliminated, we support repealing Required Minimum Distributions from qualified retirement accounts and institutions. (F)

74. Let Texans Run Texas: The Texas Legislature shall pass legislation that prohibits political subdivisions of Texas and State agencies from accepting federal funds that have strings attached or violate Texas law. Texas government should resist unconstitutional federal acts, violations of federal border laws, and the use of financial pressure by globalist institutions that seek to destroy everything

Texans hold dear and usurp the political power of Texas. Such resistance should include stopping unconstitutional federal acts in Texas, defense of the border by Texas without interference by the federal government, and the prohibition of the use of globalist financial pressure to destroy Texas businesses. (S)

75. Prevent Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Abuse: The Texas Legislature is requested to restrict the Hotel Occupancy Tax for Texas cities to prevent the display, promulgation, and promotion of obscene or pornographic materials and acts. (S, L)

School Finance and Property Taxation

76. Elected Officials' Salaries: State, county, and local elected officials shall not be eligible to receive any increase in salary, stipend, pension, allowance, benefits, or other compensation that they vote to approve. Any increase in compensation or benefits for elected officials must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of voters voting on the measure, provided that at least twenty percent (20%) of all registered voters in the affected jurisdiction participate in the election. (S, L)

77. Management and Special Purpose Districts: We support prohibiting the creation of management or special purpose districts including, but not limited to, Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), with the authority to impose taxes, assessments, bonded debt, or eminent domain, including those created by as few as one voter. Until that is achieved, we support legislation requiring prominent disclosure to homebuyers and property owners that district-issued bonds are not obligations of the county; there should be full transparency in bond issuance, financial projections, and long-term tax and assessment impacts, and a formal, substantive role for county governments in reviewing and approving any proposed special district. We oppose using eminent domain to create or expand these districts. (S, L)

78. Permanent School Fund: We oppose any effort to remove State Board of Education (SBOE) authority over the Permanent School Fund, whose constitutionally intended purpose is to fund SBOE-approved instructional materials. (S)

79. Ax the Property Tax: We support eliminating the property tax system for businesses and individuals by applying fiscal discipline and restraint at all levels of government, and without imposing new, onerous taxes like an income tax, and requiring voter approval to increase the overall tax burden. We demand that the Texas Legislature immediately develop and implement a transition plan that is a net tax cut, in which no property taxes shall be collected on private properties, including homesteads, fee simple, and land-patented lands, and excluding leases, licenses, and permits on publicly owned lands. (S, L)

80. Property Tax Relief: We support these steps toward the ultimate abolition of property tax:

- a) Pass legislation to convert Texas to a cost basis valuation, rolling values back to 2019 pre-COVID certified values applying annual cap of 3% increase across all taxing entities for each year forward for residential and commercial properties. Apply homestead exemptions in full across all taxing entities. Fully eliminate property tax within five years. (S, L)
- b) Pass legislation requiring two-thirds voter approval for any increase in revenue from property taxes, for closing loopholes, and for making the Voter Approval Rate any rate that increases property tax revenue by more than \$0.00. (S, L)
- c) Pass legislation to close the loophole called the "Unused Increment Rate," which allows taxing entities to bypass recently added limits to increases in property taxes. (S, L)
- d) Pass legislation to close the disaster loophole which allows local taxing entities, after a declared state of disaster, to raise property taxes beyond the voter approval rate. (S, L)
- e) Pass legislation requiring two-thirds voter approval for bond elections, provided that at least twenty percent (20%) of all registered voters in the affected jurisdiction participate in the election. (S, L)
- f) Pass legislation empowering 10% of registered voters within a taxing jurisdiction to sign a petition to force a rollback election to lower property tax rates. (S, L)
- g) Pass legislation imposing spending-increase limits to the lesser of population growth plus inflation or 3.5% on all local taxing entities, and legislation requiring voter approval for those

entities to surpass the spending limit for that tax year, provided that at least twenty percent (20%) of all registered voters in the affected jurisdiction participate in the election. (S, L)

- h) In order to grow the State's surplus revenue, freeze State appropriations and cut all waste, fraud, abuse, inappropriate expenditures, and spending that fall outside the proper constitutional role of government. (S, L)
- i) Dedicate 90% or more of any State surplus to buying down school maintenance and operations property taxes for all property owners, until that tax is eliminated entirely, moving funding to State revenue and ending the recapture provision (Robin Hood plan) of school finance. (S, L)

81. Administrative Bloat Is Not Transformative: We call on Texas school administrators to deliver more education for our dollars, instead of continually seeking increased funding. At a minimum, 80% of district revenue should be spent on direct classroom instruction. We oppose the practice of eliminating frontline teaching positions while preserving excessive administrative overhead. School boards must actively oversee district finances and work to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse. School districts should use transparent line-item budgeting and publicly disclose financial reports and purchases exceeding \$50,000 at the time board meeting agendas are posted. We support imposing a two-year moratorium against former school district administrators, or their first-degree relatives, from lobbying, working for, consulting with, or receiving compensation from any entity that benefits from school bond elections passed during their tenure. (S, L)

82. Taxpayer Protection from Expedited Bond Lawsuits: We call for the repeal of Texas Government Code Chapter 1205, which allows local governments to rush anti-taxpayer bond and debt lawsuits through the courts, while naming taxpayers as defendants with little notice and causing costly barriers to participation. Taxpayers should be sued, if at all, in the county where they live—not hauled to Travis County to defend local rights. (S, L)

Opposition to Market-Distorting Tax and Fiscal Subsidies

83. No Corporate Welfare: We encourage government to divest its ownership of all businesses that should be run in the private sector. We oppose all bailouts of and subsidies to domestic and foreign government entities and states, and for all businesses, public and private. We agree with the Texas Constitution's requirement for fair and uniform taxation and oppose special treatment or tax breaks for favored industries or companies. We call for the repeal or sunset of existing subsidy or special-interest tax exemptions, including the Special Events Trust Fund program, the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program, and lab-grown meat incentives; and we now request repeal of Chapter 403.601 of the Texas Tax Code. Tax dollars shall not be used to fund the building of stadiums for professional or semi-professional sports teams, unless otherwise approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting, and only if 20% of all registered voters in the district cast ballots. (S, L)

84. Ban Public Facility Corporations: The Texas Legislature should eliminate the ability of local governments to set up public facility corporations. These corporations allow local governments to spend taxpayer money without voter approval, thereby increasing debt and taxpayer burden. (L)

85. Eliminate Federal Activity: We call on the Federal Government to stop the following:

- a) Community Reinvestment Act. (F)
- b) Funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. (F)
- c) Ownership of or insurance related to Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and SLM Corporation (Sallie Mae). (F)
- d) College and university loan forgiveness. Failure of loan repayment shall fall to the colleges and universities or their respective endowment fund(s). (F, S)

Transparency and Oversight

86. End the Fed: We support abolishing the Federal Reserve. Until that is accomplished, we support additional accountability and transparency for the Federal Reserve System, including regular independent performance audits. (F)

87. Robin Hood Accounting: We direct the Texas Legislature to have the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Education Agency provide a full accounting for the funds collected by recapture “Robin Hood,” to verify they are spent to comply with the Texas Supreme Court-ordered mandate for Wealth Equalization. (S)

88. Currency Choice: We support Texas in exercising its constitutional right under Article 1, Section 10, to recognize gold and silver as legal tender, and to authorize the ability to transact, transmit, or exchange such gold and silver bullion by physical means, electronic means, or written instruction.

To further that right, we support legislation for Texas to use the Texas Bullion Depository to allow persons to buy, hold, and transact in gold and silver bullion as money, including through electronic and debit-card-style transactions that make gold and silver functional legal tender. The State of Texas should protect such money and its use from capital gains taxation at both the state and federal levels.

No government shall prohibit or unduly encumber the ownership, holding, use, trade, mining, or self-custody of money, currency, decentralized cryptocurrencies, or blockchain assets. We support a ban on any social credit system based on programmable or trackable digital currencies, including Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs).

Education

Parents’ Rights

89. School Choice: We support further empowering all Texas families to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children’s education and funding that shall follow the student with no strings attached. We oppose regulations on homeschooling or the curriculum of private schools. We reject any effort of funding mechanism that would imposing regulatory control over private or religious schools or home schools, and we believe a constitutional amendment should be adopted accordingly. We support fully funding Texas Education Freedom Accounts so that every eligible Texas family can participate, without caps or waitlists.

90. Education Innovation: Abolish Districts of Innovation (Texas Education Code Chapter 12A); establish a pilot program for innovative learning models.

91. Parents’ Rights in Education: Parents are the primary educators and disciplinarians of their children, to which all other entities are inferior. The fundamental parental rights of parents to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children in all aspects, but especially in all aspects of the Texas education system, shall be recognized, affirmed, and protected by changes to the Texas Constitution and Texas law, including incorporating into law the protections currently existing in the Texas Family and Education Codes. No public service entity nor its agents, district personnel, community partners, guest speakers, or District Board of Trustees shall infringe on these rights. We call for the development and dissemination of a *Parent’s Right to Know and Consent* booklet that contains pertinent state and federal law. We recognize that parents bear primary responsibility of the conduct and whereabouts of their minor children. Where juvenile curfew ordinances exist, they shall include employment and education exceptions and shall impose no penalty on any minor whose parent has knowingly authorized their activity for non-malicious reasons.

92. Enforcement of Parental Rights and Students’ Rights: We implore the Legislature to create enforcement measures for violations of Texas laws, while prioritizing parental rights—especially the right to protect one’s own children from harm. Enforcement mechanisms must include transparency of both initial complaints and detailed final reports, and the investigation and referral authority for criminal, civil, financial, professional and disciplinary actions. We urge the Legislature to codify an

independent Office of Inspector General of Education, appointed by a majority vote of the elected State Board of Education, to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse, particularly physical and sexual abuse of students, violations of parental rights, and student due process rights when they occur in a school setting. The Inspector General shall have authority to refer any matter to the Texas Attorney General for further investigation and prosecution, if warranted. Texas schools must protect students' safety and : by requiring parental notice and consent before students use Artificial Intelligence tools, and such tools shall not be used to conduct psychological assessments, social emotional learning, or mental health services. We support allowing any student sexually abused at school to immediately transfer to another public or private school with funding following the child.

93. Regulate EdTech: In order to provide services to Texas schools, EdTech must be required to achieve certification for security assessment, privacy protection:, and risk management similar to FedRAMP, StateRAMP, and TX-RAMP authorization. Schools shall not consent to data collection of minors on behalf of parents. Schools shall protect the confidentiality of students' identifiable information from unauthorized disclosure, commercial exploitation, and security breaches. The Texas Legislature must codify federal privacy law with strong enforcement mechanisms and without loopholes. We demand that the Texas Legislature protect student data privacy by prohibiting the collection, distribution, and sale of data and by the enforcement of data privacy through private right of action.

94. Sexual Education, Health-Related Education, and the Classroom-to-Clinic Pipeline: We demand that the Legislature pass a law prohibiting the teaching of sex education, sexual health, or sexual choice or identity in any government school in any grade whatsoever, or disseminating or permitting the dissemination by any party of any material regarding the same. All government schools are prohibited from contracting with or making any payment to any third party for material containing any of the above topics. Until this prohibition goes into effect, sexual education shall only use sexual risk avoidance programs and promote abstinence outside of marriage. Before a student may be provided with any health-related instruction, information on human sexuality, or family planning instruction, the district must obtain the written consent of the student's parent or guardian. Written consent of the student's parent or guardian must include the district's full disclosure of all guest speakers and referral resources that students will be exposed to (opt-in status).

95. Prohibiting Grooming of Minors: We request that the Texas Legislature pass legislation that requires Texas schools, libraries, and contracted vendors to filter and vet inappropriate and harmful content, such as pornography. We support the passage of a law even more comprehensive than the Florida law that prohibits instruction in sexual orientation and gender identity ideology in government schools and libraries. We believe any school employees or contractors responsible for exposing a student to inappropriate material or engaging in inappropriate conduct with students should have their teaching licenses revoked, their pensions forfeited, and be criminally prosecuted with enhanced penalties. We call on the Legislature to prohibit school districts from abusing their District of Innovation statuses, as ISDs have been abusing their Districts of Innovation status to avoid parental rights laws or restrictions on human sexuality education. Texas shall protect minors from harmful and deceptive trade practices or materials in printed and digital resources on school devices and networks. Children shall not be targeted with advertising for prohibited content on school or library databases. Schools shall implement verified content filters and shall not allow bus Wi-Fi systems that extend the school network beyond physical campus boundaries.

96. Healthcare in Public Schools: Legislators shall prohibit reproductive healthcare services, including mental health counseling or referrals to outside health services or clinics, and distribution, simulations, or demonstration of condoms, contraception, or obscene devices in public schools. We support parents' right to know, and consent to choose, without penalty, which healthcare medications and mental health services are administered to their minor children. We support requiring informed consent of parents before any school-based mental health assessments or interventions are performed; the school district must obtain written parental consent. Written parental consent must include the school district's full disclosure of the business or clinic students will be referred to for healthcare or mental health services (opt-in status). We call for the elimination of mental health services, including but not limited to, universal mental health surveys, screenings, and psychological assessments

administered to public school students without prior written parental consent. No public school district, campus, contractor, or third party shall administer such instruments without explicit parental permission. Schools shall not bypass meaningful parental consent requirements under any circumstances.

97. Religious Freedom and Government Schools: We demand that school administrators and officials protect the rights of students and staff to pray and engage in religious speech, individually or in groups, on school property, without government interference. We urge the Legislature and the State Board of Education to require instruction on the Bible, servant leadership, and Christian self-governance. We support the use of chaplains in schools to counsel and give guidance from a traditional biblical perspective based on Judeo-Christian principles, with the informed consent of a parent.

98. Nanny State: Children should not be institutionalized at the age of 4 or 5. The Texas Legislature should consider prohibiting childcare for kindergarten and pre-Kindergarten (K and Pre-K) from being provided in heavily subsidized public schools and allow parents to decide where they feel is in the best interest of their children. Money should follow the child. Private childcare providers should be used to the greatest extent possible, and the state should not be in direct competition with the private sector. Regulatory and tax relief should be afforded private childcare providers, with appropriate exceptions for prioritizing the safety of the child.

Curriculum

99. Instructional Excellence: The educational system should focus on imparting essential academic knowledge, qualities of good citizenship, practical skills, and self-sufficiency. We support, without exception, requiring Texas public schools to be fully transparent with parents about any materials to which their child may be exposed. Curriculum of Instructional Excellence shall include the following:

- a) Language arts with phonics-based reading instruction, spelling, grammar, classical literature, and cursive writing.
- b) Civics, which includes, but is not limited to, learning about the elections process, as well as passing the US Citizenship and Immigration Services test prior to graduation.
- c) In mathematics, we support stronger emphasis on the TEKS second and third grade math standards to recall addition and multiplication facts “with automaticity,” which significantly enables students to better comprehend subsequent material.
- d) In science, we support objective teaching of scientific method, practices, and theories, including origin of life complexity and the changing climate throughout geologic history. These concepts shall be taught as challengeable scientific theories subject to change as new data is produced. Teachers and students shall discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these theories openly, without fear of retribution or discrimination.
- e) In computer science, we support instruction in programming and introducing discrete math (logic, counting, probability, number theory, recursion, graph theory) to supplement it.
- f) Social studies, including geography, economics, and US and world history. Such instruction shall focus on American exceptionalism, the benefits of the free-enterprise system, and the consistent failures of socialism and communism.
- g) We support education in the arts and music and building critical thinking skills, including logic, rhetoric, and analytical sciences. We support quality vocational educational training that imparts skills needed for meaningful post-graduation employment.
- h) We encourage more participation in academic competitions to complement the curriculum, to think critically and creatively, including by developing logic and public speaking skills through a speech and debate course in both middle school and high school, and to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge.
- i) We support adding in mandatory life skills instructions in high school, including financial literacy and job readiness, and including hands-on participation in relevant math and career exploration activities.
- j) We support mandatory education on optimal health in elementary, middle, and high school including, but not limited to, physical fitness and nutrition. Education dollars shall follow students, to allow parents to move children from failing schools to private or charter schools.

Non-academic and politically motivated content shall be banned from classrooms. Parents shall be allowed to observe classroom instruction and review curriculum and textbooks.

100. Make Texas Classrooms Great Again: We support enforcement of strict classroom rules so teachers can teach and students can learn in safe, focused environments. We urge adoption of the Trivium model grammar, logic, and rhetoric—centered on core academics, foundational knowledge, Texas and American history, patriotism, critical thinking, and great books. We reject experimental, politicized curricula. We must require that every student achieve rigorous, objective reading proficiency by the end of third grade and maintain it thereafter, with mandatory phonics, early interventions, retention policies, and real consequences—including funding reductions and state takeovers—for districts that fail. We require that education tax dollars be spent in the classroom, not on administration.

101. Founding Documents and American Historical Context in High School Education: We believe that a strong foundation in American history requires direct engagement with the primary documents, speeches, and texts that shaped our nation’s identity, values, and system of self-governance. We support a high school-level curriculum for the study of American history that is heavily weighted toward the study of original founding documents and American historical texts, including:

- a) Founding Era Primary Documents: The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Constitutional Convention records, the Federalist Papers, the Anti-Federalist Papers, Jefferson’s Letter to the Danbury Baptists, and other Founders’ writings.
- b) Religion, Morality, and the Republic: Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation, Washington’s Farewell Address, John Adams’ Letter to the Massachusetts Militia, and Alexis de Tocqueville’s analysis of the principal causes maintaining the democratic republic in Democracy in America.
- c) Broader American Historical Texts: The Mayflower Compact (1620), the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (1639), the Resolutions of the Continental Congress on the Stamp Act (1765), the Truce of Tunis (1796), the Monroe Doctrine (1823), the Emancipation Proclamation (1863), the Gettysburg Address (1863), Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address (1865), the Fourteen Points (Wilson, 1918), Address to Congress (Roosevelt, December 8, 1941), and “I Have a Dream” by Martin Luther King Jr. (1963).
- d) Texas Founding and Historical Documents: The Texas Declaration of Independence (1836), the Constitution of the Republic of Texas (1836), the Letters of William Barret Travis from the Alamo (1836), the Texas Ordinance of Secession (1861), and other documents central to the founding and history of the State of Texas.
- e) Religious Liberty in Education: We further support expanding this curriculum to include the history and tradition of religion and morality as the underpinnings of our constitutional republic, and we urge the Legislature to end censorship of discussion of religion in the context of our founding documents, including acknowledgment of the Bible as a foundational influence.

102. American Identity and Heritage: We favor strengthening our common American identity and preserving our heritage and culture. We reject Critical Race Theory as a Marxist ideology that seeks to undermine the system of law and order itself and reduce individuals to a group identity. To facilitate the appreciation of our American identity, the contrast between freedom and the tyrannical history of socialism and communism throughout history must be taught. Government schools must display the United States and Texas flags and require the Pledges of Allegiance daily to instill patriotism. Flags promoting progressive agendas should be prohibited from being displayed at government schools. Students shall have the right to display patriotic items on their person as well as on school property. Texas shall prohibit foreign adversary funding in public and publicly funded private education, and shall require full transparency, auditing, and disclosure for foreign-influenced institutions. The Legislature shall enforce strict restrictions, penalties, and oversight to prevent unlawful foreign influence in Texas education and commerce. Texas public schools shall teach that Islamic Sharia law is incompatible with the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, because it denies freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and equal rights for women, and prescribes punishments inconsistent with American law.

103. National Core Curriculum: We oppose the use of national or international standards in the State of Texas (e.g., International Baccalaureate, Common Core, any remnants of CSCOPE, United Nations Inclusion, National Sexuality Education Standards, and Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States—SIECUS). We strongly urge the Texas Legislature to replace the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) accountability test with one of the dozens of group-administered achievement tests that meet the Texas statutory and State Board of Education (SBOE) requirements related to the relevance of data used to compute state and national norms for the assessments. We also oppose the modification of college entrance exams to reflect any national core philosophies, and the use of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs and other quasi-therapeutic programs in schools. Any school district that violates State law banning the use of a national core curriculum or standards shall lose all state funding until said curricula or standards are removed and no longer used in classrooms. The mandatory STAAR test has narrowed academic offerings and limited learning opportunities for students. Texas shall replace STAAR with a broader, grade-level appropriate assessment system—such as Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) testing—that identifies individual student needs across all basic skill areas.

104. Illegal Aliens and Foreign Students: We believe the role of the public education system is to educate American citizens. We support the instruction of lawfully present residents and foreign exchange students at cost, but we oppose allowing illegal aliens into government schools and oppose the instruction of core classes in languages other than English. Texas shall adopt policies ensuring that Texas citizens and taxpayers do not subsidize the cost of education and associated costs including, but not limited to, financial aid, on-campus work, or in-state tuition) for students from foreign governments at Texas public institutions of higher education.

105. Oversight of Instructional Materials: All instructional materials and services paid for with State funds must serve Texas students through transparent, accountable processes at every level of governance.

106. State Board of Education Authority: All instructional materials and services paid for with State funds shall be vetted and approved by the elected State Board of Education. We oppose appropriation of State funds for instructional content that has not received SBOE approval. This approval process must include public review, hearings, and the right to have factual errors corrected. We call on local school districts to hold public hearings before adopting any instructional materials they will use, including supplemental materials and programs. Digital Devices and Screen Time: We support policies limiting students' screen time and focusing on direct instruction. School districts should ensure that device use is purposeful and age-appropriate, and does not displace foundational instructional methods and examinations. We oppose one-to-one student electronic devices, because school bureaucrats can use them to track and spy on students' internet history even while they are at home.

107. Education on Humanity and Dignity of the Preborn Child: We support requiring Texas students to learn about the following: the humanity of the preborn child (including life-affirming definitions of life and the study of life), the concept that life begins at fertilization, that every human life is made in the likeness and image of God, milestones of fetal development at two-week gestational intervals, use of fetal baby models, witnessing a live ultrasound, and viewing videos *Meet Baby Olivia*, *A Glimpse Inside*, and *Miracle of Life*. Additionally, we support requiring Texas high school students to read the *Woman's Right to Know* booklet.

Students should also receive instruction on the dignity of human life and the principles of equal protection that were instituted in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution that “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,” as well as that “no State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Students should further understand that the prohibition against taking innocent human life—reflected in the timeless moral command “thou shalt not murder”—finds its ultimate source in God, who is the foundation of all just law, and that this principle is echoed throughout America's founding documents and legal tradition.

Additionally, Texas public schools shall provide age-appropriate education on students' rights and safe reporting channels for forced marriage, female genital mutilation, honor violence, grooming, and trafficking. Schools shall ensure that no student faces retaliation for reporting coercive abuse.

Governance

108. Abolish Department of Education: The Department of Education should be abolished, because education is not an enumerated power of the federal government. We believe, therefore, the transfer of any of its functions to any other federal agency should be prohibited.

109. Elected State Board of Education: : We believe that the SBOE should continue to be an elected body consisting of fifteen members. The SBOE shall be staffed out of general revenue. The Board's responsibilities must include:

- Overseeing the Commissioner of Education.
- f) Maintaining constitutional authority over the Permanent School Fund.
- g) Maintaining authority over curriculum:
- h) The State adoption of all educational materials. This process must include public hearings.
- i) Granting, revoking, or amending open enrollment school charters. The SBOE should require charter school operators and board members to be American citizens.
- j) Transforming the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner into a statewide elected position with a four-year term, elected in presidential election years, to increase accountability to Texas parents and taxpayers.

110. Abolish SBEC: We call for the abolition of the State Board for Educator Certification.

111. School Board Authority, Responsibility, and Ethics: We support the revision of Chapter 11 of the Texas Education Code to more clearly define and strengthen school board authority, remove barriers to access to information or district property for individual trustees, and establish explicit responsibility for boards to actively ensure that all laws and individual rights are protected, while exercising independent informed oversight and governance. A framework for school board development (the basis for annual school board training) must include anti-corruption practices and clarify that trustees represent the interests of residents and have full authority over the superintendent, policy, legal decisions, goals, and performance of the district. School board training shall not undermine board authority and blur statutory lines of hierarchy. Any familial or moderate financial conflicts of interest with the district shall render a trustee ineligible for office, ensuring that trustees serve solely in the public interest, with transparency and accountability. Boards shall receive time-to-complete reports for requests for public records, to enforce the law's requirement to promptly release information, and must publish any Interlocal Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

112. School Security and Safety: We support passage of legislation encouraging local law enforcement agencies to provide handgun safety and proficiency training for all educators and allowing LTC (License to Carry) holders to carry concealed firearms on all school campuses for security and protection purposes. Additionally, teachers shall have the right to defend themselves when being physically attacked by a student, and their employment shall be protected during any due diligence investigation. School police and ISD law enforcement officers shall report to the local municipal police chief or county sheriff, not to the superintendent or district administration. Campus law enforcement officers currently operate under an independent command structure, and school-related police forces maintain an Internal Affairs team to investigate misconduct. Instead, we support giving the appropriate Office of Inspector General oversight over these school law enforcement officers.

113. No Government School NDAs: No public educational institution, or any official, employee, contractor, or agent thereof may enter into a nondisclosure agreement on any district- or election-related matter.

114. Prohibit Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying Groups : We believe locally elected school boards have a duty to ensure that the education provided reflects traditional Texas values, and have purview over policy, curriculum, and budget.

- a) **Severing Ties with Lobby-Aligned Associations:** Local independent school districts should sever all ties with taxpayer-funded lobby groups, including the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), and the Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS). We support prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used to pay dues or any fees for these groups. Required training now provided by groups like the above-named organizations would instead be under the auspices of the State Board of Education, with funds appropriated for that purpose.
- b) **Prohibiting Lobbyist Reimbursement and Unauthorized Legislative Activity:** We support prohibiting the use of tax dollars to train or reimburse any school board trustee or employee who lobbies the Legislature or Congress. Any legislative position taken by a school district must be approved by a board vote and posted publicly. Administrators who lobby for unapproved positions shall be found in violation of the educator code of ethics.

115. Enforcement of Open Meetings and Government School Transparency: We demand requiring audio or video recordings and publication of minutes for closed sessions, with employee and student identifiers redacted, and allowing taxpayers to seek civil penalties against government school officials who violate the Texas Open Meetings Act. We believe calling out a violation of open meeting requirements should be an affirmative defense to a charge of disrupting a public meeting. We further demand Attorney General enforcement authority for Public Information Act violations, mandatory disclosure of all legal fees by category and date, board approval for any legal expenditure exceeding \$1,000, and application of public information requirements to organizations operating primarily on school property.

116. Gender Identity Ideology in Schools: The official position of the Texas schools shall be that there are only two genders: biological male and biological female, which are immutable and cannot be changed. We support the total prohibition of so-called social transitioning. We oppose transgender-normalizing curriculum, library materials, and pronoun use. We support the prohibition of transgender individuals from serving in any school district positions, including in volunteer roles, and mandate the exclusive use of pronouns corresponding to a person's biological sex at birth. We support the passage of legislation that prohibits any course of instruction, unit of study, library materials, instructional materials, or any other curricular or extracurricular offering that adopts, supports, or promotes gender fluidity or transgender ideology in Texas government schools. We support the passage of legislation prohibiting school staff from engaging in sexualized drag activities, crossdressing, or transgenderism. We hold that biological men should compete only against other biological men and that biological women should compete only against other biological women in all school athletics.

117. Parents' Right to Local Control of Health Education: The Texas Department of State Health Services School Health program, the Centers for Disease Control "Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child" Coordinated School Health program, and the Texas Education Agency undermine parental influence in education as authorized in Texas Education Code 28.0. The Legislature should defund and abolish Texas Department of State Health Services' School Health Program and the Texas School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), and repeal Texas Education Code 38.013, Texas Education Code 38.014, and Texas Administrative Code 102.10. Texas law should remove and prohibit websites, marketing, training, and policy recommendations from Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas Education Agency Coordinated School Health programs to local schools, teachers, and local School Health Advisory Councils.

Until the Legislature removes sex education from the curriculum of public schools, the State of Texas should adopt changes to Texas Education Code 28.004 requiring that:

- a) At least 50% of SHAC appointees shall be parents of students within the school district. These parents shall be chosen through a public application process, and shall be neither district employees nor related to district employees
- b) At least 50% of parent appointees shall be present for any and all business to be conducted.
- c) All meetings shall be open to the public.

Higher Education

118. College Tuition and Student Loan Reform: College costs are out of control, and reform is urgently needed. We support freezing public spending on higher education until waste and administrative costs are reduced, and we support withholding public funding to State institutions that violate or promote the violation of State law. We support implementation of the following reforms:

- a) The Texas Legislature should freeze tuition and fees at State colleges and universities.
- b) Prohibit mass cancellation of student loan obligations. We call on Congress to end the federal student loan program.
- c) Require universities to eliminate tuition set-asides and any other programs that redistribute the costs of education among students or charge students different tuition rates based on household income.
- d) Prohibit in-state tuition and financial aid for illegal aliens and eliminate the TEXAS Grant (Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success).
- e) Limit international undergraduate and graduate student enrollment at Texas colleges and universities to no more than 5% of the student body. Prohibit the enrollment of students from foreign nations that promote Chinese Communist socialist ideas.

119. Defund Political Correctness, Fund and Support Western Civilization Instruction: We believe colleges and universities should reject diversity as understood by the Left and instead promote diversity of thought, in order to reverse the left-wing politicization of higher education. We support the following perspectives and actions at Texas colleges, universities, and secondary schools:

- a) Like Hillsdale College, we agree that State universities “should value the merit of each unique individual, rather than succumbing to the discriminatory trend of so-called social justice and multicultural diversity, which judges individuals not as individuals, but as members of a group, which pits one group against other competing groups in divisive power struggles.”
- b) We oppose any state funding or graduation requirements for divisive curricula inconsistent with the above, including Marxism, anti-Americanism, Critical Race Theory (CRT), multiculturalism, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), or diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) courses.
- c) We oppose using public funds for homosexuality, transgender, or DEI centers, employees, or programs.
- d) Public universities should be required to create a comprehensive program of instruction in Western Civilization, American Institutions, national and state heritage, Keynesian versus Austrian economics, and free-market liberty principles. Successful participation in this program should be required for graduation.

120. Campus Speech: We urge the Texas Legislature to protect the 1st Amendment rights of those on college campuses in the practice of their faith, in the formation and governance of their organizations, and in speech. We recognize that vandalism and physical threats to individuals are not protest, and we adamantly oppose riots, encampments, and other activities intended to destroy property or endanger the safety of students and staff.

121. Eliminate Tenure: We support reformation of the system of tenure in academia to protect freedom of speech and conservative voices, while also ensuring that it is a merit-based system for teacher retention

122. Equal Access: All Texas students shall have equal access to all State-supported university admissions, grants, scholarships, and loans, based on measurable academic criteria. We support the suspension of federal funding from universities that prohibit military recruitment on campus. We support allowing homeschool and private school students to compete as individuals in University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic competitions and to be eligible for associated scholarships. The Classic Learning Test (CLT) should be accepted for purposes of admission and weighed in the same manner as institutions weigh scores achieved on the ACT or SAT.

123. Private Testing Entity Financial Transparency and Accountability: Texas shall enact legislation requiring full public disclosure of all fees, cost structures, and lobbying expenditures by the College Board and any private testing entity whose exams are used as criteria for college admission at Texas public universities. The Texas Legislature and the Attorney General shall investigate the College Board and any similar private testing entity’s financial practices, data-handling, and lobbying activities in Texas.

124. Protecting American Student and Worker Opportunity: The Republican Party of Texas believes that American students and workers must come first in our universities and labor markets, and that taxpayer-funded institutions must prioritize citizens over foreign nationals at every level.

- a) **Citizen-First University Services:** Prohibit colleges and universities receiving federal or state funding from maintaining offices or programs dedicated to supporting noncitizens (including J-1, F-1, OPT, CPT, or H-1B visa holders). Redirect all such resources to support American students.
- b) **End Post-Graduation Employment Abuse:** Terminate Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT) for F-1 Students: Restrict F-1 visas strictly to full-time study only.
- c) **Lifetime Limit and Mandatory Repatriation for F-1 and J-1 Visa Holders:** Restrict F-1 and J-1 visas to one lifetime issuance per individual and one degree per individual. Limit maximum duration to four consecutive years (undergraduate), two years (graduate), and six years (PhD). Require mandatory repatriation within fourteen days of program completion or visa expiration, with no exceptions, no OPT or CPT eligibility, and no US employment or residency pathway without reapplication from abroad.
- d) **Enhance PhD Oversight and ROI Measurement:** Require universities to annually report the number of international PhD students and their fields of study. Impose strict oversight on taxpayer-funded PhD projects, mandating measurable return on investment (ROI) that prioritizes direct benefits to American citizens and the US economy.
- e) **PhD Program Oversight and Accountability (including clawbacks):** Require annual reporting on foreign national students who fail to complete their PhD programs. Mandate completion within six consecutive years. Students who drop out or fail must repay all federal and state funds received (e.g., stipends, tuition waivers, health insurance, research grants) plus interest. They will be permanently barred from future US work authorization, residency, or visitation.

125. Medical Students' Religious Liberty: All persons have liberty of conscience and shall be protected under Texas law if they conscientiously object to participating in practices that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, including any requirement for a medical resident or physician to perform an elective abortion on an opt-out basis instead of an opt-in basis; the prescription for and dispensing of drugs with abortifacient potential; human cloning; IVF; medical contraception; embryonic stem cell research; eugenic screenings; genetic engineering; euthanasia; assisted suicide; harmful futile procedures; vaccines; and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration.

126. Out of State Training Limitations for State Agencies: Any State agency, educational institution, or local entity in Texas that desires to send its employees, students, or their representatives out of state to conduct an activity that is illegal in Texas must first submit a request and obtain approval from the office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, using a form developed and approved by the Attorney General's office. The form shall be used to assist in the determination of whether an activity is legal, and must provide the full identification of the sources, addresses, and amounts of the funding by the individual or entity.

Health and Human Services

Parents' Rights

127. Parental Rights and Responsibilities: We support the fundamental God-given right and responsibility of parents to direct and guide their minor children's care and moral upbringing. Therefore, we support the constitutional rights of parents to raise and educate their children, including their rights to direct the care, custody, control, upbringing, moral and religious training, and medical care of their children. Local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or policies that limit parental rights in the rearing of both biological and adopted children shall not be enacted. As long as parents are responsible for an adult child, through college or the age of 26 when dependent children are on the parents' insurance, the parents must have access to medical information, grades, and other information normally afforded to parents of minor children.

128. Child First Conception Act: We support a ban on contract surrogacy involving foreign nationals, which may involve a form of trafficking and may lead to claims of citizenship. We also support prohibiting third-party egg and sperm donations and the commercialization of human reproduction in Texas; and we support policies that promote the welfare of children, medical transparency, and the protection of biological parents.

129. Parental Consent: We insist on informed parental consent for all medical care and counseling for all minors.

Healthcare Independence

130. Medical Freedom: We call for an addition to the Texas Bill of Rights that explicitly states that Texans have the natural, inalienable right to refuse vaccination or other medical treatment. Our personal healthcare decisions are private, and informed consent is a basic human right. Therefore, the following are expressly forbidden, including in an emergency or in a pandemic:

- a) Any attempt by any public, private, government, or medical entity to mandate, force, coerce, or condition access to service on receiving any medical test, procedure, blood product, vaccine, mask, treatment, vaccine verification, or health insurance surcharge.
- b) Any attempt to use a citizen's vaccination status as a condition to maintain or obtain housing or employment or employee benefits, attend school or childcare, access state or local government services, or participate in organ transplants and all medical care.
- c) Any involuntary isolation or quarantine of anyone not experiencing an active contagious infection.
- d) Any use of experimental medications, vaccines, treatments, or products, without disclosing known risks, benefits, and quantifiable adverse effects.
- e) Any Nuremberg Code violations including, but not limited to, the requirement that experimental-use medications, vaccines, or other treatments, must provide full knowledgeable consent and be free from any form of coercion or inducement.
- f) Any prevention of visitation to the ill when risks are acknowledged and mitigated, assuming patient and visitor consent.
- g) Any tracing of individuals by cell phones or any other means, for any reason, without an individual court-issued warrant.
- h) Any requirement restricting nurse practitioners from providing healthcare except under a delegation agreement with a Texas-licensed physician.
- i) Any holding of an individual against their will (or that of their parent or guardian) in a hospital or residential care facility, or preventing an individual from getting a second opinion or changing their healthcare provider.
- j) Any compromise of the statutorily protected right of Texans to use the Texas Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Affidavit without scrutiny or adverse action.
- k) Any denial of directed or autologous blood donation.
- l) Any state or federal medical record storage of personal identifiable records on citizens without their written consent. All medical service providers, including insurance providers, must implement and maintain a high-level technology security safeguard for consumers and patients to prevent financial losses and life-threatening delays in treatments due to breaches in one or more databases, third-party communications, or simultaneous hacks causing egregious delays and financial hardship to doctors and clinics.

131. Texas Medical Practice Act: To protect the rights of both patients and physicians, the Texas Medical Board (TMB) should adopt the following provisions in the Texas Medical Practice Act:

- a) Protect the right of patients to choose natural solutions to their health problems, including chiropractic care, and protect the physician's right to provide natural solutions for health problems.
- b) Protect physicians from interference by the TMB, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, and the federal government in the physician's treatment plans or prescriptions.
- c) Eliminate confidential complaints against physicians.
- d) Eliminate anonymous medical witnesses against physicians.

- e) Mandate legal due process in all TMB proceedings.
- f) Allow physicians the right to have a complaint against them tried in a State District Court, rather than in an administrative law court.
- g) Prohibit TMB members from working for insurance or pharmaceutical companies or hospitals while serving on the Board, to prevent conflict of interest.
- h) Prohibit intimidation tactics by TMB lawyers against physicians.
- i) Prohibit the independent licensure of artificial intelligence to practice medicine.

132. Medication Manufacturing: Medications and prescription drugs consumed in the United States should be manufactured in the United States for security, consistency, and reliability of the drug. We strongly encourage the State of Texas to promote private entities to initiate and sustain the buildup of the supply chain, storage, and manufacturing of the medical and health products in this state, to help prevent shortages, reduce costs, and increase the availability of medical products to its constituents.

133. Informative Labels on Medications: We require informative labeling on:

- a) All prescription and over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and medical supplies. In addition, these medical products must be required to show the country of manufacturing or production.
- b) All medications and vaccines that contain mRNA or aborted fetal material.
- c) All medications, therapeutics, and vaccines that have not completed human trial studies. These should be labelled as experimental, potentially harmful, and “may not be therapeutic.”

134. Right to Try: We commend the 89th Legislative Session for passing SB 984, known as the Right to Try 2.0 framework, and encourage the Legislature to continue advancing provisions for continuity of care.

135. Healthcare Savings Accounts: All individuals shall be allowed to establish health savings accounts. Individuals shall be allowed higher annual contributions to health savings accounts.

136. Texas HSA: We recommend the creation of the State of Texas Health Savings Account, with funds in excess of those needed in the Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund) set aside for the purpose of enabling the State to develop reserves sufficient to exit the federal Medicaid program. Funds in this Texas HSA shall not expire nor be used for any other purpose. Until we establish the Texas HSA in order to eliminate reliance on federal Medicaid, we support Medicaid block grants to the states and returning Medicaid to its original purpose to be a temporary assistance program for US citizens.

Government-Funded Health Programs

137. Parental Safeguard: We support abolishing the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, the trauma-informed care policy, school-based mental health providers, school-based or school-connected mental health interventions, and any other public school programs that serve to expand access to minors. Legislators shall prohibit all reproductive healthcare services in public schools.

138. Public Assistance Accountability and Workforce Participation: We support the abolition of all federal welfare programs, as they are not an appropriate role of the federal government. Until this is achieved, the State should encourage faith-based institutions and community and business organizations to temporarily assist individuals in need. We encourage reform in the following areas:

- a) Provide benefits only to citizens and legal residents with verified eligibility; scrub welfare rolls to eliminate prisoners and the deceased.
- b) Require able-bodied recipients to work, learn, and train to move toward self-sufficiency.
- c) Require recipients to remain substance-abuse free and willing to submit to and pass random drug testing.
- d) Require that money provided through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) be used only for nutritious foods consistent with those included under the WIC program, and be released only with a photo ID of the approved user.
- e) Implement a non-monetary-based assistance program for providing supplemental food benefits.

139. Child Support Related to Welfare: Mothers applying for government financial support—exempting rape victims—shall provide the verifiable name and any known contact information of the birth father, which information shall be turned over to the State of Texas Attorney General’s Office within 30 days for collection of child support.

140. Disability Fraud Reduction: We call for stronger, more stringent, and timely reviews of disability claims to ensure that assistance is provided only to those truly in need.

141. Medicaid Reform: We oppose any further expansion of Medicaid and stand in opposition to Medicaid for noncitizens. Medicaid funds shall only be used for genuine biological medical conditions. The funds also must be redirected to genuine biological medical needs that will truly improve the lives of young women and their children, and will authentically contribute to good preconception care, good birth outcomes, and good maternal health in Texas. Medicaid 1115 Waiver allocations must not be used to pay for the chemical sterilization of teenage girls or to cause abortions.

142. Medicare Reform: Medicare should be provided only for United States citizens and legal residents, and there should be a non-penalized opt-out for Optional Practical Training (OPT) program those who have health insurance through their employers and who continue to work.

143. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”): We demand the immediate repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and encourage Congress to replace it with legislation that aligns with free-market principles. Adequate protections for preexisting conditions must be retained.

144. Home and Community-Based Services: In order to avoid costly institutional care and preserve families, we call on the Texas Legislature to enact policies that would support investment in, and full funding of, home and community-based services (HCBS) as a pro-life policy, and to enact associated policy solutions to protect, preserve, and defend the sanctity and dignity of human life. We urge the Legislature to address any loopholes that fail to protect or provide appropriate home and community-based supports and access to care for children and for people with disabilities. In addition, we ask that families be provided with information about life-affirming social and medical services available to them in Texas as alternatives to abortion and costly institutional care.

Mental Health

145. Caring for Citizens who Are Mentally Disabled: We believe Texas should protect the dignity, safety, and well-being of citizens with mental disabilities, while preserving family involvement and common-sense care options. We urge the Legislature to strengthen services and protections for mentally disabled legal Texas residents by:

- a) Fully funding and maintaining State-supported living centers and expanding community-based supports to avoid unnecessary institutional care.
- b) Supporting parent-initiated treatment for children or dependents who lack capacity, with due process and competency-based safeguards.
- c) Ensuring clear consent standards and full parental access to records and evidence-based therapies and services.
- d) Increasing available beds and improving efficiency, oversight, and continuity of care.

146. Mental Health: We oppose all mental, emotional, or well-being surveys, screenings, assessments, and similar such instruments in public schools and demand that the Texas Legislature ban all psychological or mental health questions, instruction, activities, surveys, and check-ins in any capacity in public schools. If an employee or contractor of the school district has the opinion that a child needs to be referred to a mental health professional, he or she shall make such a recommendation to the parent or guardian of the child. We implore the Legislature to require informed parental consent prior to any psychological questions being presented to a student. The Legislature shall enact strict penalties for violation of parental rights regarding school health and mental health services and shall order the strict enforcement of such penalties.

Homosexuality and Gender Issues

147. Homosexuality: Homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle choice. We believe there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special protected status for homosexual behavior, regardless of state of origin, and we oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose homosexuality out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values.

148. Gender Identity: We oppose all efforts to validate transgender identity and ideology. We believe gender modification in any form for minors does not constitute medical care and is, in fact, child abuse. Further, there shall be no attempt to engage in so-called “gender affirming” medical or mental health intervention for persons between the ages of 18 and 26, including:

- a) Intervening in any way to prevent natural progression of puberty.
- b) Administering or providing opposite sex hormones.
- c) Performing any surgery on healthy body parts of that person.
- d) Assigning name or pronoun changes.

Any agency, individual, or other entity promoting, performing, or facilitating gender-transitioning or gender-modification of a minor child shall be criminally prosecuted for child abuse and exposed to civil actions, enjoying no immunity regardless of profession, relation, or standing.

149. No Taxpayer Funding for “Sex Change”: We oppose the use of taxpayer funds for any type of medical treatments or interventions intended to alter sex characteristics. This includes, but is not limited to, military personnel and inmates in federal, state, or local prisons or jails. No federal, state, insurance, or probate monies may be allocated for the use of such treatment.

150. Counseling Methods: Therapists, psychologists, and counselors practicing in the State of Texas shall be authorized by appropriate licensing boards for practicing authentic reparative therapy or other counseling methods when counseling clients of any age with identity disorder or unwanted same-sex attraction.

Substance Abuse and Addiction

151. Addiction: We oppose legalization and decriminalization of illicit natural or illegal synthetic drugs, and we support the exercise of a zero-tolerance policy with maximum penalty for manufacturers and distributors of illegal drugs or their precursors. We also oppose any needle exchange programs or supervised drug consumption sites. Faith-based rehabilitation programs shall be considered a part of an overall rehabilitation program.

152. Cannabis Classification: The State of Texas shall retain cannabis as a Schedule I drug.

153. Synthetic THC: Texas should prohibit the manufacture, sale, and distribution of intoxicating synthetic THC products produced through chemical conversion of hemp-derived cannabinoids, including Delta-8, Delta-10, and similar substances, and should close hemp loopholes that allow unregulated intoxicating products to be sold to consumers.

Life-Affirming Health Care Concepts

154. Pornography Crisis: The State of Texas shall recognize that pornography and pedophilia are public health hazards. We call on legislators to:

- a) Strengthen protective measures to block incidental or unwanted exposure to inappropriate or pornographic material. Violators shall be subject to appropriate civil or criminal penalties, or both.
- b) Pass a complete ban on production and public display of pornography within the state. We support restricting the access by minors to internet websites and social media platforms that contain or promote any sexually explicit material. We oppose website regulations that specify fractional judgments regarding content.
- c) Prohibit the possession, sale, and distribution of “child-like sex dolls,” which are obscene anatomically correct dolls, mannequins, or robots that are used for sexual stimulation or gratification and that have the features of or have features that resemble those of minors.
- d) Prohibit the advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of obscene devices to minors. Prohibit the display of such items in a manner that is accessible to minors.
- e) Prohibit taxpayer resources from funding pornography, including, not limited to, state or municipal employee devices, or devices in public libraries, schools, school libraries, and rural broadband. The Texas Legislature should codify a federal statute similar to the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) into Texas law. The State of Texas can and should require school districts to only contract with vendors that filter content to protect children from harmful materials.

155. Conscience Protections: All persons and legal entities have the right of conscience and shall be protected under Texas law if they conscientiously object to participating in practices that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, the prescription for and dispensing of drugs with abortifacient potential, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, eugenic screenings, genetic engineering, sterilization, birth control, euthanasia, assisted suicide, organ donation, brain death, harmful futile procedures, vaccines, and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration. We call on the Texas Legislature to enact additional conscience protections for all healthcare professionals, including medical students, that are all-encompassing, enforceable at the state level, and protect against adverse action and retaliation taken against an individual. We support legislation:

- a) Protecting healthcare professionals and facilities from being required to refer, counsel, or otherwise facilitate any medical service that violates their sincerely held moral or religious beliefs.
- b) Ensuring that healthcare professionals whose conscience rights are violated have a private right of action to seek injunctive relief, recover actual damages, and obtain reasonable attorney fees and court costs.
- c) Prohibiting denial, revocation, or limitation of licensure, certification, hospital privileges, employment opportunities, for a healthcare professional's decision to decline participation in a medical service for reasons of conscience.

156. Trafficking and Disposal of Fetal Remains, Fetal Tissue Harvesting, and Stem Cell Research:

We support legislation prohibiting and criminalizing the trafficking of the remains of preborn children killed by abortion facilities outside the State of Texas, picked up by Texas-based waste management companies, and brought back to Texas to be treated and regarded as trash to be disposed of in Texas landfills. Additionally, we support legislation banning the harvesting, sale, experimentation, or commercial use of human fetal tissue, including tissue intended for use in vaccines, that requires or is dependent on the destruction of human life. Legislation should support strengthening of biological ties, child welfare, and informed consent. We encourage adult stem cell research using cells from umbilical cords, adults, or any practice that does not kill human embryos. We also support elimination of public funding for embryonic stem cell research, research on fetal tissue, or human cloning. All products that use embryonic and fetal tissue in their production shall be labeled in the State of Texas to inform consumers, promote alternatives, and affirm the value of human life.

157. Support for the Sanctity of Life: The Republican Party of Texas supports programs that provide assistance to pregnant women and promote the sanctity of life.

158. Promoting Ethical, Moral, Restorative, and Compassionate Fertility Care: We oppose public funding for procedures that destroy embryonic life, including IVF. We call for regulation of the assisted reproduction industry to prevent exploitation of embryos, embryo discarding, eugenic practices, and commodification of human life, along with mandatory reporting on embryo creation, storage, and disposition. Additionally, we support the promotion and funding of ethical alternatives—such as NaProTECHNOLOGY, perinatal palliative care, adoption incentives, and holistic infertility treatments—that respect human life from fertilization and align with pro-life values.

159. Preventing Any Death by Abortion: We support legislation such as the Preborn Non-Discrimination Act (pre-NDA) to close existing discriminatory loopholes that fail to protect preborn children suspected of having “fetal anomalies” or disabilities, and we support legislation to enact anti-discriminatory language to apply additional protections to preborn children at risk of being aborted because of their sex, race, disability, or age of gestation. Such legislation should provide families with information about life-affirming social and medical services available to them in Texas, such as perinatal palliative care. We support protecting preborn children and their mothers by stopping abortion pill distributors from sending and trafficking these lethal and illegal drugs into Texas and by holding those accountable who break State pro-life laws by selling and trafficking illegal abortion pills.

160. Medical Emergencies within Pro-Life Laws: We support the current medical emergency exception laws, which include the management of confirmed ectopic pregnancies, which are not to be considered abortions. We do not support inaccurate arguments against abortion, which occur due to false and misleading rhetoric. The abortion law does not need to be altered, but implementation does

need to be addressed. We urge the Legislature and health agencies to educate and inform medical professionals and the public about the law of medical emergency exceptions. The mother's life remains the primary consideration in providing emergency care exceptions in the management of ectopic pregnancies and complicated preterm premature rupture of the membrane (PPROM).

161. Planned Parenthood: We support legislation completely eliminating public funding for, or contracts with, Planned Parenthood, other abortion providers, or any of their affiliates. We oppose their digital or physical presence in our schools and other public institutions, as well as the expansion of their facilities in our neighborhoods.

162. Life-Affirming Patient Protection: We call for the Texas Legislature to secure due process and the rights of vulnerable Texas patients by continuing to reform Chapter 166 of the Health and Safety Code (Texas Advance Directives Act) by:

- a) Repealing the unethical, unconstitutional, unprecedented, and anti-life 25-Day Rule in Section 166.046, Health and Safety Code, and replacing it with a truly life-affirming law that requires physicians to adhere to a patient's or surrogate's medical decision about life-sustaining treatment, and that provides for physicians who disagree with the patient's decision to transfer the patient to another physician or facility that will honor the decision to continue life-sustaining treatment.
- b) Improving language that protects Texas patients with disabilities to clarify and strengthen that disability should not be a considered factor.
- c) Guaranteeing judicial review, ensuring the ability to appeal a hospital committee's decision and to provide impartial legal recourse over life and death medical decisions.
- d) Protecting patients' rights to opt out of the dangerous apnea test to declare brain death, to receive an independent second opinion, and to have their beliefs about brain death be respected.

Environmental Health

163. Toxic Exposure: The State of Texas shall prohibit the addition of sodium fluoride or any other chemicals deemed dangerous, carcinogenic, harmful, or poisonous to community water systems. Texas shall require investigation, disclosure, testing, and public reporting of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, forever chemicals) contamination. We support the immediate implementation of the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2016, which will ensure that the federal government will establish a database on all exposed veterans and their families and descendants.

164. Less Tech for Little Texans: Any government agency with responsibility for children must limit screen time to age-appropriate limits.

165. Prohibition of Biocultured Food: We support the prohibition of the manufacture, sale, or distribution of food products made from cultured animal cells, or from bioengineered or mesenchymal cell lines.

Criminal and Civil Justice

Rights and Protections

166. Repeal Kinsey-Based Laws: We urge the Texas Legislature to repeal all laws based on all research by Dr. Alfred Kinsey. Texas should modify the Miller Test to close the loopholes exploited by publishers and digital resources and prohibit taxpayer funding to any entity that permits the presentation or encouragement of sexuality, pornography, or transgender ideology to minor children.

167. Civil Asset Forfeiture: We call on the Texas Legislature to abolish civil asset forfeiture, independently or in partnership with federal authorities, to require full compensation for innocent property owners, and to ensure that private property may only be forfeited on a criminal conviction. Property owners should not lose their property without judicial due process.

168. Government Surveillance: We oppose warrantless government surveillance, in all forms and at all levels, of United States citizens and businesses.

169. Immunity: We support reforming judicial immunity, prosecutorial immunity, and qualified immunity to hold judges, prosecutors, and government officials civilly accountable when they engage in misconduct or violate constitutional or statutory rights. We call for legislation that narrows qualified immunity by restoring a good-faith defense without the modern “clearly established law” barrier, that limits prosecutorial immunity to core advocative functions while excluding willful misconduct such as Brady violations, and that confines judicial immunity to core adjudicative acts while strengthening ethics enforcement and removal for misconduct.

170. Location and Data Privacy: We call on the Texas Legislature to protect citizens’ current and historic technologically available location data by requiring a warrant based on probable cause or a legally obtained subpoena. :

171. Hate Crimes: We urge the complete repeal of hate crime laws, since ample laws are currently in effect to punish criminal behavior toward other persons.

172. Marriage Officiation: We believe religious institutions have the freedom to only recognize and perform those marriages that are consistent with their doctrine.

173. Warrant Validity: The filers of search warrants shall be held responsible for the validity of the information used to obtain the warrants.

174. State of Emergency and Pandemic Business Fines: We support the prohibition of fines or imprisonment for operating a business during a state of emergency or during pandemics, and we call for the Texas Legislature to pass these protections into law.

175. Fraudulent Lien Filings: We support legislation designed to reduce fraud by requiring that the identity of the debtor on all liens be confirmed by at least three methods prior to filing.

176. Gain-of-Function Accountability: We call for the banning of gain-of-function research in Texas. We support investigations and indictments of those who participate in funding, developing, introducing, or releasing gain-of-function pathogens.

177. Diminished Capacity Defense: Texas should consider a diminished capacity defense that includes but is not limited to: autism spectrum, reactive attachment disorder, trauma kids, and traumatic brain injuries.

Courts, Prosecutions, Restitution

178. Court Accountability: We support the right to inform the jurors of their common law power to judge law (jury nullification) and evidence, and to vote on a verdict according to their conscience. We believe district attorneys have a duty to seek justice for victims of all forms of crime and oppose policies that systematically decline to prosecute crimes. All judges shall be required to state their final decisions on record, immediately validating and producing a mandatory Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law for every substantive decision or final ruling in a case. In order to preserve the complete record in all transactions in court and in chambers, we support requiring audio or video recording.

179. Prosecutorial Accountability: We support providing the Texas Attorney General a process to investigate and remove district attorneys that fail to enforce Texas law. Strong penalties should be implemented for elected officials found reducing criminal cases to skew records. We support the Texas Legislature enacting legislation to hold judges and prosecutors accountable for violating their oaths of office. To support the right to a speedy trial, trials should commence within 12 months of indictment.

180. Duly Authorized Courts of Law: We affirm that Texas recognizes only those legal systems duly authorized under the United States Constitution and the Constitution and statutes of Texas. We reject the operation or enforcement of any parallel or unauthorized legal systems within Texas borders. We urge the Legislature to codify this principle and bar Texas courts from giving effect to rulings from any such court or tribunal lacking said authorization.

181. Frivolous Lawsuits: We support further reform to discourage frivolous lawsuits. We also support reforms of the vexatious litigant statute, which can be used to deny Texans meaningful access to the courts. We oppose the abusive use of class action lawsuits and any law that allows government agencies to collect lawyer fees from the plaintiff when they win, but not have to pay the plaintiff fees when they lose. We call for the Legislature to keep the Texas Citizens Participation Act and its essential protections for Texans’ 1st Amendment rights.

182. Bail Reform: We believe bail in Texas should be based only on a person’s danger to society, risk of flight, and criminal history. District attorneys and judges involved in the case are not exempt from penalties or civil suits for enabling offenders whose release was not granted based on the merits of the alleged violent crime. Personal Recognizance (PR) bonds should only be allowed for first-time, non-violent offenders.

183. Human Trafficking Jurisdiction: The Texas Legislature shall pass legislation granting the Texas Attorney General full concurrent jurisdiction over multi-jurisdictional cases, to be limited specifically to those cases involving human trafficking.

184. Survivors Rights: Judges should not penalize survivors of human trafficking with less than equal parenting in child custody disputes. Child Protective Services should prioritize reunification with parents who were victims in cases involving human trafficking.

Law Enforcement

185. Rule of Law and Enforcement: We believe no one is above the law. We support the rule of law and the enforcement of laws, which maintains an ordered republic.

186. Public School Resource Officers: Public school officers and ISD police should report violations of law directly to the local police or sheriff, not to the superintendent, and must follow legal reporting requirements rather than school district guidance.

187. Abortion Homicide Exemption: The physician homicide exemption of the Texas Penal Code Section 19.06 should be modified to apply only to non-elective abortions such as those required to save the life of the mother.

188. Capital Punishment: Properly applied capital punishment is legitimate and should be reasonably swift, while respecting all due process. We support the addition of capital punishment for child aggravated sexual assault when the victim is under 12 years of age.

189. First Responders: We support proper funding for first responders with comprehensive physical and academic training in the US Constitution, in the classroom and on the ground. We ask that the Texas Legislature enact comprehensive occupational illness protections for all Texas first responders, including presumptive coverage for illness caused by duty exposure, ensuring that those who sacrifice their health in service to Texas are not forced to prove a duty-related connection to receive earned medical benefits. We ask that Texas increase funding for rural law enforcement agencies, including sheriffs’ and constables’ offices. We support increasing funding for the Texas Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program

190. No-Knock Raids: We call on the Texas Legislature to improve no-knock warrant procedures to protect law enforcement and the community.

191. Political Policing: We believe that laws should be enforced uniformly, that punishment should meet the crime, that the law should never be used to target individuals for political purposes, and that the use of lawfare against citizens must be strongly condemned. We oppose the targeting of police officers by progressive district attorneys. We support prompt expunction of records for those who are found not guilty in a court of law or for arrests after prosecution is denied. We support restitution and pardons for all individuals unjustly targeted and punished by a weaponized Biden administration.

192. Patrol Rifles for Private Security: We call on the Texas Legislature and Texas Department of Public Safety to recognize emerging threats facing places that employ Commissioned Private Security, to create a Patrol Rifle Certification and attendant training on par with the shotgun certification currently in use.

FamilyLaw

193. Equal Parenting: We support legislation providing for equal and consistent parenting (possession and access) for every child, when both parents—one biological man and one biological woman—are fit, willing, and able, as being presumptively in the best interest of the child.

194. Child Protective Services (DFPS/CPS) Reform: We support reforming or replacing the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), which has too often ripped non-abused children from loving homes, inflicting irreversible trauma and violating the God-given parental bond protected by the United States Constitution per *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000). We reject the ideology that the government owns our children (*Parens Patriae*) and demand the complete rewriting of Texas Family Code Chapter 262 to prioritize family preservation and prevent wrongful removals.

- a) Ex parte removals shall be permitted only on probable cause of imminent danger, supported by sworn evidence from the actual fact witnesses; knowing inclusion of unsworn or third-party hearsay in DFPS affidavits shall constitute a high-level misdemeanor.
- b) Parents shall have the right to demand a jury at the initial removal hearing to prevent corrupt judges from simply rubber-stamping the department's actions.
- c) The deliberately vague and non-legal standard "sufficient to satisfy a person of ordinary prudence and caution," invented solely for Chapter 262 to allow removals based on opinion rather than proof, shall be abolished; real evidentiary standards shall be required: probable cause for initial ex parte removals, clear and convincing evidence at adversarial hearings and all interim hearings, and proof beyond a reasonable doubt for permanent termination of parental rights.
- d) Upon final disposition of any case resulting in return of the child(ren) to the parent(s), the parent's name and all related information shall be immediately and permanently deleted from the Texas Central Registry Portal with no residual notation or record.
- e) DFPS, its employees, and contractors shall enjoy no immunity when violating constitutional rights or due process of Texas families.

195. Protect Our Children: We support increasing the minimum sentencing for sexual assault on a minor (less than 14 years old) to 25 years and removing the option for parole for such offenders. We support:

- a) Notifying the victim or victim representative sixty (60) days in advance of any changes to scheduled court proceedings, filings, or continuances.
- b) Amending Texas Code of Procedures Article 56A.452 to comport with this plank.

State Affairs

Heritage Preservation

196. Alamo: The Alamo should be remembered and not "reimagined." Texas's authority over the Alamo shall not be infringed by any organization, including local governments, the federal government, the United Nations, or UNESCO. Decision-making authority must remain with Texas, and custodians must affirm the significance of the 1836 battle, maintain transparency, and protect all existing monuments, especially the Cenotaph, which shall not be moved. Plaza and Plaza de Valero, the areas located in front of the Alamo Church, shall be dedicated to the public use as an open space.

197. Heritage: We call on governmental entities to protect all symbols of our American and Texan heritage. This includes opposing the removal of the Ten Commandments and other religious symbols, supporting the Pledge Protection Act, establishing penalties for flag desecration, preserving Texas history and sites, and restoring plaques honoring the Confederate Pension Fund, which formerly provided support to war widows and disabled Civil War veterans. We support March 2nd Texas Independence Day being an official State holiday. We support having all schools, state agencies, and public offices celebrate and honor Constitution Day on September 17th of each year or the preceding Friday or following Monday closest thereto.

198. Historical Monuments: We believe that all Texas historical war memorials, including Confederate monuments, shall be protected from future removal or defacement, and we believe that those monuments that have been removed should be restored to their historical locations. We support the continuing allocation of funds that are necessary to preserve the USS Texas as a permanent monument to the ship, her crew of two world wars, and the history of the State of Texas.

199. Military Base Names: Texas shall publicly honor the southern heroes and rescind all name changes of our military bases.

200. Honor Our Flags: We appreciate and honor our flags and what they represent, and we strongly advocate for all public schools to display only the United States and Texas flags in every classroom and to begin each school day with the pledges to both. We call for the requirement to raise American and Texas flags on publicly funded student campuses and the prohibition of other flags (other than United States military flags) to be hung on publicly funded buildings on student campuses. All Texas students attending publicly funded campuses will see American and Texas flags throughout university campuses.

Individual Rights and Freedoms

201. Identity Theft and Data Privacy: The Texas Legislature shall expand existing privacy laws and laws protecting against identity theft: by limiting the ways in which internet providers, schools, federal and state government entities, and others may access, collect, store, and use Texans' electronic communications, documents, metadata, and protected information.

202. Religious Freedom for Business: We support the removal of laws and regulations that are used to force business owners and employees to violate their conscience, sincerely held beliefs, or core values. Properly defining public accommodation as understood in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that we:

- a) Prohibit any change to the legal definition by any federal, state, or local law to expand government control to restrict any 1st Amendment rights.
- b) Proscribe any law that requires any private business or individual to create or provide a custom product or service, any kind of expressive work, enter into a contract, or be coerced into any speech that is not their own.
- c) Prohibit businesses from professing, espousing, or adopting any views on sex, sexuality, gender, or gender identity, other than to guarantee that views and positions on these matters are not used as a basis for denial of access to available public accommodations.
- d) Pass legislation to ensure that no business or school can be required to provide accommodation for individuals whose religion requires them to interrupt regular business operations or schedules to pray multiple times per day.

203. Freedom of Speech and Religious Practice: As America is "one nation under God," founded on Judeo-Christian principles, we affirm the constitutional right of all individuals to worship as they choose. We strongly believe in Religious Freedom and Freedom of Speech. Therefore, we demand:

- a) The repeal of the Johnson Amendment, which assaults the free speech of pastors and religious organizations.
- b) Protection of the 1st Amendment rights of all citizens to practice their religion and exercise their right to free speech in the public square, as well as in religious organization affiliations.
- c) That Texas judges and legislators uphold and defend our God-given unalienable rights of religious liberty and freedom of speech to protect against the intimidation and prevention of Christians and other people of faith from exercising these rights.
- d) Acknowledgment that the Church is a God-ordained institution with a sphere of authority separate from that of civil government, and thus the Church is not to be regulated, controlled, or taxed by any level of civil government. Nor shall services or other church functions ever again be shut down or suspended by overreaching civil authorities under any pretext whatsoever.
- e) That Texas Legislation adopt language to oppose abuse of emergency powers to seize or block bank accounts or to criminalize political speech as a result of protected speech under the 1st Amendment.
- f) That the Texas Legislature reject legislation that mandates public schools or other taxpayer-funded institutions to provide meals or services certified under any religious dietary standards, including halal or similar certification systems.

Exceptions to a–f above to include antisemitism practices, Sharia law, and other contradictions to the Constitution, and cultural approaches that mask their practices as religious.

204. Limit State Holidays: We urge the Texas Legislature and our Congressional delegation to limit official government religious holiday recognition and paid public leave solely to those days of traditional Christian significance that have historically been part of the American experience.

- 205. Gender Identity and Government Policy:** We support legislation in the State of Texas that ensures:
- a) All public and private restrooms, changing facilities, showers, and other spaces where modesty is appropriate, be segregated based on biological sex.
 - b) Opposition to any attempt to criminalize or penalize anyone for the wrong use of pronouns.
 - c) All government agencies guarantee that views and positions on these matters are not used as a basis to deny access to public accommodations, as defined by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, nor to deny employment, or discriminate in employment decisions, solely on the basis of a person's views on these matters.
 - d) Mandating adherence to sex identification on all official documents that is in alignment with biological sex. Male is defined as the sex having the capacity to produce small gametes; female is defined as having the capacity to produce large gametes.

Family and Gender Issues

206. Protect Minors Until Age of Consent: A law shall be enacted to protect the rights of the individual until the age of consent is reached, to include:

- a) Prohibiting social transitioning or other treatments.
- b) Protecting against predatory sexual behaviors including, but not limited to, public “Drag Queen Story Hour” sessions in libraries, schools, or other public venues, and criminalizing exposure to children.
- c) Prohibiting the desensitization of children to sexual topics through inappropriate exposure to, or normalizing of, sexual behavior.
- d) Requiring the disclosure of the above offenses to parents or guardians.

207. Definition of Marriage and Family: We affirm God's biblical design for marriage and family as a God-ordained, legal, and moral covenant only between one biological man and one biological woman, which has proven to be the foundation for all great nations in Western Civilization. We oppose homosexual “marriage,” regardless of state of origin. We urge the Texas Legislature to pass religious liberty protections for individuals, businesses, and government officials who believe marriage is between one man and one woman. We oppose the granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special status for sexual behavior or identity, regardless of state of origin, and reject federal acts infringing on Texas's definition of marriage. We oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose nontraditional sexual behavior out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values. We are opposed to same-sex parenting, intentionally subjecting a child to the loss of their biological father or mother, and other nontraditional definitions of family.

208. State Authority Over Marriage: We support Congress's withholding jurisdiction from the federal courts and nullifying federal Executive Branch rules, orders, regulations, or licensing requirements in cases involving family law, and especially any changes in the definition of marriage.

209. Nullify Unconstitutional Ruling: We believe the *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision, overturning the Texas law prohibiting same-sex “marriage” in Texas, has no basis in the Constitution and should be nullified.

210. Spousal Benefits: We shall not recognize or grant to any unmarried person the legal rights or status of a spouse, as defined in Principle number 6 of this Platform, including granting benefits by political subdivisions.

211. No-Fault Divorce: The Texas Family Code shall be completely rewritten with regards to No-Fault Divorce and Child Custody. Suits related to these topics shall be delineated in such a way as to remove the need for any but the most minimal judicial interaction, and promote the maintenance of the traditional family via required intervention or counseling prior to any decree of divorce. We urge the Legislature to rescind unilateral no-fault divorce laws, to support covenant marriage, and to pass legislation extending the period of time in which a divorce may occur to six months after the date of filing for divorce.

212. Foster Care: We urge the Texas Legislature to:

- a) Expand community-based care: Increase partnerships with local private and nonprofit charitable organizations to create a safer and more responsive system.

- b) Expand service options: Improve care for families of children at risk of entering foster care by providing more choice and flexibility for family preservation services outside of the current state-contracted services.
- c) Increase funding to foster care background checks and wellness checks, including interviewing children in foster care.
- d) Increase support of foster care families, which can reduce burdensome regulations for loving families that open their homes to our most vulnerable children while protecting those same children.

213. Adoption: We acknowledge that the ideal outcome is for birth parents to be able and willing to raise their own children; however, when that is not possible, we fully support adoption. We call on the Texas Legislature to promote adoption as an alternative to abortion by passing legislation that will:

- a) Encourage adoption as a compassionate alternative to abortion, through public education, distinguishing voluntary infant adoption from foster care adoption.
- b) Promote policies that make adoption more affordable, streamlined, and accessible for qualified families, while protecting the rights of birth parents.
- c) Support initiatives that combat misinformation and confusion about birth parents, adoptive families, and adoptees.
- d) Ensure access to counseling and supportive services, including affordable mental health care for birth parents, adoptive families, and adopted children.

We urge communities and people of faith to promote adoption and, for those not called to adopt, to offer assistance to families that can. We believe that, in the best interests of the family and child, the State of Texas should allow children to be adopted only by married or single heterosexuals.

214. Detransitioners: We support detransitioners and desisters in their pursuit of establishing a healthy lifestyle after being harmed by the gender identity industry, including:

- a) The extension of the statute of limitations for medical malpractice suits from two years to ten years, or until the individual is 26 years old, whichever is longer, for persons who underwent social or medical “transition” as minors and have suffered mental or physical damage as a result.
- b) Requiring health insurance companies that fund social or medical “transition” procedures or therapy to also fully fund the expenses incurred due to deleterious side effects and treatment necessary to detransition or desist safely.

215. Keep Prisons and Jails Single Sex: The Texas Legislature should mandate that juveniles and adults detained in jails, detention centers, or prisons be housed according to biological sex. Any search of an inmate or detainee that involves physical contact must be performed by an officer whose biological sex matches the biological sex of the inmate or detainee.

Pro-Life Issues

216. Pro-Life: Abortion is not healthcare; it is homicide. Until the abolition of abortion is achieved, we support laws that restrict and regulate abortion, including but not limited to:

- a) Parental and informed consent, including the elimination of judicial bypass.
- b) Prohibition of licensing, liability, and malpractice insurance for abortionists and abortion facilities.
- c) Prohibition of financial kickbacks for abortion referrals.
- d) Prohibition of late-term abortions.
- e) Prohibition of abortions after the time an unborn child’s heartbeat is detected.
- f) Prohibition of the manufacturing, importation, sale, dispensing, and use of abortifacients. The State may enforce criminal penalties, while private individuals may enforce civil penalties against companies and suppliers of online sales and delivery of any form of abortifacients.
- g) Elimination of causes of action for “wrongful birth.”
- h) Billing the beneficiary for health insurance coverage for abortion services and abortifacients, which under Texas law shall be considered supplemental coverage.

- i) Attaching criminal penalties to any person or entity convicted of selling body parts of aborted children or of conducting an illegal abortion.
- j) Extending the private cause of action used in the Texas Heartbeat Act to all pro-life laws and policies in Texas.
- k) A Legislative study on the effects of abortion numbers post-Roe, and to discuss a better solution than the current failing legislation in effect.
- l) Supporting the right of Texas political subdivisions to protect mothers and their preborn children in their communities by passing enforceable city or county ordinances that further ban abortions within their county or city limits, closing loopholes in State abortion laws.
- m) Prohibiting private entities from using funds, benefits, reimbursements, transportation, lodging, or organized logistical support to facilitate travel for the purpose of obtaining an elective abortion; and supporting appropriate civil enforcement mechanisms against organizations and individuals who knowingly assist in organized efforts to circumvent Texas laws protecting unborn children.

217. Care for Women: We recognize the profound emotional, physical, and spiritual wounds that abortion can leave behind. We welcome post-abortive women into compassionate fellowship, healing support, and active participation in the pro-life movement. We encourage their inclusion in pro-life education and counseling efforts, where their experiences can foster awareness, healing, and hope. We affirm the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, and support its protection from fertilization until natural death. We are the Party of LIFE.

218. Abolish Abortion: We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation to abolish abortion by immediately securing the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization and to adopt effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when doctors or district attorneys fail to do so.

219. Inviolability of Life and Fundamental Right to Life: All innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death. Therefore, the unborn, the aged, and the physically or mentally challenged have a fundamental individual right to life, which cannot be infringed. We respect the uniqueness of human life and oppose practices that corrupt human DNA, mix human and animal DNA, or other transhumanist initiatives that do not respect the sanctity and uniqueness of human life. All humans are endowed by their Creator with sovereign rights of ownership of their person and DNA, regardless of any DNA modification, and claims to the contrary are invalid.

Land Use

220. Property Annexation and De-Annexation: Homeowners and landowners in an area proposed for annexation shall have the right to vote to approve or reject the annexation, including infill development zones (IDZ), regardless of the population of the county. No annexation can occur within 45 days of any election. In any city with a population of over 250,000, any neighborhood can elect to de-annex and reincorporate as a new city—for any reason—provided they receive at least 50% plus one vote of those voting in a regular election and living within the defined de-annexation boundaries. Annexations shall not be created that result in areas commonly referred to as “flagpole annexation,” “corridor annexation,” or “shoestring annexation.”

221. Unincorporated Land Development: We encourage the Texas Legislature to grant limited regulatory authority to County Commissioners Courts in unincorporated areas to protect rural lands and local resources from the negative impacts of large-scale commercial developments including, but not limited to, solar farms, wind farms, data mining facilities, data storage facilities, and battery storage facilities. Such authority should be carefully tailored as a local option, allowing counties to adopt reasonable ordinances, standards, and review processes—such as mandatory public input, environmental assessments, resource protection measures, and compatibility requirements—while respecting private property rights, avoiding overregulation, and ensuring consistency with State energy and economic goals.

222. HOA Governance: We support legislation restricting the power of Homeowners Associations (HOAs):

- a) Ensuring informed consent by requiring buyers to verify that they have read every page of the document, from page one to the end of the document.
- b) No authority to foreclose.
- c) No authority to restrict the flying of the United States flag.
- d) No restrictions on rainwater collection.
- e) No changes to terms without 85% consent of the homeowners and property owners.
- f) Developers must turn over HOA ownership once 70% of the original lots or land are purchased.
- g) Be obligated to abide by open meeting rules.
- h) Practice financial transparency.
- i) Only owners who live on or own adjacent lots, or lots with only one lot occupied by a third party between them, may file complaints.
- j) Abolish any and all extra-judicially enforced policies.
- k) Additional phases of a development may not be added in order to lengthen the time frame that HOA ownership can be maintained by the developer.

223. Property Rights: Property ownership and free enterprise, the foundation of our collective wealth, must not be abridged or denied by government. We support legislation to protect these bedrock rights.

Areas of concern are:

annexation	eminent domain (including foreign entities)
property forfeiture	natural resources and conservation easements
extraterritorial jurisdiction	seizure for public or private development
nationalization of lands	preservation of our 4 th Amendment right to :
groundwater and mineral rights	

Property owners shall be notified of their rights regarding condemnation, annexation, or easement, and the condemner shall be required to petition a court of jurisdiction to show public necessity. Notification shall extend to all property owners within one mile of any such action in order to avoid “area effects” on adjacent property owners. Property owners of less than 100 acres may, at the property owner’s discretion, require that the entire property be included in any condemnation, annexation, or easement, if such action would result in the property being physically divided, making the existing use no longer possible. Taking of property shall result in immediate compensation of fair market value to the owner. These issues shall be administered by elected officials accountable to voters. We strongly encourage amendments to existing Texas laws to further protect the homeowner’s property rights against squatters, with minimal legal intervention. No state, county, municipality, HOA, or other entity can restrict a landowner or renter from harvesting rainwater on their property or the property they rent.

224. Eminent Domain: The use of eminent domain must exclude the seizure of private property for private economic development or increased tax revenue, speculative future growth, or any project involving a profit motive, and shall be limited to clear, immediate, and compelling public necessity within the jurisdictional boundaries of the governmental entity seeking the taking. Any determination of public necessity shall be made only by elected officials directly accountable to the citizens they represent. Any profit generated from private property involuntarily taken through eminent domain shall be returned proportionally to the affected landowners. In addition to compensation for damages and the value of the taking, eminent domain laws should be restructured to include negotiated annual payments in perpetuity for the easement across the property that is affected, payable from the company or corporation acquiring the easement. These provisions should also include toll roads and high-speed rail lines. Landowners who prevail in eminent domain cases disputing the taking of their property or the property value shall be reimbursed for all attorney fees, expert witness fees, appraisal fees, and costs.

225. Home Ownership Protection: We call on the Legislature to limit institutional ownership of single-family homes in Texas. Legislation should preserve free-market principles and property rights while preventing market concentration and protecting opportunities for families and first-time homebuyers.

226. No Part of Texas to be Owned by Foreign Interests:

- a) The State of Texas shall prohibit the sale of all real estate interests within its borders to all except American citizens (defined by current statute) or United States-owned and -operated corporations. The sole exception to this rule is that a lawful immigrant may own one single family residential property and a small business.
- b) All land in Texas that is currently owned by foreign individuals, corporations, or interests with ties to such, will be required to sell their property and vacate immediately. Land that is within 50 miles of a military base, and owned by interests related to all foreign governments, or any other foreign state considered hostile to the United States, will be seized immediately under eminent domain. Our security is not for sale.
- c) Farmland in active agriculture service cannot be purchased and allowed to become inactive. The current trend of the rich to purchase land for the purpose of decommissioning it to restrict the amount of food available to the public must be stopped. The penalty for this type of treason shall include the loss of the property.

State Governance

227. Campaign Contribution Limits: We urge immediate repeal of all limits on campaign contributions by American citizens to the candidates or causes of their choice.

228. Texas Independence: The Texas Legislature should pass a bill in its next session requiring a referendum in the next General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.

229. Marijuana Remains Illegal: We oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana, and we support offering opportunities for drug treatment before penalties for its illegal possession or use.

230. Gun-Free Zones in Texas: There shall be no gun-free zones in Texas. Any public access property owner who demands law-abiding citizens disarm themselves shall assume liability for injuries they incur while on the posted premises.

231. Daylight Saving Time: Texas should no longer participate in Daylight Saving Time.

232. Municipal Receivership for Failing Cities: We strongly support, and call for the Texas Legislature to enact legislation establishing a clear process for placing poorly managed or failing municipalities into temporary state receivership, a mechanism already proven effective for failing Texas school districts under the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and successfully used by other states for distressed cities. Receivership should be for cities who fail to control violent crime, uphold state law, protect taxpayers, employ sound fiscal policies, cooperate with immigration enforcement, or otherwise endanger the rights and privileges of Texans.

We support a process initiated by narrow, quantifiable metrics—such as sustained high violent crime rates, repeated defiance of state preemption statutes, or dire fiscal mismanagement—after a grace period for self-correction. A state court shall appoint a qualified receiver with temporary authority to restore essential services, enforce state laws, and implement reforms to return the municipality to fiscal and operational soundness, while eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. Receivership should be temporary and subject to legislative oversight, and shall automatically terminate with full local control restored once objective performance benchmarks are met.

233. Digital Passport: The Texas Legislature should ban all digital passports and digital identification.

Government and Election Integrity

Government Operations

234. Sexual Harassment and Misconduct: The Republican Party of Texas supports strengthening transparency laws to ensure that sexual misconduct complaints against elected officials and candidates are properly documented and publicly disclosed after appropriate review by the relevant ethics

authority; and such transparency should protect victims while ensuring that elected officials are held accountable to the citizens they serve. No public funds should be used to pay for the defense of sexual misconduct committed by elected officials.

235. Government Authority: We believe any government authority that has the ability to levy a tax or fee on the people or to appraise property should be accountable to those who pay the taxes, via the electoral process, from the local level to the federal level.

236. Strengthening the Texas Public Information Act: Public records are the property of the people and are essential for holding government accountable. We demand reforms to the Texas Public Information Act to ensure prompt, affordable access to communications of officials and employee. These reforms shall include mandatory fee exemptions for records of broad public interest, elimination or sharp reduction of charges for noncommercial purposes or digital delivery (where costs are minimal or zero), and strong penalties—such as fines and personal liability—for habitual violators who abuse delays, improper exemptions, or excessive fees to hinder transparency. The Legislature must act to protect citizens’ rights and end bureaucratic obstruction.

237. Defund Woke and Weaponized Government: The Republican Party of Texas strongly supports and calls for the complete defunding and elimination of all woke and weaponized government programs, beginning with the immediate and comprehensive prohibition of any taxpayer funding for DEI, CRT, LGBT, or similar policies and programs at every level of government—from state agencies and higher education, to public schools and local entities—and passing legislation to enforce prohibitions. Enforcement mechanisms should include, but should not be limited to, defunding of noncompliant entities.

238. Federal Land Disposition: All Federal lands shall be turned over to their respective states, except for land specifically authorized in the US Constitution (military bases, federal buildings, and post offices).

239. Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying: We oppose using tax dollars to hire lobbyists or paying tax dollars to associations that lobby the Legislature. We support and call for the enactment of a full and comprehensive ban on all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying, a ban that would prohibit the use of any public tax dollars by political subdivisions, school districts, associations, industries, or other entities that solely derive funding from taxpayers to hire lobbyists, pay lobbying fees, or fund lobbying activities in any manner. We demand that such legislation shall not include loopholes, carve-outs, or dilutions that would allow the practice to continue under alternative structures. The legislation shall prohibit companies with a government contract from lobbying while under that contract. We call on all Republican legislators to prioritize and advance legislation achieving a clean and enforceable ban, to support convening special sessions if necessary to secure passage, to decline influence from taxpayer-funded lobbying organizations, and to work to hold accountable any who obstruct or dilute this grassroots priority.

240. Reform the Texas House:

- a) We oppose the use of pledge cards, and call for Republican members to caucus after each November General Election to determine, by secure secret ballot, their candidate for Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore. We also call for Republican members to vote as a unified body for their selected Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore candidate when the Legislature convenes in regular session, provided that the individual selected in caucus for Speaker publicly pledges to comply with the entirety of this plank.
- b) Texas House standing committees shall advance the conservative grassroots agenda, not those of special interests and lobbyists. The chairman and a majority of members of key committees shall be Republicans and support the conservative agenda. All committee and subcommittee chairmen and vice chairmen shall be Republicans, and the Legislature must prohibit granting agenda-setting or gatekeeping authority to minority party members that would enable them to block or delay majority party priorities.
- c) Any legislator who purposely refuses to attend a legally scheduled session for the purpose of denying a quorum shall lose any chairmanship, vice chairmanship, and committee membership to which he or she may have been appointed. The individual shall lose any salary

for that absence period. Additionally, the individual shall pay back any earnings and cost of living allowances earned during that period.

- d) Texas House rules (specifically, high level concepts) should be agreed on in the Texas House Republican Caucus and implemented as a block by Republicans.
- e) Authors of bills may bring a motion to the floor to reassign a bill to a committee other than that assigned by the Parliamentarian.
- f) Stop hypertechnical points of order; require points of order to be filed the day before a bill is on the Calendar; and require broadcast and recording of point-of-order debates.
- g) Prohibit the distribution of political funds from the Speaker to primary campaigns.

241. Caucus Priorities: We urge the Texas Senate Republican Caucus and the Texas House Republican Caucus to adopt and publish a list of legislative priorities before convening each regular session of the Legislature. These priorities shall be in line with those of the Republican Party of Texas.

242. Timely Legislative Action: We call for changes to the House Rules and legislation that will improve timely legislative action in the Legislature, including:

- a) Legislation to remove the constitutional provision that the Legislature cannot take action until sixty (60) days after convening.
- b) Starting committee hearings on bills within seven (7) days of committee creation.
- c) Requiring the House Calendars Committee to vote on a bill within fourteen days of receipt, or it is automatically put on the calendar.
- d) Automatic setting of a bill on the calendar within seven (7) days if it is cosponsored by a simple majority of House members.
- e) Include a discharge process by which a bill supported by a majority of members must be heard in committee, voted in committee, and placed on the House Calendar in a timely fashion.
- f) Requiring individual votes on each bill that is not set on the calendar, rather than killing a slate of bills at once.
- g) Requiring assignment of all bills to a committee within seven (7) days of the filing deadline or within two days of receipt from the opposite chamber.
- h) A petition process for legislators to petition the House Speaker to have the ability to move a bill out of committee by getting a prescribed number of signatures of the Representatives and having the bill sent to the floor with no changes within one (1) week of presenting the petition that contains the prescribed number of signatures.

243. Unelected Bureaucrats: We oppose the appointment of unelected bureaucrats.

- a) We believe the people of Texas should elect their own Secretary of State and Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner.
- b) We support defunding and abolishing the following federal departments or agencies:

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)	Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Commerce
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	Education
Interior (specifically, the Bureau of Land Management)	Energy
National Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Health and Human Services (HHS)
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)	Labor
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Labor Relations Board
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)	The Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	

and any other federal agency or department that is not authorized by the Constitution. In the interim, executive decisions by departments or agencies must be reviewed and approved by Congress before taking effect.

244. Sunset Commission: We support a majority citizen-led Sunset Commission.

Elections

245. Bonds Create Bondage: State and local bond election ballots shall be required to include the amount of debt currently outstanding, current debt service payments, current per capita debt

obligations, the amount of new debt being proposed, estimated debt service for the new debt, and estimated per capita burden being proposed. The bond issue must obtain a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of at least 20% of registered voters in the voting jurisdiction. No public funds are to be spent influencing a bond election. Municipalities shall stop any and all communications about a bond once the election is called. In addition, elected officials (e.g., school board members, city council members) and municipal staff are prohibited from coordinating the creation of a PAC to support a bond election. Companies potentially receiving funds through a bond election are prohibited from electioneering activities for that bond. We oppose bundling of items on bond election ballots. Any bond election, at any level of government in Texas, must state on the ballot, “This is a tax increase,” in bold print.

246. Protecting the Speech of Private Citizens: We oppose the Texas Ethics Commission’s (TEC’s) punitive, speech-chilling “enforcement” against private citizens and grassroots organizations. The Legislature should abolish the TEC; at minimum, it must remove TEC jurisdiction over private citizens and prohibit any “enforcement” scheme that coerces testimony or otherwise denies Texans due process.

247. Pay-to-Play Endorsement Slates: We oppose pay-to-play endorsement slates, in which a candidate has paid or promised to pay, with paying a political consultant or any other indirect payment to be included. We oppose the use of the official Republican brand and logos by private Political Action Committees (PACs) that endorse in the primaries. Pay-to-play slate information and exactly what each participant has paid shall be prominently labelled as such on each page. Pay-to-play endorsement slates shall not be labelled “Sample Ballot.” Violations of these ethical practices should be a felony, and candidates who participate in pay-to-play schemes should not receive RPT Candidate Resource Committee funds.

248. Candidate Qualifications:

- a) Any person running for public office in Texas must disclose all nations with whom they have citizenship, or have had citizenship at any time prior, at the time of filing. These persons must also disclose any associations with the Chinese Communist Party, CAIR, any designated terrorist organizations, or any foreign nation.
- b) All officeholders must read, write, speak, and understand the English language.
- c) All State and Local Candidates shall post on their websites a statement of their criminal history regarding any convictions of class A misdemeanors and felony offenses, while they are running for public office.

249. Campaign Finance: We support the enforcement of bans to prevent foreign funds being donated through PACs to support candidates. Additionally, we require that PACs that promote the interests of foreign nations, even if funded by American citizens, register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

250. In-Person Election Voting: In-person voting shall be conducted as a single period of time of no more than three (3) days, with no time gap between the first day of voting and Election Day.

251. Fair Elections Procedures: We support the right of eligible voters to cast a ballot in each election once, but we oppose illegal voting, illegal assistance, allowing votes by ineligible persons, or allowing a candidate on the ballot who is ineligible under the Texas Election Code. We support:

- a) Verifying the Identity of the Voter:
 - i. Voter Photo ID , for all methods of voting, including ballots by mail.
 - ii. Requiring that any driver’s license or state-issued identification card issued to individuals who are not United States citizens be clearly and visually distinguishable from those issued to US citizens, to ensure transparency, proper identification, and compliance with state and federal law in the State of Texas.
 - iii. Requiring persons who use the Reasonable Impediment Declaration to provide their thumbprints on the form for purposes of later verification.
- b) An Accurate and Secure Voting Process:
 - i. Prohibition of remote electronic and internet voting for public office and any ballot measure.
 - ii. Sequentially numbered paper ballots, with a “wet signature” of the presiding judge, that contains anti-counterfeiting measures, and are accounted through strong chain-of-custody procedures.

- iii. Requiring PRECINCT-BASED voting, allowing combination and consolidation, for any in-person voting, with the use of paper poll books only.
- iv. Expanding write-once data memory cards from Central Counting Stations into precinct-level ballot counters (SB 1661, 88th Regular Session).
- v. The constitutional authority of state legislatures to regulate voting, including disenfranchisement of convicted felons and the opposition to the federal takeover of our elections.
- vi. Allow qualified election presiding judges and alternate judges to exercise their lawful right to a concealed weapon for self-defense while serving the public.
- vii. Increase base pay of Primary Election workers to \$15 per hour for clerks and \$18 per hour for presiding judges.
- viii. Add a “none of the above” option to every race on the ballot (per HB 496 in the 89th Session), including uncontested races.
- ix. Affirm the rights of counties that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines, and support implementing hand-counting procedures that are more efficient, verifiable, secure, fully auditable, and transparent, with video of each ballot and each counting station, through appropriate changes to Chapter 65 of the Texas Election Code.
- c) Ending the Victimization of Voters through Ballot Harvesting, Intimidation, and Fraud:
 - i. Mail-in ballots must be requested and only granted to voters who cannot physically appear in person; the request must use the official application form only, and the ballots must arrive before 7 p.m. on Election Day (with the exception of APO addresses). Mail-in ballots should not be separated from their carrier envelopes until the polls close. Ban “all mail-in voting” schemes similar to those found in Colorado and California.
 - ii. Ballot by mail must be requested for EACH election, no annual or automatic runoff mailing.
 - iii. Increased scrutiny and security in balloting by mail, requiring full signature verification with the need to rebut, regardless of whether paper identification numbers are on the application and ballot carrier envelope.
 - iv. Requiring non-military overseas voters to register and vote in person at the nearest United States embassy—not by mail—with voters providing a valid ID and only receiving a ballot for Texas races if ties to Texas are proven.
 - v. Prohibiting any coordinated collection or handling of mail ballots in nursing homes, long-term care facilities, or for voters who are truly unable to travel.
 - vi. Requiring the Texas Election Code to limit the number of voters that a voter assistant can assist to no more than three (3) voters per election. This stipulation includes the entire duration of the voting period.
- d) Uniform Elections
 - i. Election Day statutes must be used for the entire voting period.
 - ii. Consolidating elections to Primary, Runoff, Special Called, and General Election days and locations.
 - iii. Direct prohibition on all types of preferential or ranked choice voting systems in ALL elections to include school board, municipal, county, statewide, and federal elections.
 - iv. All entities that hold elections shall contract with the county for their elections.
 - v. All election material, information, notices, and ballots should be printed in English only.
 - vi. Requiring that all Texas current non-partisan races—including, but not limited to, independent school district (ISD) trustee elections and city council elections—be conducted on a partisan basis, with candidates filing under recognized political parties and with their party affiliations clearly printed on ballots. These elections shall be held in November of odd-numbered years, allowing party primaries to nominate candidates.
- e) Transparency and Robust Audits
 - i. Allowing trained poll watchers from anywhere in Texas with local party or candidate approval.
 - ii. Entitling candidates or Treasurers of a political action committee (PAC) to have a watcher or representative monitor every step of the ballot chain of custody, including opening, sealing, sorting, counting, and resealing, or other such activities, provided the representative presents a wet-ink-signed certificate of appointment from the candidate or PAC they represent.

- iii. A video surveillance system for electronic and physical ballots shall be made available to the public by a livestream, and the room under surveillance must include a large analog clock visible in each area under surveillance or a timestamp on the livestream feed
 - iv. The use of precinct-level, county-level, and state-level vote count verification processes and statistically based randomized audits.
 - v. Allowing, by open records request, a bit-by-bit forensic imaging of all electronic devices, including servers, at Central Counting immediately before and after each election.
 - vi. Requiring the digitization of all election records that are requestable through the Public Information Act to reduce costs and labor burdens and to increase transparency.
 - vii. Ensuring that election audits are performed by auditors independent from the Office of the Secretary of State, with transparency of relevant source records, documentation of audit procedures performed, use of valid statistical methodology done with professional care—all while protecting the secrecy of the ballot.
 - viii. All election records shall be secured with a two-person control chain of custody, including uniquely numbered, logged seals. All printed records must have timestamps.
- f) Meaningful Deterrents:
- i. Vigorous enforcement of all election laws as written, and we oppose any laws, lawsuits, and judicial decisions that make voter fraud very difficult to deter, detect, or prosecute.
 - ii. Felony status for all willful violations of the Texas Election Code.
 - iii. An amendment to the Texas Constitution to restore the authority of the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.
 - iv. The ability for civil lawsuits to be filed for election fraud or failure of officials to follow the Texas Election Code.
 - v. Creating processes, including the creation of election courts, that allow rapid adjudication of election law violation disputes as they occur and before violations can be successfully perpetrated.
 - vi. Having judges and DPS officers as election marshals that are trained in election law, and making them available during elections to hear and resolve election-related cases—to include candidate eligibility.
 - vii. We call on the Legislature to require rescission of Secretary of State advisories that deviate from the Texas Election Code, to impose mandatory criminal and civil penalties on election officials for violations, to amend Section 276.019 to add enforceable penalties for unlawful alteration of election procedures, and to preserve citizen civil action when the state fails to enforce.

252. Voter Registration: We support restoring integrity to the voter registration rolls and reducing voter fraud by:

- a) Repealing all motor voter laws.
- b) Requiring voters to re-register if they have not voted in a five-year period.
- c) Requiring photo ID proof of citizenship with the voter registration application for all registrants.
- d) Retaining the 30-day registration deadline.
- e) Conducting periodic checks on the voter rolls to ensure that all currently registered voters are eligible, with penalties for election officials not performing the checks.
- f) Giving the Secretary of State enforcement authority to ensure county registrar compliance with Secretary of State directives.
- g) Revising Title 19 funding to avoid incentivizing retention of ineligible voters.
- h) Promoting a collaboration between states to ensure accuracy in Texas voter rolls without an interstate cross-check system.
- i) Having all Texas counties integrate into a voter roll platform managed by the Texas Secretary of State. No Texas county shall use a third party to manage, in any form, that county's voter roll. The Secretary of State shall fix the broken Texas Election Administration Management (TEAM) system, or replace it with a new proprietary system.
- j) Assisting private citizens' efforts to challenge the registration of unqualified voters by amending Texas Election Code 16.092 to include the use of obituaries, court records and other

publicly available information, and defining “personal knowledge” per *Black’s Law Dictionary*. (SB 2716, 89th Regular Session)

- k) Changes to the appropriate sections of Texas law that would deny or cancel a homestead exemption, driver license, and License to Carry permit, if the addresses on those documents DO NOT match the address on the voter’s registration.
- l) Requiring the Texas Secretary of State, being entrusted to provide voter registration and voting history data as public information, shall do so at a price no greater than fifty dollars (\$50) per request.
- m) Defining a residence as a physical location where a person sleeps at night.
- n) Adding resources for the local jurisdictions and Secretary of State including, but not limited to, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMCA) interface, the Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS), National Change of Address (NCOA), funeral notices, DPS Felony Database, United States State Department databases and tools such as ELLY (a specialized voter database analysis tool).

253. Campaigning at Poll Sites: We condemn the illegal actions of any government entity that does not uphold Texas Election Law on free speech at polling sites outside of the existing boundaries. The right to campaign, including the display of signage, at an appropriate distance (100 feet) from the polling place shall not be infringed.

254. Voting Rights: We support equal suffrage for all United States citizens of voting age. We oppose any identification of citizens by race, country of origin, creed, sexuality, or lifestyle choices, and oppose use of any such identification for purposes of creating voting districts. We urge that the Voting Rights Act of 1965, codified and updated in 1973, be repealed and not reauthorized.

255. Closed Primary: We support protecting the integrity of the Republican Primary Election by requiring a closed primary system in Texas. While we welcome people to join the Republican Party who support limited government and traditional values, we oppose campaigns to get liberal Democrats to cross over and move the Republican Party to the left in the Primary.

256. Redistricting: We support drawing districts based on eligible voters, not pure population or race. We believe districts should be geographically compact when possible. We oppose any redistricting map that is unfair to conservative candidates in the Primary or the General Election. We encourage redistricting based on these principles for the Texas Senate and House in the 90th Session of the Texas Legislature.

257. Republican Party Operations: We oppose all legislative actions that limit the Republican Party of Texas (RPT), the County Executive Committees (CECs), and subcommittees over the ability to adopt bylaws on calling meetings, filling vacancies, or administering party accounts and contracts. Moreover, we support removing the Republican Party of Texas from the Election Code, which allows for closed primaries and for making and enforcing its own rules. We support the current framework in which the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC)—Chairman, Vice Chairman, and members from the Senatorial Districts—are elected by the delegates at the State Convention.

258. Party Integrity and Security: We support amending the Texas Election Code to allow, and the Republican Party of Texas rules to enable, the exclusion of delegates, alternates, convention participants, Party officers, and other Party representatives with documented involvement in organizations designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations or Transnational Criminal Organizations under federal or Texas law, subject to appropriate due process protections.

National Defense and Foreign Affairs

Veterans and Military Affairs

259. Preservation of Military Honor and Integrity: We believe that the honor and integrity of our active duty and military veterans must be protected. False accusations of Stolen Valor are harmful and unjust,

damaging the reputations of those who have honorably served our country. To deter such malicious actions, we propose that making false accusations of Stolen Valor be classified as a criminal offense, with penalties equivalent to those for defamation. These changes will uphold the respect and dignity our military personnel and veterans deserve, ensuring that their sacrifices are honored and safeguarded.

260. Support of Our Armed Forces: The men and women who wear our country’s uniform, whether on active duty or in the Reserves, National Guard, or Texas State Guard, are the most important assets in our military arsenal. We support:

- a) All current and prior military personnel and their families must have the benefits, healthcare, housing, education, and overall support they need.
- b) Injured military personnel deserve the best medical, mental health, and rehabilitative care our country has to offer.
- c) The Texas State Guard receiving the funding necessary for equipment, uniforms, healthcare, and pay needed to accomplish the mission of the Texas Guard motto, “Texans Serving Texas.”
- d) That Department of Veteran Affairs monetary benefits shall match present consumer price index value in all programs.
- e) Giving veterans true choice in healthcare by granting veterans insurance to see the doctors of their choosing, eliminating wait-time deaths, suicides, misdiagnoses, and overall negligent healthcare.
- f) The Texas Legislature creating a Texas State program for Service Dogs Assisting Veterans, similar to Congressman Morgan Luttrell’s SAVES Act.
- g) The Congress moving for the immediate passage and enactment of the Major Richard Star Act to secure full retirement benefits for disabled veterans who are forced to retire due to injury.
- h) Ending any attempt to restrict duties, remove someone from service, or deny any benefits based on vaccination status.
- i) Providing veterans with true healthcare choice by supporting programs that allow them to use insurance, see the doctors of their choice, end long waits, reduce misdiagnoses and avoid negligent care. In addition, direct the Texas Legislature to create and fund a state-level veterans-health coverage program to help eligible veterans obtain the healthcare plan that best fits their needs (similar to H.R.244, Veterans’ True Choice Act of 2025, 119th Congress).

261. Texas National Guard Benefits: The Legislature shall provide parity of benefits to the Texas National Guard, regardless of whether it is activated under state or federal orders. Parity would include, but not be limited to, the same benefits provided by the Hazlewood Act, and also the same benefits as, or equal benefits to, those from the VA that would be provided by federal deployment orders.

262. Military Readiness: We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness to deter any threat to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens. We oppose gender theory; diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training and re-education; other social engineering topics; and the permitting of transgendered persons to serve in the military—elements that are poisoning our nation’s military effectiveness. We oppose expanding Selective Service to include women, as well as the lowering of standards for combat roles.

Border Security and Immigration

263. Border Security Funding: We expect both the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress to prioritize the allocation of funds to effectively secure the border through whatever means are necessary including, but not limited to, barriers, a border wall and fences everywhere along the border where they are feasible and useful. Appropriate numbers of personnel and technology over land, sea, and air shall be made available. Texas shall seek repayment from the federal government for expenses incurred in securing its international border.

264. State Self-Defense: We urge the Texas Legislature to invoke Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3, of the United States Constitution, also known as the “state self-defense clause,” which asserts that under an active invasion (as defined or declared by the Governor of the State or Texas Legislature), the sovereign State of Texas has the authority and duty to defend Texas citizens, by any and all appropriate measures, against “imminent danger” without delay. Texas shall take these measures as a sovereign

state when it determines it is necessary to defend its territory from such assaults. We call for the Texas Legislature to create a Border Protection Unit with the authority to repel illegal crossings and to deport apprehended illegal aliens. We must immediately equip the Texas Military Department with the necessary tools and authority to serve and protect our Texas territory and citizens.

265. Interstate Border Compact: We urge the Texas Legislature to establish effective interstate compact(s) with other states for the purpose of securing the Texas portion of the United States border and enforcing immigration laws.

266. Eliminate Illegal Immigration Magnets: The State of Texas shall do the following:

- a) Impose a 100% surcharge on remittances from an illegal alien to a recipient in a foreign nation.
- b) Refuse to grant a birth certificate to any child born to illegal alien parents on Texas soil.
- c) Require proof of legal residency and English proficiency for obtaining a Texas driver license, proof of legal residency for enrolling in public school, and proof of citizenship for obtaining voter registration and public benefits.
- d) Require all employers to screen new hires through the free E-Verify system to prevent the hiring of illegal aliens and of anyone not legally authorized to work in the United States, and to protect jobs for American workers.
- e) Provide no tax dollars for social or educational programs for illegal aliens.
- f) Rescind all existing laws providing for in-state tuition and non-emergency medical care.
- g) Refuse to accept as valid all unverifiable foreign-issued identification cards (and make this the policy for all of the US).
- h) Ban the sale of land to illegal aliens and pursue litigation against developers who induce illegal immigration into Texas through marketing.

267. Opposition to Amnesty: We oppose amnesty for illegal aliens in all forms, including conditional protection from deportation and waiving of bans on reentry (aka “touchback amnesty”).

268. Combating Illegal Immigration: We recognize illegal immigration as the greatest threat to American security and sovereignty. To combat the invasion at our border, we demand that both the federal government and the State of Texas enforce laws to their fullest extent, implement an entry and exit tracking system for all visa holders including biometric tracking of all inadmissible aliens, end “catch and release” by requiring the federal government to keep all suspected illegal aliens in custody pending final determination of immigration status, and devote all available resources to deportations.

269. Noncitizen Deportation for Violent Protest or Riot: The State of Texas shall enforce strict deportation procedures for any noncitizens, including those on work or student visas, who are arrested for participating in violent protests or riots. Upon arrest, these individuals shall be immediately processed for deportation to their country of origin. Those deported under this policy will be permanently classified as “inadmissible,” forever banning them from reentering the United States. Additionally, noncitizen students arrested for such activities will be expelled from their educational institutions without refunds and be processed for deportation as described.

270. Putting American Citizens First in Immigration Policy: Our federal immigration system should be reformed to serve the interest of American citizens first. Accordingly, we support the implementation of a merit-based system that ensures that the total number of new immigrants should be limited to a level that facilitates assimilation. In light of the millions of illegal aliens and unlawful expansion of mass immigration into the United States, a net migration moratorium should be enacted. We support the repeal of the H1-B visa program and the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, ending the Diversity Visa Lottery, and preventing chain migration, in the interest of protecting American jobs, technology, and national security. We support additional court resources to expedite final determination of status and deportation for both violent and nonviolent illegal aliens and visa overstay. We call on Congress to end the Refugee Resettlement program and enter into Third Safe Country agreements for the purpose of lowering the number of asylees coming to the United States from around the globe. We call for the repeal of the Hart-Celler Act. We call for the repeal of dual intent of temporary non-immigrant visas.

271. End Sanctuary Cities, Require 287(g): The Texas Legislature should prioritize legislation to

require all law enforcement entities within the state to participate in the United States Immigration and Nationality Act, Section 287(g) program, which allows local law enforcement officials to cooperate with federal immigration agents. State and federal funds shall be denied to any public or private entity including, but not limited to, sanctuary cities, that are not compliant with immigration laws. The State of Texas shall prosecute the responsible elected officials of sanctuary cities, counties, or states for obstruction of immigration laws.

272. Aid to Illegal Aliens: We call for prohibition of federal or state funding to any entity or organization that provides material aid or benefit to illegal aliens, and to revoke the tax-exempt status and business licenses, as appropriate, of any entity or organization found to have done so.

Foreign Affairs and National Security

273. Cybersecurity: As foreign and domestic threats to cybersecurity evolve, the State of Texas must upgrade systems and system security, including conducting regular audits to identify and address vulnerabilities to meet these threats and share threat intelligence data among levels of government. The integrity of our state and local systems and infrastructure must be maintained.

274. Keeping America Safe: We recognize that many of the threats our nation faces are not from foreign nation states, but from militant organizations like Latin American-based drug cartels, which engage in cyberattacks, drug smuggling, human trafficking, and other illegal activities that endanger our nation, our military, and our citizens. We support aggressive military and law enforcement actions to combat these organizations anywhere they pose a physical threat to American citizens.

275. Defeating the Globalist Agenda: We recognize that we are living in a time of geopolitical upheaval and unprecedented complexity of threats to our liberties, constitutional governance, and national sovereignty. These threats emanate from “globalist” agents both within and outside our borders. The United States is a sovereign nation founded on the principles of freedom. We reject any assertion of authority over our nation or its citizens from foreign individuals or entities, such as the World Economic Forum, World Health Organization, and the United Nations. We stand firmly against the concept of a One World Government or The Great Reset.

276. Dependency on Foreign Nations: We call on the United States to re-examine our trading relationships based on America’s economic and foreign policy interests in order to eliminate dependency on adversarial nations, such as China, for critical medical, technological, energy, and other vital resources. Critical infrastructure such as internet, cabling, electrical, power, and water facilities shall not be owned by companies with ownership ties to adversarial nations. The United States should not be dependent on heavy and sour crude oil from the Persian Gulf, and we call on the federal government to modernize our refining operations so as to reduce our dependence on crude oil from unstable regions.

277. Western Pacific: To advance our country’s security and vital economic interests in the Western Pacific region in the face of China’s military provocations, which threaten its neighbors and critical maritime trade routes, we call on the United States to hold that Taiwan, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and South Korea, are critical economic and strategic partners with the United States in the Western Pacific region, and shall be treated as such. We call on the United States to continue an effective containment strategy of North Korea.

278. Taiwan: We call for full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan as an independent and sovereign nation with support for Taiwan’s full membership in international organizations.

279. Europe: We value our historic and strategic alliance with our European partners. It is critical that European nations take increased responsibility for their individual and collective self-defense by fulfilling their financial and military obligations to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), thereby ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of the alliance. We call on the United States to reevaluate its role and participation in NATO, ensuring that our commitments are aligned with national interests and the fair distribution of defense responsibilities. If those countries do not promptly implement such changes, we call on the United States to create new alliances with like-minded, willing, and capable nations to replace NATO. Furthermore, we urge the United States to end foreign aid to Ukraine and cease all military engagements—across all domains of warfare—in the Ukraine-Russia conflict and on the periphery of the Russian Federation’s borders, advocating instead for diplomatic

solutions and national sovereignty.

280. Vital Trade Routes: We recognize the critical importance of securing vital trade routes, including those in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea, for maintaining global supply chains and ensuring global security.

281. Support of the Jewish People: We strongly condemn the violence, harassment and hatred directed toward Jews and Israel worldwide. We consider the antisemitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement to be a form of warfare being waged on Israel, on all levels, including and especially on college campuses, at the United Nations, and by anti-Western nongovernmental organizations.

282. Israel: We strongly condemn the rise in antisemitism that has spread worldwide, including violence, harassment and hatred directed toward Jews and Israel, as adopted by Texas Government Code 448.001(2). As such, we Texans strongly condemn any violence, harassment, or hatred directed toward the nation of Israel and Jewish people worldwide. We respect Israel's rights of sovereignty, self-determination, and self-defense, and therefore we support:

- a) The United States Embassy in Israel remaining in Jerusalem, Israel's eternal and indivisible capital.
- b) Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.
- c) Israel's right to exist, right to secure borders, and right to the land secured by practicing self-defense from aggressive enemies, which has helped stop the spread of terrorism across the Middle East.
- d) Prohibition of a Palestinian state within the historical borders of Israel, as it would jeopardize Israel's security, and it would force Israel to give up land that God gave to the Jewish people, as referenced in Genesis and the Old Testament. Any two-state solution (Land for Peace) will only bring more violence and chaos to this region.
- e) Israel's maintaining a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries through continued support militarily, financially, and technologically. We acknowledge that these investments have also provided invaluable military capabilities to the United States and ensured that we continue to have the best military in the world, and we support this continued investment.
- f) The signing of the Abraham Accords and its expansion to additional countries throughout the Middle East to continue the normalization of relations between Israel and Arab states.
- g) Israel's right to recover their hostages, protect their citizens, and defend their borders; this cannot be abridged by any nation or state.

283. Foreign Defense: We oppose any offensive foreign military action or any other involvement in a war that has not been declared by the United States Congress. Congress shall not abdicate war powers to the Executive Branch except when under imminent threat, and these powers are not to be used in a preemptive strike unless approved by Congress. The Texas National Guard should only be deployed to overseas combat zones under authorization of Congress through a declaration of war.

284. United Nations: The United Nations is a detriment to the sovereignty of the United States and other countries. We support the immediate withdrawal from the current United Nations and the removal of the United Nations from United States soil. We oppose participation in any United Nations entity, program, or initiative that would compromise American sovereignty to an external entity.

285. Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: We call on the United States Congress and the Executive Branch to uphold the principles of transparency and accountability by disclosing to the American people all pertinent information and knowledge held by United States government agencies and departments regarding the nature and origins of non-American Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) and Non-Human Intelligence (NHI). In line with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and existing protocols within the Department of Defense, it is imperative that any classified information relevant to UAPs and NHI be reviewed for declassification and public release, ensuring full transparency on these matters. These disclosures are essential for public trust, national security, and the integrity of our government institutions.

Resolutions

1. Care for Women: Texas Republicans understand the lasting hurt that often results from a past abortion; we invite those who have past hurts from abortion to engage in loving conversations and healing counsel, and we invite post-abortive women into the pro-life conversation to spread awareness that abortion harms women. We maintain our belief in the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization until natural death. We are the party of LIFE.
2. Resolution Supporting the Largest Deportation Operation in American History: The Republican Party of Texas calls on all elected officials to fully cooperate with ICE, honor detainees, and prioritize worksite enforcement to ensure removal of illegal aliens. We oppose sanctuary policies and support legislation to defund noncooperating jurisdictions.
3. Don't Sharia My Texas: The Legislature must pass legislation and constitutional amendments that will protect Texas and Texans from any Sharia-based laws, or other laws and practices that are incompatible, subversive, or which conflict with the Texas or US Constitution or our republican form of government. We call on the Legislature to fully implement the recommendations of the 2026 Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas, including the following areas:

Texas government must stop Sharia law by declaring that Sharia law is an incompatible, seditious, subversive, competing enemy of the Texas and US Constitutions, and that its advocacy or implementation is a seditious criminal act, worthy of criminal punishment; disqualification for public, military, and law enforcement service; denaturalization; and, deportment. (See Plank 4 [No Foreign Law](#).) It should also be resisted in the following ways, including:

- a) Immigration Reforms: Formally request that the federal government denaturalize or deport advocates of Sharia law as appropriate; eliminate or severely restrict programs that allow workers, students, and clergy from foreign countries to legally immigrate to Texas.
- b) Taxpayer funds may not be granted, contracted, disbursed, or otherwise provided to any organization, school, contractor, grantee, or program that promotes, seeks to implement, or advocates allegiance to a foreign legal system, theocratic legal system, or extremist doctrine such as Sharia law that conflicts with the Constitutions of Texas or the United States, nor shall Texas public schools and other taxpayer-funded institutions mandate that provided meals or services be served in compliance with Sharia law.
- c) Sharia-Compliant Developments: Stop any economic or residential development that discriminates on the basis of advocacy of the implementation of Sharia law or discrimination against those who do not support the aggressive, competing ideology that is incompatible with our Constitutions and the way of life bequeathed us by our framers.
- d) Funding Prohibitions: Stop religious or educational institutions in Texas from receiving funding from taxpayers or hostile foreign or domestic sources that have any affiliation with any organization that advocates Sharia law, civilizational jihad, or has been designated as a Foreign Terror Organization or Transnational Criminal Organization, and stop Texas public schools and other taxpayer-funded institutions from mandating that provided meals or services be served in compliance with Sharia law;
- e) Enforce and Expand Our Laws: Enforce existing Texas sedition law against advocacy of Sharia law and rigorously enforce other Texas law that criminalizes aspects of Sharia law, such as terroristic threat, female genital mutilation, animal cruelty, domestic violence, rape, polygamy, and pedophilia. Modify existing statutes to explicitly reference Sharia inclusion.
- f) Expand the jurisdiction of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to prosecute such law. Include elimination of taxpayer assistance to women who in reality are wives under Sharia law, and legislation to eliminate the fraud related to Sharia-compliant financing.
- g) Expand HB 45, 85th Texas Legislature, American Law for American Courts (2017) to apply to all areas of State law; pass a Texas Domestic Terrorist Organization Designation Act authorizing a designation of domestic terrorist organizations or actor; pass Keep Texas Terror Free, barring the existence of any sponsor of terror; and create a private civil cause of action allowing Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) provisions to be used by victims of terrorism.

4. Enforce the Comstock Act: We call on President Trump, Acting Attorney General Blanche, and the Department of Justice to immediately enforce the federal Comstock Act to stop mail-order abortions. The Biden administration enabled the distribution of these deadly drugs across state lines, undermining Pro-Life state laws and killing more than 200,000 American babies each year. These drugs not only kill innocent preborn children, but they also send one in ten women to the emergency room. The Comstock Act prohibits the mailing of abortion drugs but is not being enforced. We therefore urge President Trump and the Department of Justice to stop deadly mail-order abortions and protect both babies and mothers by enforcing the Comstock Act.

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