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Preamble

Affirming our belief in God, we still 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, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the 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 develop responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals.

Principles

We, the 2024 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 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. Personal accountability and responsibility.
6. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
7. Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
8. The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
9. A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
10. Honoring all of those that serve and protect 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 the limitations and clear meaning of the United States and Texas Constitutions.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 13

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 they are 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 upon 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, or if financed in part with taxpayer funds or hold tax exemptions.
- g. Pass unrestricted Constitutional Carry by amending Article 1, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution by removing, "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 official in the state of Texas for misconduct while in office, or failure to properly represent their constituents.

Adopted as Amended; 2022 Plank 19; 2022 Plank 14, "Preservation of our Constitutional Republic," deleted and content consolidated.

3. Enforce the Constitution Article 4 Section 4: The sovereignty of this state requires the protections afforded under Article 4, Section 4 of the 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 15

4. No Foreign Law: No foreign law, contract, or judgment arising from any foreign state whose laws violate fundamental constitutional rights shall be honored or enforced by any Texas court.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 16

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*).

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 17

6. Limiting the Power of the Supreme Court: Judges do not define the roles of judges; Article 3, Section 2 defines the roles of judges. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 18

7. Amendments to the United States Constitution: We:
- Support term limits of twelve (12) years for federal offices of US Senate and US House of Representatives.
 - Oppose “packing” (or enlarging) the United States Supreme Court and support the pending “Keep Nine Amendment” as filed in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.
 - Support repeal of the 16th Amendment (Federal Income Tax).
 - Support restoring state sovereignty with the repeal of the 17th Amendment of the United States Constitution and the appointment of United States Senators by the state legislatures.
 - 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 US citizen.
 - 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.

Retained with Changes in subpoint a.; 2022 Plank 19

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 upon the Texas Legislature or local lawmakers to nullify such executive orders.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 20

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:

- We must repeal and replace Texas Code 418.
- No form of government shall ever again implement mass lockdowns on the people, our businesses, or our churches.
- We oppose funding or implementation of any form of contact tracing.
- 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.
- 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.”
- The Governor’s authority during an emergency shall not be delegated.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 21

10. Dereliction of Duty: The failure by a public official to discharge any duty shall be a violation of the terms of his or her oath of office, which shall constitute a crime, and upon conviction, this crime shall be punishable by a fine or imprisonment, depending on the nature of the offense. Any entity or person who acts under the color of federal or state law to deprive a Texan of the rights or privileges insured by the federal and state constitutions shall be liable to the injured parties for redress, including monetary damages and injunctive relief, notwithstanding any preexisting immunities.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 22

Citizen Rights

11. 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 inalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness of all, including the unborn. Texas shall keep the Texas Citizens Participation Act (TCPA) intact and preserve its broad scope and essential protections for 1st Amendment Rights.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 23

12. Protecting Constitutional Rights Regarding Age: There should be a single age of majority upon which, when reached, all citizens will be guaranteed their rights, duties, and privileges.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 24

13. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 25

2022 Plank 26 "Recall Elections" Deleted. Content moved Plank 14h.

14. Habeas Corpus: Any federal suspension of the writ of habeas corpus against a Texas citizen shall be violative of the 10th Amendment, Texas sovereignty, sovereignty of the individual, and actionable by the state or the citizen.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 27

15. Census: In accordance with the United States Constitution, we support an actual count of United States citizens, and we oppose Census Bureau estimates and the collection of all other data. Illegal aliens must not be included in any census.

Adopted as Amended; 2022 Plank 28

16. Equal Rights Amendment: We call upon 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.

Adopted as Amended; 2022 Plank 29

17. Parental Rights: The rights of parents are foundational to Western society and shall be respected, affirmed, and protected by the Texas Constitution and 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 upon 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 with regard to 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.

Adopted as Amended; 2022 Plank 30

18. 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.

Adopted as Amended; 2022 Plank 31

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

- a. Repeal and/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 License to Carry holders to carry anywhere, off duty or retired law enforcement personnel to carry anywhere, including any federal property accessible to the general public, including, but not limited to 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 Individuals who have acted in justified defense should presumptively be immune from civil liability.
- g. Ensure 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 establishment assume liability for their safety since they are denying that person's 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 32

State Sovereignty

20. 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 legislation that infringes upon the 10th Amendment rights of Texas shall be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified. Texas retains the right to secede from the United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called upon to pass a referendum consistent thereto and pass the Texas Sovereignty Act as filed in the 88th Legislative regular session as HB 384.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 33

21. Concurrent Majority: The State Legislature shall cause to be enacted a State Constitutional Amendment to add the additional criteria for election to a statewide office to include the majority vote of the counties with each individual county being assigned one vote allocated to the popular majority vote winner of each individual county.

New Plank Added.

22. Unfunded and Under-Funded Mandates: Unfunded mandates and under-funded mandates are unacceptable. The State of Texas must fully fund, at a minimum, the following additional costs to local governments provided to all legal residents:

- a. Indigent criminal defense
- b. Inmate healthcare in jails
- c. Indigent burials and autopsies
- d. Veteran services offices

Adopted as Amended; 2022 Plank 35

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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 36

Deleted 2022 Plank 37, "Article 5 Convention of the States"

Business, Commerce & Transportation

Markets and Regulation

24. Municipal Preemption: We encourage the Legislature to preempt local government efforts to interfere with the state's sovereignty over business, employees, and property rights. This includes but is not limited to burdensome regulations on short-term rentals, plastic bags, sick leave, trees, and employee criminal screening. We support preemption of city ordinances which prohibit or penalize private charity to United States citizens. This excludes the handling of emergency orders.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 38

25. Licensing: We call upon the Texas Legislature to review all Texas Department of Licenses and Regulations (TDLR), business/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. Texas should adopt a "clear and convincing" evidentiary standard instead of its current "preponderance of the evidence." The State Bar of Texas may not try to influence judges, justices, judicial candidates, or associations.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 39

2022 Plank 40, "Practice of Law" combined with "Licensing"

26. Reduce Business Regulations: We believe that the following businesses shall be minimally regulated at all levels.

- 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. Texans should be able to buy beef and farm products directly from farmers without any FDA and USDA or other governmental agency regulations.
 - vi. Mandatory sick or family leave.
- b. State Laws:
 - i. Eliminate Blue laws.
 - ii. Eliminate the three-tier alcohol system (production, distribution, and retail).
 - iii. Business licensing.
 - iv. Professional licensing.
- c. Purchase of edible products from small farms.
 - i. Use of hemp as an agricultural commodity.
 - ii. Local municipal laws.
 - iii. Minimum wage laws.
 - iv. Blue laws.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 41

27. Trade Agreements: We support free trade as a necessary component of American capitalism and of the United States' influence in the world. But 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 42

- 28. Origin Labeling:** We urge that all food products entering the United States show not only the country of origin, but also the country that processed it, and the country that packaged it.
- a. All products created to be consumed by people or animals shall be labeled as "lab grown" in "state" and "country."
 - b. Any products created for consumption by people or animals with insect parts/liquid shall be labeled as "Insects Included."
 - c. 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 they present a valid ID.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 43

Deleted 2022 Plank 44, "Predatory Towing"

29. 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. 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 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 45

30. 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/Environmental, Social, 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, which was immediately suspended by the current occupant of the White House.
- c. Add penalties in Texas law for corporations operating in Texas that lead or participate in boycotts against Texas due to legislative action to protect the rights of Texans to decline vaccination, protect the unborn, stop the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools, compete in sports with only those of their own biological gender, or to protect children and juveniles against sexual organ mutilation, hormones, and puberty blockers designed to fake transition from one gender to another.
- d. Add explicit protections for the natural right of Texans to keep, exchange, and store their wealth in the mediums of exchange (including digital currency, gold and silver coin, bullion, cash, and scrip) of choice to the Texas Bill of Rights.
- e. Consider the expansion or use of existing Texas anti-trust law to prohibit collusion between woke corporations to cancel/drive others out of business.
- f. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 46

31. Texas Currencies: Texas should 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 does not recognize the authority of the Federal Reserve Bank, or the United States 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 Constitution of the United States of America.

Adopted As New Plank

32. Patent Protection: We support reversing State and Federal legislation and court decisions that have damaged patent rights for Texas independent inventors and startups. This includes abolishing administrative tribunals and restoring injunctive relief, thus restoring the United States patent system and driving American back to leading the world technologically, economically, and militarily.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 47

Retirement, Savings, Unions

33. Government Accountability: We call upon 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 48

34. Social Security Privatization: We support privatization of the Social Security system to lift the rate of return workers obtain on retirement contributions and boost national saving and economic growth. We also support removal of the "Windfall Elimination Provision" which punishes teachers and

government workers (legislation pending), and encourage process simplification for Teacher Retirement System members to file for, and receive, benefits.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 49

35. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 50

36. 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 a disadvantage 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 51

37. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 52

Energy and Environment

38. Utilities: We support free-market solutions for providing resilient and reliable utilities. The State of Texas shall require electric companies that buy electrical production from private citizens on their homes to provide equitable credits for overproduction, to be applied during periods of underproduction, such credits should be allowed to accumulate indefinitely.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 53

39. 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.

New Plank

40. Power Grid: We urge the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to harden the Texas Electric Grid increasing capacity and preparedness for all hazards, including:

- a. Cyberattacks on the grid's computerized command and control system.
- b. Physical attacks on substations and major high-voltage transformers.
- c. Geomagnetic storms created by solar flares.
- d. Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP).
- e. Extreme weather events, both cold and hot.
- f. Texas Power Grid shall remain independent from the United States Power Grid System.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 54

41. Carbon Tax: We oppose any and all efforts to implement a carbon tax.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 55

2022 Plank 56, "Midland, Not Moscow" deleted

42. 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 President Biden's Executive Order 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad," the "America the Beautiful" Initiative, also known as the 30 x 30 program, and all "climate justice" initiatives.

We support Texas Land Application Permits (TLAP) and oppose TLAP conversion to Waste Water 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.

2022 Plank 57, "Environment," original language replaced

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

- a. Address river, bayou, reservoir, and other flood threats to public and private property.
- b. 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.
- c. Address the risk of storm or tidal surge that affects critical industries along the gulf coast.
- d. Create an early warning system that will immediately alert residents to an impending flood, wind, or casualty weather event.
- e. Establish regional flood control districts where necessary for counties to resolve joint flooding issues.
- f. Provide funds to complete these projects from federal, state, and local funds.
- g. Government boards responsible for flood mitigation shall be elected and not appointed.

Governments at all levels must work together to avoid the historical bent to push projects, safety, and implementation into the future. Projects must be of most urgent priority now to avoid further trauma; loss of life; loss of personal, government, and business wealth; and diminution of the tax base.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 58

44. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 59

45. Water Resources: We support tying surface rights of ownership to groundwater rights of ownership. We support regulations that may put limits on a person's capture and use of groundwater, if such use will negatively impact adjoining owners' use of their groundwater for private wells, their water supply, or agricultural use. We support innovative solutions to meet growing water demand in Texas, including development and desalination of seawater and both private and Texas-owned brackish waters.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 60

46. Energy Production: We support free-market solutions and the immediate removal of government barriers and direct subsidies to the production, transportation, reformulation, refining, and distribution of energy. We oppose federally directed plans and proposals that favor renewable energy sources that may constitute a nuisance, or otherwise have a substantially negative impact on neighboring landowners, including harming property values of our neighborhoods, farms, and ranch areas. We fully support and encourage greater energy production in the Permian Basin and throughout Texas, as well as the necessary policies and infrastructure investment in roads, pipelines, and ports. This will support Texas workers and help America's energy security, instead of increasing our reliance on foreign governments that do not benefit America or our allies. We urge the state require minimum firebreak setbacks on solar and battery facilities for wildfire prevention mitigation.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 61

47. Energy Innovation: Texas should take advantage of its independent grid and mines to build and operate traditional and next-generation nuclear energy plants. To keep the federal government from interfering, the Texas Legislature shall establish a nuclear regulatory authority and ensure that the facilities and their supply chain of components and fuel remains in-state and off federally claimed land. The Texas Legislature shall begin the process of creating a Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The Texas

Legislature must ensure the safety of these reserves from enemies, foreign and domestic. Require minimum firebreak setbacks on solar and battery facilities.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 62

Transportation

48. Freedom to Travel: Lawmakers must take action immediately to protect drivers from government-mandated remote kill switches, that must be in every vehicle starting in 2026, to prevent this unconstitutional surveillance of drivers and the weaponization of this technology against Texas drivers. We oppose climate mandates like Net Zero, Vision Zero, or declarations of a climate emergency that threaten our freedom to travel, impose any sort of state or federal mileage tax, or institute diversity, equity, and inclusion policies on taxpayers and drivers. We oppose anti-car measures that punish those who choose to travel alone in their vehicle. We also oppose mandates such as autonomous vehicle technology, digital IDs, digital license plates, remote kill switches, or other mandates designed to restrict, control or prohibit driving (particularly gas-powered vehicles), shrink auto capacity and/or intentionally clog vehicle lanes to force deference to pedestrian, bike, and mass transit options.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 63

49. Vehicle Taxes and Inspections: At the point of sale, taxes shall be based on the actual price of the vehicle or trailer. The Legislature shall implement a method and structure so that owners of electric vehicles pay their ongoing fair share of highway and road construction, maintenance, and usage. Only commercial vehicles will be required to complete a vehicle inspection.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 64

50. Toll Roads: We call on the Texas legislature to abolish existing toll roads and prohibit future construction, returning responsibility for road construction and maintenance to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 65

51. High Speed Rail: Specific to 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 66, retitled from “High Speed Rail”

COVID Response

Plank 67 “COVID-19 Liability” struck and combined with 68

52. Jobs Are Essential: We urge the Texas State Legislature to adopt legislation that recognizes and establishes all businesses and jobs as essential and a fundamental right. Governments do not have the authority to determine what entities are essential during an emergency. Businesses shall not be held liable for any customer who frequents their business and later is confirmed to test positive for a contagious illness.

2022 Plank 68 amended to include 2022 Plank 67 “COVID-19 Liability”

2022 Plank 69 “Government Mandates” Deleted

Privacy, Information Freedom, Internet

53. Doxing and Swatting: We recommend the State Legislature consider modifying existing State law to take into account the implications of doxing, which result 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 70

54. 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 upon internet digital goods and services.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 71

55. Artificial Intelligence Protections: We believe that each person is the rightful owner of his/her name, likeness, voice, knowledge, opinions, etc., and we support the individual’s right to protect their identity, name, image, data, information, and likeness from being collected or otherwise used by data

brokers and/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.

New Plank

56. Personal Data Privacy: We demand that all rights to privacy that individuals have in their homes shall be extended to all digital data via the use of strong public key encryption technologies. We call upon 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 72

57. Social Media 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 social media platforms to censor the speech of citizens in the new digital town square, which they currently control. We support Texas legislative efforts, such as HB20 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 73

58. Cyber Security 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 cyber security. The right to defend oneself in our current era must be expanded to preserve the safety, property, and livelihood of Texans.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 74

59. American Workers First: Prioritize American workers in the workforce.

New Plank

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.

60. 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 urge the Legislature to amend the Texas Constitution and State statute with a stricter spending limitation based on US Census population growth plus inflation and apply the new limit to Texas’ total government budget. We call on the Texas State Legislature to freeze state spending. Any budget surplus shall be applied to Texas Health Savings Accounts (HSA) until such time as we have exited Medicaid . Additionally, we support imposing a spending cap on all local government jurisdictions to be bound by the metric of population and inflation. (F, S, L)

Approved As Amended 2022 Plank 75

2022 Plank 76 Deleted and Consolidated with 2022 Plank 77, “Economic Stabilization Fund” and added to 2024 Plank, “Government Spending and Taxation”

61. 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-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. **Return to original(S)**
Approved as Amended 2022 Plank 77

62. Government Pensions: The Texas Legislature shall enact new rules to begin to transition government pensions for public sector employees from a defined benefit pension to a defined contribution retirement plan similar to a 403(b). (S, L)

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 78

63. Gambling: We oppose any expansion of gambling, including legalized casino gambling. We oppose and call for a veto of any budget that relies on expansion of legalized casino 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 and lobbyists and oppose any effort from the House leadership or members of the House Calendars Committee to pressure members to vote for expanded gambling. We also call for the repeal of the vague “fuzzy animal” exception to Texas’ anti-gambling laws that allow non-cash prizes to be awarded based on use of eight-liner slot machines. (S)

Approved as Amended 2022 Plank 79

64. 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)

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 80

65. Public Posting: We support all government entities compiling and publicly posting their current debt, future obligations, financial statements, check registers, and all government contracts on their official websites. (F, S, L)

- a. Compiled information shall be presented in a table with the principal, estimated interest, and estimated combined principal and interest required for full payment of the proposed bonds and the principal, estimated interest, and estimated combined principal and interest required for full payment of all outstanding bonds as of the date the political subdivision adopted the debt obligation order.
- b. Voter approval is for a maximum spend, not a blank check for all projects on a list. An approved bond amount will include principal, interest and a contingency amount for overruns.

Retained and Amended; 2022 Plank 81

- 66. Repeal Taxes:** We support abolishing the following:
- a. Estate tax (commonly known as the Death Tax) (F)
 - b. Inventory taxes (S, L)
 - c. Business franchise taxes (F, S, L)
 - d. Taxes on phone and internet services (F, S, L)
 - e. Affordable Care Act Home Sales Tax (F)
 - f. Personal property tax (S, L)

Approved as Amended 2022 Plank 82

67. Federal Taxes: We support a flat tax or the replacement of the income tax with a consumption tax that reduces the overall tax burden. Until such time, we support the repeal of the Required Minimum Distribution from qualified retirements accounts and institutions. (F)

Amended and Accepted 2022 Plank 83

68. Let Texans Run Texas: The Texas Legislature shall pass legislation that prohibits political subdivisions of Texas and State agencies from accepting federal funds that 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)

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 84

Deleted 2022 Plank 85; Content moved to 2022 Plank 88 “Impact Fees and Management Districts” and 2024 Plank 128

69. 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)

New Plank Adopted

School Finance and Property Taxation

2022 Plank 87 “Defund Big Government, Not the Police” Deleted (Legislative Action)

70. Elected Officials’ Salaries: State, county, or local elected officials shall not be eligible to receive salary or benefit increases that they vote on. Voters must otherwise approve such benefits 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)

Passed as new Plank

71. Impact Fees and Management Districts: We oppose the creation of management or special purpose districts with the authority to impose taxes and bonded debt, and we oppose the use of eminent domain by these districts. (S, L)

Adopted As Amended (Title Change from “Management Districts;” 2022 Plank 88)

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

Approved as Amended 2022 Plank 89

73. Axe the Property Tax: We support replacing the property tax system for businesses and individuals with an alternative other than the income tax, and requiring voter approval to increase the overall tax burden. We demand the Legislature to immediately develop and implement a transition plan that is a net tax cut. (S, L)

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 90

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

- a. Amend the school finance formulas to reduce the Local Fund Assignment so that it is phased out completely in twelve (12) years, funding Tier I entirely from state revenue and ending the Robin Hood system of school finance. (S, L)
- b. Replace the appraisal system with a system that values property at the purchase price, thus negating the need for an appraisal district. (S, L)
- c. Require appraisal districts to publish the amount of property taxes and appraisals attributable to each rental unit. (S, L)
- d. Limit annual increase on Texas ISD property taxes that Texas ISD property tax revenues shall increase no more than the No-New-Revenue rate of 2% per year. This increase shall include the addition of any and all school bond issuances, existing and future, within the school district. (S, L)
- e. Close the loophole called the “Unused Increment Rate,” which allows taxing entities to bypass recently added limits to increases in property taxes. (S, L)
- f. The Texas Legislature should require the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to provide a report of the spending of funds earmarked for accountability as ordered by the courts and what surplus there is, if any. (S, L)
- g. Account for New Minerals so that the New Minerals are treated in the same fashion as New Improvements (that are added to the tax base) when calculating the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate for counties. (S, L)
- h. All Texas property owners shall be able to declare one primary residence owned as a homestead and, as a homestead, the first \$250,000 of value shall be exempt from all property taxes from any taxing authority. (S, L)

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 91

75. Administrative Bloat Is Not Transformative: We call on Texas school administrators to deliver more education for our dollars, instead of nonstop lobbying for more dollars for education. At a minimum, 80% “Pareto Principle” of revenue should be spent in the classroom. We oppose the underhanded strategy of making cuts to visible frontline teaching positions instead of administrators and overhead. Total compensation for all administrative staff should be posted publicly. (S, L)

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 93

Opposition to Market-Distorting Tax and Fiscal Subsidies

76. 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, 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 and call for repeal or sunset of existing subsidy or special-interest tax exemptions, including the Special Events Trust Fund program, the Texas Enterprise Fund, Moving Image Industry Incentive Program, and Lab-grown Meat Incentives, and now request repeal of Chapter 403.601 and following. 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)

2022 Plank 95 “Bailouts and Subsidies” Deleted; Content added to 2024 Renamed Plank “No Corporate Welfare”

Adopted As Amended and Renamed from 2022 Plank 95 “Bailouts and Subsidies”

77. Ban Public Facility Corporations: The Texas state 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.

New Plank

78. Eliminate Federal Activity: We call upon the Federal Government to stop the following:

- Community Reinvestment Act. (F)
- Funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. (F)
- 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)
- College and university loan forgiveness. Failure of loan repayment shall fall to the colleges and universities and/or their respective endowment fund(s). (F, S)

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 96

Deleted and Add to 95 “No Corporate Welfare”

Transparency and Oversight

79. 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)

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank

80. Right to Use Gold, Silver, Cash, and Cash Substitutes: We support Texas in exercising its constitutional right (Article 1, Section 10) to declare gold and silver as legal tender, and to authorize the ability to transact, transmit, or exchange such gold and silver bullion by physical and/or electronic means and/or written instruction.

To further that right, we support legislation for Texas to utilize the Texas Bullion Depository for persons to buy and hold gold and silver bullion and electronically transact with it as money, essentially allowing debit card transactions to spend gold and silver as functional legal tender. The State of Texas should protect that money (and its use) from capital gains taxation at both the state and federal level.

No government shall prohibit or encumber the ownership or holding of any form or amount of money or other currency. We support a ban on any form of social credit system based on programmable/trackable digital currencies including Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs). (S)

New Plank

Education

Parents' Rights

81. 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 which shall follow the student with no strings attached. We oppose regulations on homeschooling or the curriculum of private or religious schools and believe a constitutional amendment should be adopted accordingly. In lieu of funding, citizens may use property tax exemptions.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 101

82. 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 codifying 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 upon these rights. We call for the development and dissemination of the Parent's Right to Know and Consent booklet that contains pertinent state and federal law.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 103

83. 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 investigation and referral authority for criminal, civil, and other disciplinary actions. We urge the Legislature to create 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 sexual abuse of students, violations of parental rights, and student due process rights when they occur in a school setting. Such position shall have authority to refer any matter to the Texas Attorney General for further investigation and prosecution, if warranted.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank

84. Sexual Education, Health-Related Education, and the Classroom to Clinic Pipeline: We demand the State 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 concerning any of the above topics. Until this prohibition goes into effect, sexual education shall only utilize sexual risk avoidance programs and promote abstinence outside of marriage. Before a student may be provided with any health-related instruction, 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].

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 105, Renamed from "Sexual Education"

85. Prohibiting Grooming of Minors: We request that the Texas Legislature pass legislation that requires Texas schools, and libraries, and contracted vendors to filter and vet inappropriate and/or 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 employee or contractor responsible for exposing a student to inappropriate material or engaging in inappropriate conduct with students should have their teaching license revoked, forfeit their pension, and be criminally prosecuted with enhanced penalties. We call on the Legislature to prohibit school districts from abusing their District of Innovation status to avoid parental rights' laws or restrictions on human sexuality education.

Plank amended Adopted As Amended; 2022 Planks 105 and 106 Consolidated

86. Healthcare in Public Schools: Legislators shall prohibit reproductive healthcare services, including mental health counseling or referrals to outside health services or clinics, and distribution and/or demonstration of condoms and contraception through 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 district must obtain written parental consent. Written parental consent must include the district's full disclosure of the business or clinic students will be referred to for healthcare or mental health services. [Opt-in status].

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 107

87. Religious Freedom and Government Schools: We demand 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 108

2022 Plank 108 "Education Transparency" Deleted. Incorporated into "Instructional Excellence"

Curriculum

88. 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 regarding everything to which their child is or will 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 passing the US Citizenship and Immigration Services test prior to graduation.
- c. Mathematics. We support stronger emphasis on the TEKS 2nd and 3rd grade math standards to recall addition/multiplication facts "with automaticity" which significantly enables students to better comprehend subsequent material.
- d. Science. We support objective teaching of scientific method, practices, and theories including the complexity of life origins and the changing climate throughout geologic history. These 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. 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, 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, and to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 110

89. Founding Documents in High School: We support a high school-level curriculum for the study of American history that is heavily weighted toward the study of original founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Constitutional Convention, the *Federalist Papers*, the *Anti-Federalist Papers*, Jefferson's Letter to the Danbury Baptists, and other Founders' writings.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 111

90. 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/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. Other flags promoting progressive agendas should be prohibited from being displayed at government schools. Students have the right to display patriotic items on school property. Students shall have the right to display patriotic items on their person as well as on school property.

**Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 112, and renamed from “American Identity”
2022 Plank 113 Deleted and Incorporated into 2022 Plank 114, “National Core Curriculum”**

91. National Core Curriculum: We oppose the use of national or international standards in the State of Texas (i.e., International Baccalaureate, Common Core, any remnants of CSCOPE, United Nations Inclusion, National Sexuality Education Standards, and SIECUS, etc.). We strongly urge the Texas Legislature to replace the 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 as well as 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 114

92. 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.

New Plank

93. Oversight of Instructional Materials: All instructional materials and services paid for with state funds shall be vetted by the elected State Board of Education. We oppose appropriation of state funds for instructional content that has not been approved by the SBOE. This approval process must include public review, hearings, and the right to have factual errors corrected. We call on local districts to hold public hearings before deciding which instructional materials they will use including supplemental materials and programs. We support policies limiting students’ screen time and focusing on direct instruction.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 116

94. Education on Humanity and Dignity of the Preborn Child: We support requiring Texas students to learn about the humanity of the preborn child, including life-affirming definitions of life and the study of life, the concept that life begins at fertilization, milestones of fetal development at two-week gestational intervals, use of fetal baby models, witnessing of a live ultrasound, viewing the following videos: *Meet Baby Olivia*, *A Glimpse Inside*, and *Miracle of Life*, and (for high school students) the contents of the *Woman’s Right to Know* booklet. In addition, students should 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.”

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 117

Governance

95. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 118

96. 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. Their responsibilities must include:

- a. Overseeing the Commissioner of Education.
- b. Maintaining constitutional authority over the Permanent School Fund.
- c. Maintaining authority over curriculum.
- d. The state adoption of all educational materials. This process must include public hearings.
- e. Granting, revoking, or amending open enrollment school charters. The SBOE should require charter school operators and board members to be American citizens.
- f. Teacher and administrator certification. We call for the abolition of the State Board for Educator Certification.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 119, Renamed from “Elected SBOE”

97. School Security and Safety: We support passage of legislation encouraging local law enforcement 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 120; Renamed from “School Security”

2022 Plank 120 Deleted; Incorporated into “School Security and Safety”

2022 Plank 122 Deleted; “School Boards”

98. Withdraw from Taxpayer-Funded Lobby Groups Like TASB: 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. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 123

99. Enforcement of Open Meetings: 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 for government school officials who violate the Texas Open Meetings Act. We believe an open meetings violation should be an affirmative defense to a charge of disrupting a public meeting.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 124

100. 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 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 125

101. 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 28.004. The legislature should

defund and abolish Texas Department of State Health Services' School Health Program, the Texas School Health Advisory Council (TSHAC), and repeal Texas Education Code 38.013, Texas Education Code 38.014, and Texas Administrative Code 102.1031. 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 should be changed to:

- a. Require at least 50% of the SHAC appointees to be parents of students within the district and who are not themselves or related to district employees.
- b. Require at least 50% of the parent officials to be present for any and all business to be conducted and be open to the public.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 126; Renamed from "School Health Advisory Councils, Texas School Health Advisory Council (TSHAC), and Coordinated School Health" 2022 Plank 127 "Foreign Charter Schools" deleted. Incorporated into 119

Higher Education

102. 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. We call for the Texas Legislature to freeze tuition and fees at state colleges and universities.
- b. We oppose mass cancellation of student loan obligations. We call upon Congress to end the federal student loan program.
- c. We support requiring 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. We oppose in-state tuition and financial aid for illegal aliens and support the elimination of the TEXAS grant.
- e. We support limiting international undergraduate and graduate student enrollment at Texas colleges and universities to no more than 5% of the student body. We support a total prohibition on students who are members of the Chinese Communist Party.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 128

103. 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 Marxist, anti-American, Critical Race Theory (CRT), multiculturalism, Social & Emotional Learning (SEL), or diversity-equity-inclusion courses.
- c. We oppose using public funds for homosexuality, transgender, or diversity-equity-inclusion 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 129

104. Campus Speech: We urge the Texas Legislature to protect the 1st Amendment rights of those on college campuses in the practice their faith, 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 130

105. Eliminate Tenure: We support abolishing the system of tenure in academia and advocate replacing it with a merit-based system for teacher retention.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 131; Renamed from “Tenure”

106. Equal Access: All Texas students shall have equal access to all state-supported university admissions, grants, scholarships, and loans, based upon 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 UIL academic competitions and 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 132

107. Medical Students’ Religious Liberty: All persons have the 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.

Any state agency, educational institution, or local entity in Texas which desires to send its employee(s), student(s), or their representative(s) 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 133

Health and Human Services

Parents’ Rights

108. Parental Rights and Responsibilities: We support the fundamental God-given right and responsibility of parents to direct and guide their 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 134

109. Parental Rights of Dependent Adult Children: As long as parents are responsible for an adult child, through college or the age of 26 when 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 135

110. Parental Consent: We insist on informed parental consent for all medical care, counseling, etc., for all minors.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 136

Healthcare Independence

111. 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 even in an emergency or in a pandemic:

- a. Any attempt to mandate, force, or coerce any medical test, procedure, blood and/or product, including vaccines or masks.
- 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, or access state services.
- c. The denial of any public service or benefit based on vaccination status.
- d. Any mandates by public, private, government, or medical entities for treatment, vaccination, vaccine passports, mask requirements, or health insurance surcharges.
- e. Any involuntary isolation or quarantine of anyone not experiencing an active contagious infection.
- f. Any withholding of the risks and benefits of a proposed intervention, including quantifiable adverse effects, that must be equally communicated and accessible to the patient or to a minor patient's parents or guardian.
- g. Any prevention of visitation to the ill when risks are acknowledged and mitigated according to patient and visitor choice.
- h. Any Nuremberg Code violations—including but not limited to the requirement that use of experimental use medications, vaccines, or other treatments must provide full knowledgeable consent and be free from any form of coercion or inducement.
- i. Any tracing of individuals by cell phones or another means for any reason without an individual court issued warrant.
- j. Any requirement that a nurse practitioner can only provide healthcare to Texans under a delegation agreement with a physician in the State of Texas.
- k. 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 changing their healthcare provider.
- l. Any jeopardization of the statutorily protected right of Texans to utilize the Texas Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Affidavit without scrutiny or adverse action.
- m. Any denial of directed or autologous blood donation.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 137

112. 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, including chiropractic care, to their health problems, as well as the physician's right to provide natural solutions for health problems.
- b. Protect physicians from interference by the TMB or the Texas State Board of Pharmacy 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, pharmaceutical companies, or hospitals while serving on the board, to prevent conflict of interest.
- h. Prohibit intimidation tactics by TMB lawyers against physicians.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 138

113. 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 our state to promote private entities to initiate and sustain the buildup of the supply chain and manufacturing of the medical and health products in this state to help reduce the costs and increase the availability of medical products to its constituents.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 139

- 114. Informative Labels on Medications:** We require informative labelling on:
- 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 and/or production.
 - All medications and vaccines which contain mRNA or aborted fetal material.
 - All medications, therapeutics, and vaccines which have not completed human trial studies should be considered experimental, potentially harmful, and may not be therapeutic.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 140

115. Secure Medical Records and Informed Consent: We oppose any state or federal medical record computer database that stores 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 141

116. Right to Try: We urge the Texas State Legislature and Governor to enact laws that protect patients' (or parents' if the patient is a minor) and their doctors' rights to have access to experimental or off-label medications and procedures that can potentially be lifesaving or improve quality of life, consistent with the RPT platform, without the interference of the Medical Board, Pharmacy Board, or Hospital Boards.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 142

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

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 143

118. Texas HSA: We recommend the creation of the State of Texas Health Savings Account, with funds in excess of those needed in the Rainy Day Fund, 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 utilized for any other purpose.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 144

Government-funded Health Programs

119. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 145

120. Welfare Reform: We support the abolition of all federal welfare programs, as they are not an appropriate role of the federal government. Until such time, welfare reform should encourage partnerships with (without providing any taxpayer funding to) faith-based institutions, community, and business organizations to temporarily assist individuals in need. We encourage welfare reform in the following areas:

- Denying benefits to individuals who cannot prove citizenship.
- Reforming welfare programs to require recipients to work, learn, and train to move toward self-sufficiency.
- Reforming welfare programs to require recipients to remain substance abuse free and willing to submit to and pass random drug testing.
- Requiring 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.
- Implementing a nonmonetary-based assistance program for providing supplemental food benefits.
- Removing prisoners from welfare rolls.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 146

121. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 147

122. Oversight of Disability Claims: We call for stronger and more stringent reviews of disability claims to ensure that assistance is provided only to those truly in need.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 148

123. Medicaid Reform: 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. We oppose any further expansion of Medicaid and stand in opposition to Medicaid for non-citizens. Medicaid Funds shall only be used for Genuine Biological Medical Ailments. The Medicaid 1115 Waiver Funds must be prevented from use to chemically sterilize teen girls or cause abortions and redirect the funds to genuine biological medical needs that will truly help improve the lives of young women and authentically contribute to good preconception care, good birth outcomes, and good maternal health in Texas.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 149

124. Medicare Reform: Medicare should be provided only for United States citizens and legal residents and there should be a non-penalized opt-out for those who have health insurance through their employer and continue to work.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 150

125. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"): We demand the immediate repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which we believe to be unconstitutional.

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Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 151

126. 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 invest in and fully fund 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 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 152

Mental Health

127. Caring for Citizens who Are Mentally Disabled: We urge the Legislature to continue funding and operating all state-supported living centers for mentally disabled legal Texas residents, and to continually seek common sense improvements to increase efficiency.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 153

128. Mental Health: We oppose all mental, emotional, or well-being surveys, screenings, check-ins, assessments, and similar such instruments in public schools and demands that the Texas legislature ban all psychological or mental health questions, instruction, activities, surveys, check-ins in any capacity in public schools. If an employee or contractor of the 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 these and any other 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 order the strict enforcement of such penalties.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 154

Homosexuality and Gender Issues

129. Homosexuality: Homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle choice. We believe there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special 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. No one should be granted special legal status based on their LGBTQ+ identification.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank

130. Gender Identity: We oppose all efforts to validate transgender identity. We believe gender modification and any form of gender affirming care 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 and/or pronoun changes.

Any agency, individual, or other entity promoting, performing, or facilitating gender-transitioning and/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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 156

131. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 157

132. Counseling Methods: Therapists, psychologists, and counselors practicing in the State of Texas shall not be forbidden or penalized by any licensing board for practicing authentic reparative therapy or other counseling methods when counseling clients of any age with identity disorder or unwanted same-sex attraction.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 158

Substance Abuse & Addiction

133. Addiction: We oppose legalization and decriminalization of illicit natural and/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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 159

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

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 160

Deleted 2022 Plank 161, “Ban on exposing minors to Pornography Online;” Consolidated with 162, “Pornography Crisis.”

Life-Affirming Health Care Concepts

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

- a. Expand protective measures to block incidental or unwanted exposure to inappropriate pornographic material by viewers or users. Violators shall be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.
- 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 a minor.
- d. Prohibit the advertising, promotion, distribution, and sale of obscene devices to minors or displayed within minor’s reach.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Planks 161 and 162

136. Conscience Clause: All persons and legal entities have the right of conscience and shall be protected under Texas law if they conscientiously object to participate 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, euthanasia, assisted suicide, 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank

137. Fetal Tissue Harvesting and Stem Cell Research: We support legislation prohibiting and criminalizing the harvesting, sale, and experimentation, or commercial use of human fetal tissue, including those intended for use in vaccines, which requires or is dependent upon the destruction of human life. We encourage adult stem cell research using cells from umbilical cords, adults, and any other means 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 164

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

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 165; Renamed from “Alternatives to Abortion”

139. 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 a “fetal anomaly” or disability, 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, in addition to providing 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 holding those accountable who break state Pro-Life laws by selling and trafficking illegal abortion pills.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 166; Renamed from “Discriminatory Abortion”

140. 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).

New Plank — Adopted.

141. Planned Parenthood: We support 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, and the expansion of their facilities in our

neighborhoods. We call for a state law prohibiting governmental contracts with abortion providers and their affiliates.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 167

142. Preserving the Dignity of Human Embryos: We support continued efforts to preserve the inherent dignity of human embryos, including adoption of human embryos and the banning of human embryo trafficking.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 168. Renamed from “Human Embryos.”

143. Life-Affirming Patient Protection: We call for the Texas Legislature to secure due process and the right for 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 provide impartial legal recourse.

Adopted As Rewritten; 2022 Plank 169; Renamed from End-of-Life Patient Protection Deleted 2022 Plank 170 and combined content with 2024 Plank, “Life-Affirming Patient Protection”

Environmental Health

144. Toxic Exposure: 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. The State of Texas shall prohibit the addition of sodium fluoride and/or any other chemicals deemed dangerous, carcinogenic, harmful and/ or poisonous to community water systems.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 171

145. Less Tech for Little Texans: Any government agency with responsibility for children under ten years of age must limit screen time to thirty minutes for every six-hour span on one-to-one devices and VR headsets. Children ages ten to fourteen must be limited to two hours per day. Many medical research studies have shown significant health adverse reactions to EMF emissions and abnormal behavior disorders.

New Plank

146. Prohibition of Biocultured Food: The Republican Party of Texas supports the prohibition or manufacture, sale, or distribution of food products made from cultured animal cells, bioengineered, or mesenchymal cell lines.

New Plank

Criminal and Civil Justice

Rights and Protections

147. Obscenity Exemption: We urge the Texas Legislature to repeal all laws based on the fraudulent research by Dr. Alfred Kinsey, repeal the Texas Penal Code affirmative defenses in the Harmful Material to Minor’s Statue and sexual performance of a child. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 172

148. Civil Asset Forfeiture: We call upon the Texas Legislature to abolish civil asset forfeiture, independently or in partnership with federal authorities, and to ensure that private property only be forfeited upon a criminal conviction.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 173

149. Government Surveillance: We oppose all forms of warrantless government surveillance of United States citizens and businesses.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 174

150. Location and Data Privacy: We call upon 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 175

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

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 176

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

Plank 178 Deleted – “Raise the Age”

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

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 179

154. State of Emergency and/or Pandemic Business Fines: We support prohibiting fines or imprisonment of business owners for operating their business during a state of emergency, and/or pandemics, and we call for the legislature to pass these protections into law.

Retained with Title Change; 2022 Plank 180

155. Fraudulent Lien Filings: We support legislation designed to reduce fraud by requiring that the identity of the debtor on all liens be confirmed prior to filing by at least three methods, including but not necessarily limited to state ID, county records, and personal contact.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 181

156. 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. We call on a ban of mRNA technology for vaccines in humans, animals, and food. We urge the legislature that the State of Texas Attorney General, and appropriate law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute any and all participants for treason and murder with biological weapons and or vaccines that knowingly cause harm.

Accepted as Amended; 2022 Plank 182

Courts, Prosecutions, Restitution

157. Penalty For False or Illegal Accusation of Impeachment: If someone brings articles of impeachment and the charges are found to be false, the accuser(s) shall be held personally liable for legal fees and past wages which shall be reimbursed from the accuser(s)' personal funds to the defendant.

Plank ADDED

158. Court Accountability: We support the right to inform the jurors of their common law power to judge law (jury nullification) as well as the evidence, and to vote on the 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 decision 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, preserving the complete record in all transactions in court and in chambers, including audio and video. Provide the Texas Attorney General a process to investigate and remove district attorneys that fail to enforce Texas law. Texas judges, attorneys, and court actors in Texas will no longer have any immunity when violating the

law. Strong penalties should be implemented for elected officials found reducing criminal cases to skew records. We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation to hold judges and prosecutors accountable for violating their oaths of office or the laws of the State of Texas and to end any explicit or implicit judicial or prosecutorial immunity for their actions.

Accepted as Amended; 2022 Plank 183

159. F frivolous Lawsuits: We support further reform to discourage frivolous lawsuits. 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 essential protections for Texans' 1st Amendment rights.

Accepted as Amended; 2022 Plank 184

160. Bail Reform: We call upon the Texas Legislature to ensure bail in Texas is based only on a person's danger to society, risk of flight, and criminal history. District attorneys and judges will stop setting bails that are egregiously low for the nature of the crime or release violent offenders into the community. If said offender commits a violent crime(s) while out on bail, and bail or release was not granted based on the merits of the alleged violent crimes(s), the district attorney and/or judge involved in the case are not exempt from penalties or a civil suit for enabling offender(s). Personal Recognizance (PR) Bonds should only be allowed for first time non-violent offenders.

Accepted as Amended; 2022 Plank 185

161. Human Trafficking and Jurisdiction: We call upon the Texas Legislature to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow victims of human trafficking to have convictions within the previous ten years for prostitution offenses set aside, if they received these convictions as a direct result of being trafficked. 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.

Delete Plank

162. Rule of Law Enforcement: We support rule of law and enforcement of laws, which maintain an ordered republic. We call for independent prosecutorial authority to prosecute crimes that maintain order (such as sedition, riot, official oppression, election integrity, etc.) to be delegated to a statewide officer such as the Attorney General. We call on the Legislature to ensure that election crimes will be promptly prosecuted, even in counties with progressive district attorneys.

Accepted as Amended; 2022 Plank 188

Law Enforcement

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

Retained with No Changes: 2022 Plank 189

164. Capital Punishment: Properly applied capital punishment is legitimate and should be reasonably swift, while respecting all due process.

Retained with No Changes: 2022 Plank 190

165. Police, Firefighters, and Other First Responders: We support proper funding for robust training programs that provide them with intensive and comprehensive physical and academic training in the classroom and on the ground. We ask that the Texas Legislature properly fund preventative and responsive mental health care. We recommend the State Legislature increase funding for the Texas Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

Accepted as Amended: 2022 Plank 191 "Police, Firefighters, and Other First Responders Appreciation"

Delete 2022 Plank 193, "Protection from Arbitrary Stops"

2022 Plank 195 "Oppose Riots"

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

Committee of the Whole Reinsertion from 2022 Plank 194

167. Political Policing: We believe that laws should be enforced uniformly, that punishment should meet the crime, and that law enforcement should never be used to target individuals for political purposes. We oppose the targeting of police officers by progressive district attorneys. We support automatic and prompt expunction of law enforcement officials' records who are found not guilty in a court of law regarding job-related actions. The District attorney shall provide a letter of denial to prosecute within thirty (30) days.

Accepted as Amended; 2022 Plank 196

Family Law

168. 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 is in the best interest of the child.

Accepted as Amended: 2022 Plank 197

169. Child Protective Services: We support reforming or replacing Child Protective Services, and we ask for any legislation that would support due process in family court proceedings, oversight of the system, and a jury determining the outcome of any case, if requested by either party. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or any agency, company, or occupation charged with protecting abused or neglected children and its employees will not enjoy any immunity when violating state, local or federal laws, guidelines, or constitutional rights and protections.

Accepted as Amended: 2022 Plank 198

170. 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 proceeding, filing, or continuances.
- b. Amending Texas Code of Procedures Article 56A.452 to comport with this plank.

New Plank

State Affairs

Heritage Preservation

171. 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 199

172. 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 widows' pension fund. 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 200

173. 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.

Retained with No Changes 2022 Plank 201

174. Military Base Names: Publicly honor the southern heroes and rescind all name changes of our military bases.

New Plank Adopted

175. 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 of raising 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 202

Individual Rights and Freedoms

2022 Plank 203 Struck and Moved to Privacy Information

176. 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.

Retained here but committee recommended strike here and move to Data Privacy: 2022 Plank 204 (TBD) *Please Confirm Status*****

177. 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 205

178. 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 any citizen to practice their religion and exercise their right to free speech in the public square, as well as in religious organization affiliations.
- c. 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. Texas Legislation adopt language to oppose abuse of emergency powers to seize or block bank accounts, criminalize political speech as a result of protected speech under the 1st Amendment.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 206

- 179. Gender Identity & Government Policy:** We support legislation in the State of Texas that ensures:
- a. Requiring that all public and private restrooms, changing facilities, showers, etc., 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. The passing of legislation mandating adherence to sex identification on all official documents that are 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 207

Family and Gender Issues

180. Human Sexuality: We affirm God's biblical design for marriage and family 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. We oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose nontraditional sexual behavior out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 208

- 181. 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.
 - c. Prohibiting the desensitization of children to sexual topics by inappropriately exposing them to, or normalizing of, sexual behavior.
 - d. Requiring the disclosure of the above offenses to parents or guardians.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 209

182. Definition of Marriage and Family: We support the definition of marriage as a God-ordained, legal, and moral covenant only between one biological man and one biological woman. Further, we support a traditional definition of family with only one biological man in the role of father and one biological woman in the role of mother. We are opposed to same-sex parenting, intentionally subjecting a child to the loss of their biological father or mother, and other non-traditional definitions of family.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 210

183. State Authority Over Marriage: We support 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 211

184. 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.

Retained with No Changes: 2022 Plank 212

185. 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 the Platform, including granting benefits by political subdivisions.

Retained with No Changes: 2022 Plank 213

186. 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 and/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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 214

187. Adoption: We encourage the Texas Legislature to remove as many barriers to adoption as possible and to make the process less intrusive while protecting children’s safety and best interests.

We urge the Texas Legislature to adopt the following steps to promote adoption:

- a. Expand community-based care: Increase partnerships with local private and nonprofit charitable organizations to create a safer and more responsive system.
- b. Require a guilty verdict before placing individuals in the Central Registry: Currently an unsubstantiated accusation of abuse or neglect can lead to Texans’ being listed in a government database and cause them to lose jobs and suffer other penalties without ever being found guilty by a court. In some cases, even those found innocent remain listed on the database. No Texan shall be deprived of liberty or their right to earn a living without a fair hearing.
- c. 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.
- d. End hidden foster care: Many families are threatened and coerced into giving up custody of their child without ever going to court. Texas shall protect parents’ rights and end coercive agreements by limiting CPS’s ability to separate families without court oversight.
- e. Repeal anonymous reporting: False reporting of families to CPS can lead to great harm and a large waste of resources. False reporting can be prevented while increasing the accuracy of reports to CPS by eliminating the option of anonymous reporting in favor of confidentiality. Professionals who must report suspicious activity shall be trained on alternatives to filing a CPS report and permitted to refer struggling families to community service providers.
- f. Make the adoption process more affordable, streamlined, and accessible.
- g. Provide more support to adoptive children and biological and adoptive families such as access to affordable mental health care.
- h. Work to destigmatize adoption for both birth mothers and potential adoptive families.
- i. Increase funding to foster care background checks and wellness checks including interviewing children in foster care.

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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 215

188. Child Rights: We call on the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to protect privacy in public schools and government buildings by ensuring that multi-use facilities, including showers, changing rooms, and bathrooms, are designated for and used only by persons based on the person’s biological sex.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 216

189. 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 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 a minor 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.

New Plank Adopted

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

New Plank Adopted

Pro-Life Issues

191. Pro-Life: 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, while the private individuals may enforce civil penalties to companies and suppliers of online sales and delivery of any form of abortifacients.
- g. Elimination of causes of action for "wrongful birth."
- h. Health insurance coverage for abortion services and abortifacients, which under Texas law shall be considered supplemental coverage and billed to the beneficiary.
- i. Criminal penalties be attached to any entity convicted of selling body parts of aborted children or, excluding the mother, of conducting an illegal abortion.
- j. Extend the private cause of action used in the Texas Heartbeat Act to all pro-life laws and policies in Texas.
- k. The legislature needs to study the effects of abortion numbers post Roe, and to discuss a better solution than the current failing legislation in effect.
- l. Abortion is not healthcare it is homicide.
- m. We support the right of Texas municipalities to protect mothers and their preborn children in their communities by passing enforceable city ordinances that further ban abortions within their city limits, closing loopholes in state abortion laws.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 217

192. 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 oppose legislation that discriminates against any preborn children and violates the United States Constitution by denying such persons equal protection of the laws, and to adopt effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when doctors or district attorneys fail to do so.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 218

193. 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.

Retained with No Changes: 2022 Plank 219

Land Use

194. 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 location and within the defined de-annexation boundaries.

Retained with Modifications on De-Annexation: 2022 Plank 220

195. HOA Governance: We support legislation restricting the power of HOAs.

- a. Informed consent. buyers must sign stating they 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 USA flag.
- d. No restrictions on rainwater collection
- e. No changes to terms without 85% consent of the home owners and/or property owners
- f. Developers must turnover HOA within 70% of the original lots or land purchase.
- g. Be obligated to abide by OPEN Meeting rules
- h. Practice financial transparency
- i. Only owners that live or own adjacent or within two lots can file a complaint
- j. Abolish any and all extrajudicially enforce polices

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 221

196. 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 privacy
groundwater and/or 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. 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 the 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.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 222

197. Eminent Domain: The use of eminent domain must exclude the seizure of private property for private economic development or increased tax revenue, in addition to compensation for damages and the value of the taking, the 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's fees, expert witness fees, appraisal fees, and costs.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 223

198. 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/or 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.

New Plank Adopted

State Governance

199. Campaign Contribution Limits: We urge immediate repeal of all limits on campaign contributions by American citizens to the candidates or causes of their choice. However, the State of Texas should pass legislation which bans campaign contributions and expenditures for non-federal elections that originate from outside the State of Texas including individuals, organizations, and political action committees, including any questions, propositions, amendments, etc., on any ballots.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 224

200. 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. This referendum should be a legislative priority.

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 225

201. Marijuana Remains Illegal: We oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana and offer opportunities for drug treatment before penalties for its illegal possession or use.

Retained with No Changes: 2022 Plank 227

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

Adopted as Amended: 2022 Plank 228

203. Daylight Savings Time: Texas should no longer participate in Daylight Savings Time.

New Plank Adopted

204. City of Austin Management: We support the revocation of home rule status for the city of Austin, and transfer of its management to the State of Texas.

New Plank Adopted

205. Digital Passport: The Texas legislature should ban all digital passports and digital identification.

New Plank Adopted

Government and Election Integrity

Government Operations

206. Sexual Harassment: We believe sexual harassment by elected and appointed officials should not be tolerated.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 229

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

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 230

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

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 231

209. Tax-Funded Lobbying: We oppose using tax dollars to hire lobbyists or paying tax dollars to associations that lobby the Legislature, in particular by public schools.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 232

210. Texas Speaker of the House, House Committees, and Legislative Quorum: In the Texas Legislature:

- 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 that of special interests and lobbyists. The chairman and a majority of members of key committees shall support the conservative agenda. All Committees shall be chaired by Republicans when in the majority.
- 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/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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 233

211. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 234

212. 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. Requiring the House Calendars Committee to vote on a bill within fourteen days of receipt, or it is automatically put on the calendar.
- c. Automatic setting of a bill on the calendar within seven days if it is cosponsored by a simple majority plus one of House members.
- d. Votes on each bill individually that is not set on the calendar, rather than killing a slate of bills at once.
- e. Requiring assignment of all bills to a committee within seven days of the filing deadline or within two days of receipt from the opposite chamber.
- f. 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 week of presenting the petition that contains the prescribed number of signatures.

Inserted the following Substitute Language for 235 and 236, combine into one plank:

213. Unelected Bureaucrats: We oppose the appointment of unelected bureaucrats and we support defunding and abolishing the following 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)

... 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. We believe the people of Texas should elect their own Secretary of State and Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 237

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

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 238

Elections

215. 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. We oppose bundling of items on bond election ballots and “rolling polling” for bond and tax rate increase elections. Any bond election, at any level of government in Texas, must state on the ballot, “This is a tax increase,” in bold print.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank TBD

216. Pay-to-Play Endorsement Slates: We oppose “pay-to-play” endorsement slates where a candidate has paid or promised to pay to be included. We oppose the use of the Republican brand and logos by private Political Action Committees (PAC), that endorses in the primaries.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 240.

217. In-Person Election Voting: In-person voting shall be conducted as a single period of time of no more than three days with no time gap between the first day of voting and Election Day. Election day statutes must be used for the entire voting period.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 241

218. 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, or the allowance of votes by ineligible persons.

We support:

- a. 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.
- b. Vigorous enforcement of all election laws as written and oppose any laws, lawsuits, and judicial decisions that make voter fraud very difficult to deter, detect, or prosecute.
- c. Voter Photo ID.
- d. Prohibition of remote electronic and internet voting for public office and any ballot measure.
- e. That mail-in ballots must be requested and only granted to voters who cannot physically appear in-person, that the request must utilize the official application form only, and the ballots must arrive before 7pm on Election Day (with the exception of APO addresses.) Mail-in ballots should not be separated from their carrier envelopes until the polls close.
- f. Felony status for willful violations of the Texas election code.
- g. The constitutional authority of state legislatures to regulate voting, including disenfranchisement of convicted felons and the opposition to the Federal Takeover of our elections.
- h. Changes to the appropriate sections of Texas law that would deny or cancel homestead exemptions, driver licenses, and License to Carry, if the addresses on those documents DO NOT match the address on the voter’s registration.
- i. Consolidating elections to Primary, Runoff, Special Called, and General Election days and locations.
- j. Sequentially numbered and signed paper ballots that contain anti-counterfeiting measures to deter counterfeiting and accounted through strong chain of custody procedures.
- k. The Texas Constitution should be amended to restore authority to the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.
- l. The ability for civil lawsuits to be filed for election fraud or failure of officials to follow the Texas Election Code.
- m. Allowing trained poll watchers from anywhere in Texas with local party or candidate approval.
- n. Creating processes that will allow rapid adjudication of election law violation disputes as they occur and before violations can be successfully perpetrated.

- o. 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.
- p. Striking Chapter 43.007 COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM in the Texas Election Code and requiring PRECINCT ONLY voting for any in-person Voting with the using of Paper Poll Books only.
- q. The use of precinct level, county level, and state level vote count verification processes and statistically based randomized audits
- r. Expanding write-once data memory cards from Central Counting Stations into Precinct Level Ballot Counters. (SB1661 is Central)
- s. 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.
- t. Requiring Persons who utilize the Reasonable Impediment Declaration to provide their thumbprint on the form for purposes of later verification.
- u. Requiring the Texas Election Code to limit the number of voters that a voter assistant can assist to no more than three voters per election. This stipulation includes the entire duration of the voting period.
- v. All State and Local Candidates shall post a statement of their criminal history regarding any class A misdemeanors and felony offenses on their website while they are running for public office.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 242

219. 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. Periodic checks on the voter rolls to ensure 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 the Texas Secretary of State voter roll platform. No Texas county shall use a third-party to manage, in any form, that county's voter roll.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 243

220. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 244

221. Voting Rights: We support equal suffrage for all United States citizens of voting age. We oppose any identification of citizens by race, race, 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 245

222. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 246

223. Redistricting: We support drawing districts based on eligible voters, not pure population. 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 247

224. Republican Party Operations: We oppose all legislative actions that limit the Republican Party of Texas (RPT), the County Executive Committees (CEC), 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 their 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank

225. Hand-Counting Procedures: We support 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.

New Plank

National Defense and Foreign Affairs

Veterans Affairs

226. 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. This will uphold the respect and dignity our military personnel and veterans deserve, ensuring that their sacrifices are honored and safeguarded.

New Plank

227. 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. All current and prior military personnel and their families must have the benefits, healthcare, housing, education, and overall support they need. Injured military personnel deserve the best medical, mental health, and rehabilitative care our country has to offer. The Texas State Guard should receive the funding necessary for equipment, uniforms, healthcare, and pay needed to accomplish the mission of the Texas Guard motto, "Texans Serving Texas." Department of Veteran Affairs monetary benefits shall match present national price index value in all programs. We support 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.

Approved As Amended 2022 Plank 249

228. Texas National Guard Benefits: The Legislature shall provide parity of benefits to the Texas National Guard, regardless of whether they are 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.

Adopted — Moved & reworded from 2022 Plank 264.

229. Eliminate Illegal Immigration Magnets: The State of Texas shall impose a 100% surcharge on remittances from an illegal alien to a recipient in a foreign nation. The state shall refuse to grant a birth certificate to any child born to illegal alien parents on Texas soil, require proof of legal residency for obtaining a Texas driver's license, for enrolling in public school, and shall require proof of citizenship for obtaining voter registration and public benefits. Texas shall 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. No tax dollars shall be provided for social or educational programs for illegal aliens. All existing laws providing for in-state tuition and nonemergency medical care shall be rescinded. All unverifiable foreign-issued identification cards shall be legally invalid in the United States. In addition, the State of Texas should ban the sale of land to illegal aliens and pursue litigation against developers who induce illegal immigration into Texas through marketing.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 250

230. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank

231. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 252

232. Keeping America Safe: We recognize that many of the threats our nation faces are not from foreign nation states, but militant organizations like the 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 253; Renamed from “Defeat Terrorism.”

Deleted 2022 Plank 254, “Designate Drug Cartels as Terrorist Organizations” per legislative action.

233. 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/Exit tracking system for all visa holders and 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.

Adopted As Amended; Renamed from 2022 Plank 255, “Immigration.”

234. Non-citizen Deportation Plank for Violent Protest or Riot: The State of Texas shall enforce strict deportation procedures for any non-citizen, including those on work or student visas, who are arrested for participating in a violent protest or riot. 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, non-citizen students arrested for such activities will be expelled from their educational institutions without refunds and processed for deportation as described.

Adopted as new plank.

235. 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 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, 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 non-violent illegal aliens and visa overstays. 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.

Adopted as new plank. Encompasses & supersedes 2022 Plank 262, “H-1B Visas”

Border Security and Immigration

236. Border Security Funding: We expect both the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress to prioritize the allocating funds to effectively secure the border through whatever means necessary, including, but not limited to barriers, a border wall, and/or fences everywhere along the border where it is feasible and useful, and 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.

Retained with No Changes; 2022 Plank 256

237. 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 deport apprehended illegal aliens. We must immediately equip the Texas Military Department with the necessary tools and authority to serve and protect Texas State territories and citizens.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 267

238. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 258

239. 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.

Adopted as Amended — incorporates language from and supersedes 2022 Planks:

260, “Border Security and Immigration;”

261 “Implement 287(g) Program,”

262 “H-1B Visas,”

240. 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 tax exempt status and/or business licenses of any entity or organization found to have done so.

**Adopted As Amended; Supersedes 2022 Plank 263 “Aiding and Abetting Illegal Immigrants”
2022 Plank 263, “Texas National Guard Deployment and Benefits” moved to earlier in this section.**

Foreign Affairs

241. 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.

**Replacement language amends 2022 Plank 273, “One World”
Deleted 2022 Plank 263, “No RFIs from Bad Actors”**

242. Dependency on Foreign Nations: We call upon the United States to re-examine our trading relationships based on America’s economic and foreign policy interests 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 in adversarial nations.

New Plank Added; incorporates portions of other planks.

243. Western Pacific: We call upon the United States to move towards diplomatic recognition of Taiwan as an independent nation and renew our commitment to defend our 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 upon the United States to continue an effective containment strategy of North Korea. We hold that Taiwan, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and South Korea are critical economic and strategic partners with the United States.

New Plank Added; incorporates portions of other planks; amended to include the Philippines.

244. 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 NATO Treaty, 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 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.

New Plank Added; incorporates portions of other planks; modified in Committee of Whole.

245. Middle East, North Africa, and India: 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. We commend the implementation of the Abraham Accords and advocate for continued normalization of relations between Israel and Arab states, which is essential for regional stability and peace. We also emphasize the need for successful deterrence against hostile actions by Iran and its proxies to prevent further escalations in the region.

We oppose the relocation of Gazans to United States.

We also acknowledge the strategic partnership with India as a key ally in the region, enhancing our collective security and economic interests.

New Plank Added; incorporates portions of other planks. Modifications made in CoW.

Deleted Planks

266, “Trade with China”

267, “Peoples’ Republic of China Aggression”

270, “Iran and Korea”

272, “Taiwan”

273, “One World”

246. Israel. We strongly condemn the violence, harassment and hatred directed toward Jews and Israel worldwide. We respect Israel’s rights of sovereignty, self-determination, and self-defense, and therefore we support:

- a. The relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to 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.
- 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.
- e. Israel's maintaining a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries through continued support militarily, financially, and technologically.
- f. Prohibition of the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement as a form of warfare being waged upon Israel, on all levels, including and especially on college campuses, at the United Nations, and by anti-Western nongovernmental organizations.
- g. Israel's right to recover their hostages, protect their citizens, and defend their borders.
- h. Opposition to any two-state solutions (Land for Peace).

Adopted As Amended: 2022 Plank 271

247. 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.

Adopted As Amended; 2022 Plank 269

248. 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.

Approved As Amended; 2022 Plank 274

249. 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). 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 be reviewed for declassification and public release, ensuring full transparency on these matters. This is essential for public trust, national security, and the integrity of our government institutions.

New plank adopted.

Resolutions

1. Resolution to Support Agenda 47 of President Trump: The Republican Party of the State of Texas fully endorses President Trump's Agenda 47 visionary positive solutions for the reconstruction of America, and will use these to recruit independent and traditional Democrat voters for a landslide victory in November 2024.

Passed

2. Resolution Against the Misuse of the Legal System for Political Purposes: We believe that the Department of Justice, some State Attorneys General, and a few local county district attorneys have engaged in a coordinated attack against former President Donald John Trump and his supporters, by falsely and maliciously indicting Republican leaders, lawyers, and past or present elected officials. We further believe that these attacks against President Trump and his supporters constitute a threat to the continued existence of this Constitutional Federal Republic. We fully understand that similar misuse of the legal system for political purposes constitute some of the methods used by dictators to establish one party statist control over many nations. We reject and condemn this misuse of the legal system for political purposes and urge the American people to reject it by overwhelmingly supporting the election of Donald John Trump as the 47th President of the United States of America.

Passed

3. 2023 Impeachment: We believe that the impeachment of Attorney General Ken Paxton was unprofessional, petty, and a fiscally irresponsible abuse of constitutional power, in which members of the House of Representatives attempted to circumvent the will of the voters of the 2022 election, and the removal of a political opponent with little to no evidence of wrongdoing based on a non-transparent and secretive short term investigation and an unprecedented quick impeachment proceeding that lasted less than a day.

We believe Ken Paxton did not commit any impeachable offense, condemn the actions of the Texas House of Representatives for the impeachment, and call for the State to reimburse the attorney General for lost wages and legal fees during his temporary removal from office.

Passed

4. Care for Women. Texas Republicans understand the lasting hurt that often results from a past abortion, and 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.

Passed unanimously

5. Border Invasion: The Republican Party of Texas calls upon Texas law enforcement, the Texas judiciary, and the Governor to act to protect Texans from the border invasion and imminent danger, enforcing SB 4 and other such measures as the Governor or Legislature sees fit to protect Texas, without paying heed to any stays or opinions of the federal judiciary or other branch of federal government to the contrary.

Passed

6. Urging Congress to Put Border Security First, Oppose Further Aid to Ukraine: The Republican Party of Texas calls for an immediate cessation of further taxpayer-funded financial, military, and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and urges Congress and the President to prioritize the allocation of resources towards securing the United States-Mexico border and deporting illegal aliens.

Passed

7. RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon Governor Abbott to call a special session in June, 2024 to increase election integrity. Specifically, the call should include the following:

- a. ELECTION INTEGRITY ENFORCEMENT: Legislation to implement independent state level prosecution of election integrity, abortion, human smuggling, sedition, and riot in response to and in compliance with the CCA State v Stephens.

- b. ENSURING THAT ILLEGAL ALIENS ARE NOT VOTING IN TEXAS: Legislation to require proof of citizenship for new voter registration and a thorough review of existing voter rolls to identify and remove illegal aliens, other non-citizens, those with unauthorized non-residential addresses, and long-time inactive voters from the voter rolls.

Passed

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