



# Kitsap County Republican Party 2024 Platform

## **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

We, the Kitsap County Republican Party, believe that the following principles distinguish us as Republicans and as citizens of the United States. These principles unite us in a society characterized by individual liberty, personal responsibility, equal opportunity, compassion, and the rule of law. Freedom unites us as one constitutional republic.

## **REAFFIRMATION OF FEDERALISM**

The United States is a constitutional republic. We affirm a constructionist view of the Constitution of the United States. Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. We firmly support a separation of powers in all levels of government as checks and balances.

## **ROLE OF GOVERNMENT**

The purpose of the Constitution is to limit government's power. Government must be restrained from intruding into the lives of its citizens. The function of government is to protect unalienable, God-given, individual rights, including those in the Bill of Rights.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

The integrity of our borders (physical or otherwise) is critical to our sovereignty and security. The individual has the right to keep and bear arms as affirmed in the United States and Washington State Constitutions. Peace and freedom are best secured through a well-armed and trained citizenry, supplemented through the maintenance of a strong, sufficiently-staffed, volunteer, and well-equipped military.

## **IMMIGRATION**

Naturalization and immigration are enumerated responsibilities of the federal government under the Constitution of the United States.

## **ELECTION INTEGRITY AND CONFIDENCE**

All elections must be held according to the Federal and State Constitutions (including the Electoral College) and in a manner to assure confidence in the electorate and results.

## **PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Individual ownership of property is an essential element of individual liberty, which must be protected by the government. Government must only take property or restrict its use under extreme circumstances, with prompt compensation at fair market value, and fair and impartial judicial review. Any foreign entity or government seeking to purchase private property must reciprocate and be vetted to protect United States interests.

## **LOCAL CONTROL**

We trust the people to recognize those actions which they can perform for themselves. Those actions that cannot be done effectively by individuals and non-government entities can then be considered for government support (such as minimum and sufficient standards of law enforcement) when requested by the people.

## **TAXATION**

Taxes shall be minimal, simple, and fair, accepting the role of limited government to perform essential duties. Taxes shall have a stated purpose, expiration date, and be approved by the voters or a two-thirds majority of the legislature. We affirm there shall be no state income tax.

## **FAIR TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The government has a role to protect its citizens against economic piracy by citizens, businesses, and governments of other countries. Undue government regulation and high taxation impedes productivity and competition. We believe in the right to work, which allows our state to be more competitive.

## **GOVERNMENT DEBT**

Government debt is a burden to all and shall be eliminated. Fiscal responsibility shall be practiced and regular performance audits held at all levels of government.

## **NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION**

We respect and treasure our environment and believe fair and reasonable policies based upon proven and verifiable science will serve to use, protect, renew, and enjoy our natural resources.

## **EQUAL RIGHTS**

All individuals have equal rights under the law. Such rights shall not be ignored under the law, nor selectively assigned. Equal rights can only be enjoyed where due process governs in all arenas—legal and political.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

The primary responsibility for meeting basic human needs rests with the individual, the family, and non-governmental organizations.

## **GOVERNMENT MANDATES**

The government shall not mandate the purchase or usage of any particular good or service, including health care.

## **EDUCATION**

Parents have the right, responsibility, and authority to educate their children. We support their right to choose public, private, or home education. Public education shall be controlled at the local level, subject to parent or guardian informed consent, and not dictated by social, curricular, or political agendas. Educational funds shall follow the student.

## **FAMILY INTEGRITY**

Biological science, not personal preference, determines sex. Parents (or guardians) have the responsibility to provide care, discipline, education, and moral training for their children. Except in cases of abuse, which opposition to gender-transition is not, government shall not usurp parental rights, nor conceal information about minor children from their parents.

## **SANCTITY OF LIFE**

We support the protection of innocent human life in all stages, beginning at conception.

## **FAITH**

We oppose the oppression of anyone for their religious beliefs or lack thereof. However, no religious practice shall infringe on the constitutional rights of others.