

Natrona County Republican Party

Resolutions for 2010

The Natrona County Republican Party:

A. Jobs and Economy

- A.1. Supports free market and job creation through natural resource development.
- A.2. Supports Congressional recognition that multiple use and access to federal land is critical to the western economy, to wit:
 - a. Economic prosperity and environmental protection shall advance together:
 - b. Environmental regulators shall be held accountable for objective analyze of proposed federal policies:
 - c. Regulated snow machines, snow planes, and other motorized recreational vehicles shall be permitted access in support of all small businesses.
- A.3. Opposes federal policies that unreasonably inhibit the development of Wyoming's jobs and economy.
- A.4. Supports an employee's right to work.
- A.5. Opposes federal employment quotas.
- A.6. Supports a free and competitive market.
- A.7. Opposes any national treaty or trade agreement that does not ensure fair trade.
- A.8. Recognizes the importance of the economic health of small businesses and opposes over regulation of small businesses.
- A.9. Supports the Congressional Delegation working with all pertinent governmental bodies and the private sector to expand markets for Wyoming's natural resources.
- A.10. Supports a royalty-in-kind program for federal oil and gas royalties and wind power royalties which will provide an opportunity for enhanced royalty revenues to Wyoming and the federal government.
- A.11. Supports the promotion and development of affordable telecommunications for businesses and citizens in rural areas.
- A.12. Believes that the United States is too dependent on foreign oil and encourages federal policies to promote domestic petroleum, natural gas and coal production and use of renewable resources such as hydrogen, wind energy, ethanol, geo-thermal solar energy and nuclear power.

- A.13. Believes that fiscal responsibility is vital to the future economic stability of our country. Rapidly increasing federal and trade deficits will have a significant impact on immediate and future generations. We strongly support balancing the federal budget, reducing the national debt and trade deficit.
- A.14. Stands for low taxes and fiscal responsibility. We continue to call upon Congress to make President Bush's tax cuts permanent.
- A.15. Supports US Senator Enzi's proposal to allow small businesses to combine across state lines for health care insurance.
- A.16. Supports the permanent repeal of the Estate Tax.
- A.17. Supports a comprehensive Energy Bill, which promotes exploration and production and ensures multiple use Federal Lands
- A.18. Supports Wyoming's Republican delegation to Congress in their efforts to address the continued decreases in the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and the need to review current PILT formulas.
- A.19. Recognizes the right of individual property ownership and supports the use of eminent domain only for public use projects not for private or individual projects that might generate more tax dollars.
- A.20. Supports the Wyoming Congressional delegation in its attempt to obtain Abandoned Mine Land Funds without strings.
- A.21. Supports free market strategies to determine the best energy policy for the nation.
- A.22. Supports adequate and responsible federal funding for federal highways with appropriate contributions from state government without tolling mechanism
- A.23. Opposes acknowledgement or adoption of any SHARIA compliant law or financing.

B. Crime and Law

- B.1. Believes the laws of the United States are sufficient to punish criminal behavior and that no so-called "hate crime" or "bias crime" legislation should be considered by the federal government.
- B.2. Supports nationwide background checks for all workers employed by day care centers.
- B.3. Supports a prohibition of lawsuits brought by any local, county, state or federal government or agency against any firearm manufacturer as a result of their product being misused in any criminal activity.
- B.4. Believes that criminals should not profit from their criminal acts. We support legislation to direct that the proceeds from movies, books, stories, etc. should go to the jurisdiction(s) where the crimes occurred to be used first to compensate victims using reparations from the offender with the balance to be distributed as follows: 80% to law enforcement, 10% to the prosecutor's office, and

10% to the court for their discretionary spending.

- B.5. Supports penal policies which can reduce prison populations without endangering society, such as minimum security and monitored work release programs for all non-violent offenders and an emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol offenders, except for large scale drug distributors.
- B.6. Supports the deportation of illegal aliens and the protection of our national borders.
- B.7. Supports efforts to enact a line item veto for the President of the U.S. and encourage its use to eliminate congressional earmarks.
- B.8. Should NOT allow illegal aliens a Wyoming driver's license.

C. Land and Agriculture

- C.1. Supports private property rights as guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.
- C.2. Asserts that the purpose of the USFS and BLM is to serve and facilitate responsible stewardship while guaranteeing access to federal lands so as to sustain and enhance the multiple use of those lands including forestry, livestock, grazing, oil and gas, mining, recreation, tourism, hunting and other uses provided for under the law while respecting private property rights. The Party further supports the right to collect gems, rocks and other minerals for the purpose of display, refining, sales as a finished product and for hobbying.
- C.3. Supports legislation that would move our nation toward restricting ownership of land by the federal government, except as specifically provided for in the Constitution of the United States of America.
- C.4. Supports all actions necessary to sustain States' primacy over their water, wildlife, minerals and natural resources. Further supports the distribution of accidentally killed wildlife for consumption.
- C.5. Supports federal funding for state programs to eradicate brucellosis in wildlife to achieve brucellosis-free status across the nation.
- C.6. Opposes the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), which provides for government acquisition of private property.
- C.7. Urges the Federal Government to adopt a wetlands policy stating that water use practices on private property should not be considered in regulatory proceedings and the concept of voluntary wetlands banking should be used as a means of mitigating water development impacts on natural wetlands.
- C.8. Supports the Country of origin labeling legislation on meats and other food products.
- C.9. Urges the Justice Department/USDA to enforce the literal interpretation of the Packer's and Stockyards Act and Anti-Trust laws. The merging of mega corporations in the total food chain, production through retail is threatening the existence of small agriculture business in the United States.

- C.10. Supports that all federal land use planning must include an independent, accurate analysis of the socio-economic impact on the local and state economies and mitigate any negative effect. Supports prosecution of federal agencies and their employees who flagrantly and consistently use illegal means, such as trespassing on private lands, to further their programs.
- C.11. Supports the revision of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which includes the following:
 - a) A move from penalty enforcement to incentive-based protection,
 - b) Complete protection for private property
 - c) Conclusive factual science-based listing criteria.
 - d) Use of biological definitions only for listing.
 - e) Prioritization of species listings with a cap on cost allocation.
 - f) A moratorium on further listings pending cost benefit analysis.
 - g) Redefine "standing" for purpose of initiating listing and litigation.
 - h) Listing must be accompanied by a recovery plan that includes a socio-economic analysis and specific de-listing criteria.
 - i) Recognize the State's rights to manage individual species within their boundaries and the Federal Government's responsibility to fund its mandates.
- C.12. Supports immediate resolution of the status of all current wilderness study areas.
- C.13. Supports federal legislation banning ownership /control of cattle by meat packers for more than 7 days prior to slaughter.
- C.14. Opposes the designation of land, water or air, within the borders of the U.S that limits or changes its use without congressional, state and local government approval.
- C.15. Opposes the Federal Government interfering with the private property rights of individuals owning "In-Holdings" – private land surrounded by Federal Lands. We oppose government harassment.
- C.16. Supports legislation to address the negative impact of the Farm Bill to State's rights including jurisdiction over water, e.g. in stream flows.
- C.17. Supports that; whereas, domestic livestock grazing on Federal Lands is critically important to the customs, culture and economy of the states and towns in the western United States; the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service must base agency actions on sound science.

D. Environment

- D.1. Supports legislation requiring agencies charging an environmental violation be required to bear the burden of proof of such violation.
- D.2. Requests the continued support of our National Delegation for the federal programs that promote the economic viability of the Wyoming Natural Resource industries.
- D.3. Reaffirms the voluntary status of non-point source pollution control programs.
- D.4. Supports that any international environmental agreements participated in by the United States require that all signatures thereto have equal responsibilities and adhere to the same rules.

- D.5. Supports that as a state with primacy oversight to air and water regulation, we oppose any federal government intrusion into the states' authority to administer and allocate water within their states. Nor shall the federal government purchase and hold title to state in-stream flow.
- D.6. Supports immediate delisting of the grizzly bear to allow it to be managed as a trophy animal, and to delist the gray wolf immediately and allow it to be managed by the State of Wyoming as a trophy/ predator.
- D.7. Opposes the listing of the prairie dog, all species of sage grouse, and Canadian Lynx on the Endangered Species list.
- D.8. Supports continued public access to our Federal/public lands for responsible recreation and appropriate commercial use with continued use of historic snow planes.
- D.9. Opposes the USDA National Grasslands planning which asks to develop wilderness areas in the Grasslands.
- D.10. Strongly supports a moratorium on further listing of any species under the Endangered Species Act; and oppose Federal invasive species legislation.
- D.11. Opposes international environmental treaties.
- D.12. Supports that whereas the US Fish and Wildlife Service wants water from the Upper North Platte Basin for endangered species in Nebraska; whereas any negative effects on irrigators in the Basin would be a takings; that the USFWS and the State of Wyoming fully compensate these irrigators for their losses.
- D.13. Supports defining grizzly bears and gray wolves as predators outside of national parks.
- D.14. Asserts that the purpose of the USFS and the BLM, is to serve and facilitate responsible stewardship while guaranteeing access to federal lands in order to sustain and enhance the multiple use of those lands including forestry, livestock, grazing, oil and gas, mining, recreation, tourism, hunting and other uses provided for under the law.
- D.15. Supports all actions necessary to sustain States' primacy over their water, wildlife, minerals and natural resources.
- D.16. Urges Congress to examine, amend and restrict criteria for "standing" to appeal and file legal actions against federal agencies.
- D.17. Supports that whereas continuing water shortages and droughts negatively impact agriculture and municipal needs, we support the State of Wyoming's efforts to develop the uses and storage of Colorado River Compact waters and extend to include Yellowstone River Compact.
- D.18. Encourages the marketplace to seek solutions to environmental problems through profit-oriented business, recycling, and other incentive-oriented means.
- D.19. Supports that whereas our country's economy would be strengthened and diversified through value-added production, be it resolved that we support our state and federal governments in the development of a tax incentive plan for our natural resources. Be it further resolved that should include coal, hydrogen, coal bed methane gas and natural gas, soda ash, and traditional and

alternative energy development such as power plants, transmission, refineries, wind-powered energy cells, nuclear power and other appropriate industries.

- D.20. Supports that whereas natural gas development is a vital industry within Wyoming, be it resolved that we support state and federal regulations that encourage reasonable and timely development.
- D.21. Supports our Congressional Delegations effort to introduce and pass legislation to revise the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- D.22. Supports that no additional federal lands be designated as wilderness, national monuments, roadless areas, etc. unless through an act of Congress and in agreement with the affected state.
- D.23. Opposes any legislation enacting a “cap and trade” scheme.
- D.24. Supports legislation relative to climate change be based on sound, proven and irrefutable evidence.
- D.25. Opposes U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s determination of CO2 as a pollutant under the Clean Air or any other Act.
- D.26. Supports abolishment of the Environmental Protection Agency.

E. Government

- E.1. Encourages Congressional action for tax reduction.
- E.2. Recognizes the necessity of a balanced budget while reducing the national debt.
- E.3. Believes that our Foreign Policy places the interests of the United States first and:
 - a. Support expansion of NATO membership to free nations in Eastern Europe.
 - b. Support Foreign Aid in order to preserve the interests of the US and our commitment to human rights.
 - c. Exercise diligence with which foreign countries receive U.S. Aid
- E.4. Believes that in Military affairs we should provide adequate funding to maintain a strong military for our national defense, with an armed force of high morale, integrity and a national commitment of support, including full funding of promised benefits.
- E.5. Supports the establishment and enforcement of more effective immigration laws and visa regulations.
- E.6. Supports legislation that grants individuals the option to invest a part of the social security contributions into a private retirement ~~pension~~ program; and the individual is assured of the maintenance of the Social Security Account.
- E.7. Supports the anti-terror war and supports the protection of THE UNITED STATES.
- E.8. Supports that State and local governments, upon their request, are designated as cooperating agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in order to provide them with a stronger role

in Federal decision making.

- E.9. Supports legislation that provides for full disclosure of political contributions, and the thorough prosecution of violators of such requirements.
- E.10. Supports a coalition action of the Western states that would take a stand against federal intervention that would usurp our water rights, property rights, economic development and our lifestyles.
- E.11. Supports Government agencies seeking public input be required to hold formal public hearings.
- E.12. Supports the original intent of the Second Amendment.
- E.13. Supports that any association or organization which lobbies the U.S. Congress be required to reveal sources, amount and type of all domestic and foreign contributions.
- E.14. Opposes any additional federally imposed National identity system
- E.15. Opposes any use of social security numbers beyond the original purposes.
- E.16. Urges Congress to exercise its statutory power of oversight on agency rule making and implementation.
- E.17. Supports that the United States adopts English as the official language.
- E.18. Believes the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.
- E.19. Opposes any and all initiatives that call for a Constitutional convention and calls the Wyoming legislature to rescind any previous initiatives that included a US Constitution Convention Call.
- E.20. Believes that those who engage in alternative lifestyles have the basic rights and protections of American citizens but that no special rights or privileges be granted to them.
- E.21. Supports the full Federal funding of all federally mandated programs.
- E.22. Affirms the 10th Amendment.
- E.23. Supports urging the Federal Government to work with states to develop an effective strategy that addresses identity theft.
- E.24. Believes that no nominee to the Federal Courts should be prevented from confirmation to office because of their belief in strict construction of the Constitution or the Rule of Law.
- E.25. Urges the Federal Government to protect the privileges of legal immigrants and the citizens of the United States by properly securing the borders of the United States, and urges enhanced utilization of the INS – I 9 form and support of the Sensenbrenner amendment.
- E.26. Supports the elimination of the federal department of energy for never having attained its original purpose in reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign energy
- E.27. Supports “Wyoming Firearms Freedom Act.”

- E.28. Supports legislation requiring all payments made by any federal government agency under the Equal Access to Justice Act be a part of the public record.
- E.29. Supports Congressional action requiring a single issue per bill and all amendments to it
- E.30. Opposes utilization of any Presidential advisor (czar) not fully approved by the U.S. Senate
- E.31. Supports constitutional cap of national debt to no more than twenty five percent of the gross domestic product

F. Education

- F.1. Supports strengthening of the concept of NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND that stresses goals, accountability, local control, enhances reading and math skills, and the ability to apply knowledge. We further support efforts that encourage more flexibility for rural schools and special needs children.
- F.2. Recognizes that the future strength of our country lies in a strong education system that:
 - a. Is based on local control and the allocation of all federal funds to education through a block grant system without federal control over how those funds are spent.
 - b. Supports the fundamental rights of parents and legal guardians to choose public, private, religious or home-based education for their children.
 - c. Opposes any teaching or encouraging of homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle in schools.
 - d. Promotes respect for our national heritage and teaches the principles that made America great.
 - e. Supports substance abuse education at all levels.
 - f. Supports religious freedom and voluntary prayer in public schools.
- F.3. Supports the adoption of a solid initiative that requires a working knowledge of the founding documents of the United States including but not limited to the Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- F.4. Supports a voucher system for the education of our children.
- F.5. Supports the clear and factual history of the U.S. and the world being taught and presented in schools.
- F.6. Supports the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form in our public schools.
- F.7. Supports “Abstinence Education” as the primary approach to sex education in the public schools.
- F.8. Urges school districts to institute mandatory drug testing for all public school employees.
- F.9. Supports a state control format and oppose any federal control of education
- F.10. Opposes federal funding to the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

G. Health and Society

The Natrona County Republican Party:

- G.1. Welcomes all individuals, encourages their open discussion, solicits their active participation in the Party, and respects their positions and beliefs and will strive to support candidates with strong moral and ethical values which distance them from their opponents and give the voters a clear choice.
- G.2. Resolves that its traditions are traced to those founding Republicans who believed in the fundamental dignity of every human being, regardless of origin.
- G.3. Supports adoption over abortion.
- G.4. Supports placental blood stem cell research, bone marrow stem cell research, adult stem cell research and fat stem cell research.
- G.5. Opposes the sale of fetal tissue obtained from any abortions in medical research or transplants.
- G.6. Supports a ban on the cloning of living human embryos.
- G.7. Believes Federal tax dollars should not be used in the funding of abortions.
- G.8. Believes the family is the basic building block of society and the cornerstone of this country and in the sanctity of the family and that parents have the fundamental right and responsibility to rear, guide, and provide for their children.
- G.9. Believes families, the private sector, local school districts and the state should work-together to address the critical issues of AIDS, teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Education regarding these issues should include all options and stress abstinence as the best method of prevention of infection and unwanted pregnancy.
- G.10. Supports in-state healthcare for Wyoming Veterans and more equal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements for Wyoming physicians and hospitals.
- G.11. Does not support euthanasia, but supports individual's right to die with dignity and their legal guardians or designee's right to refuse medical treatment.
- G.12. Believes health care professionals and patients as well as public safety officials have the right to know whether either is knowingly infected with the HIV, Hepatitis B, and/or Hepatitis C Virus.
- G.13. Supports Senator Enzi's proposal to allow small businesses to combine across state lines for health care insurance.
- G.14. Supports federal welfare reform that encourages individual responsibility, family responsibility, education, job training, and bringing people into the productive work force.
- G.15. Believes that marriage is a unique relationship between a man and a woman, but that all persons are entitled to equal civil rights and privileges.

- G.16. Supports the FCC in maintaining harsher penalties for abuses involving profanity and sexually explicit content.
- G.17. Encourages the federal government to regulate and prosecute Internet child pornography to the fullest extent of the law.
- G.18. Supports legislation that makes private health insurance paid for by individuals be 100% tax deductible.
- G.19. Opposes federally controlled national health care system.
- G.20. Supports the defense of the unalienable right to all human life from conception to natural death.
- G.21. Supports the Constitutional provision that no government entity can interfere with any legal church to practice faith as they see fit.

H. Courtesy Resolutions

We the Natrona County Republican Party commend:

- H.1. Senator Mike Enzi, Senator John Barrasso, and Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis, and the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their distinguished service and dedication to the protection of the freedoms we hold dear.
- H.2. The Natrona County Republican Party gives our full, unqualified support our Armed Forces in their exemplary efforts to bring a constitutional republic to the people of Iraq.

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