

Natrona County Republican Party

Resolutions

A. Jobs and Economy

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports a free market and job creation through natural resource development.
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 protections shall advance together.
 - b. Environmental regulators shall be held accountable for objective and timely analysis 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.
3. Opposes Federal policies that unreasonably inhibit the development of Wyoming's jobs and economy.
4. Supports an employee's right to work.
5. Opposes Federal employment quotas.
6. Supports a free and competitive marketplace.
7. Recognizes the importance of the economic health of small businesses and opposes over regulation of small businesses.
8. Supports the Congressional Delegation working with all pertinent Governmental bodies and the private sector to expand markets for Wyoming's natural resources.
9. Supports a royalty-in-kind program for Federal oil and gas royalties and renewable wind power royalties which will provide an opportunity for enhanced royalty revenues to Wyoming and the Federal Government.

B. Crime and Law

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports 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 imposed upon us by Federal or State Government.
2. Supports a prohibition of lawsuits brought by any local, county, state or Federal Government or agency against any firearms manufacturer as a result of their product being misused in any criminal activity.
3. 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 with an emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol offenders, except for large scale drug distributors and manufacturers.
4. Believes that foreign law should not be used to determine cases within the United States.
5. Opposes adoption of sharia law by local governments or in court decisions.
6. Supports a change in burden of proof for civil forfeiture to be beyond a reasonable doubt.

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7. Opposes the recognition of same sex marriage.
8. Believes that any rule or regulation proposed by a state agency, which includes a civil or criminal penalty, should be passed by a direct vote of the legislature.
9. Legislature should not legislatively interfere with elected officials who have not been convicted of wrong doing.
10. Resolved transgendered person should use the restrooms that designate his/her biological gender at birth.
11. Whereas, religious institutions and individuals should not be forced to accept doing things that are against their religious teachings or face being fined for not complying; be resolved that each person has the right to choose why they feel it is in accord to their religious teachings and beliefs.
12. Supports local school boards to have either paid or volunteer armed guards in schools, consisting of retired police or armed forces.
13. Supports legislation for local law enforcement agencies providing training to employee volunteers for concealed carry in schools as a first line of defense.

C. Land and Agriculture, and Environment

The Natrona County Republican Party...

- 1.. Supports private property rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution.
2. Asserts that the purpose of the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to serve and facilitate responsible stewardship while guaranteeing access to split estate 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 hobby collecting.
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.
4. Supports all actions necessary to sustain States' primacy over their water, air, land, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources. Further supports the distribution of accidentally killed wildlife for consumption.
5. Supports Federal funding for state programs to eradicate brucellosis in wildlife to achieve brucellosis-free status across the nation.
6. Opposes the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), which provides for Government acquisition of private property.
7. Urges the Federal Government to adopt a wetlands policy stating that water use practices on private property should not be considered in regulator proceedings and the concept of voluntary wetlands banking should be used as a means of mitigating water development impacts on natural wetlands.
8. Supports the country of origin labeling legislation on meats and other food products.
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

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in the total food chain, production through retail, is threatening the existence of small agriculture business in the United States.

10. Supports that all split estate lands 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.
11. Strongly supports a moratorium on further listing of any species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and opposes Federal invasive species legislation.
 - a. Supports our Congressional Delegation's effort to introduce and pass legislation to revise ESA.
 - b. Supports the revision of the ESA, which includes the following:
 - (1) A move from penalty enforcement to incentive-based protection.
 - (2) Complete protection for private property.
 - (3) Conclusive factual science-based listing criteria.
 - (4) Use of biological definitions only for listing.
 - (5) Prioritization of species listings with a cap on cost allocation.
 - (6) A moratorium on further listings pending cost benefit analysis.
 - (7) Redefine "standing" for purpose of initiating listing and litigation.
 - (8) Listing must be accompanied by a recovery plan that includes a socio-economic analysis and specific de-listing criteria.
 - (9) Recognize the State's rights to manage individual species within their boundaries and the Federal Government's responsibility to fund its mandates.
 - c. Supports immediate de-listing of the grizzly bear to allow it to be managed as a trophy animal and to allow it to be managed by the State of Wyoming as a Trophy/Predator.
 - (1) Supports defining grizzly bears and grey wolves as predators outside of National Parks.
 - d. Opposes the listing of the prairie dog, all species of sage grouse, and Canadian lynx on the endangered species list.
12. Supports immediate resolution of the status of all current wilderness study areas.
13. Supports Federal legislation banning ownership/control of cattle by meat packers for more than seven (7) days prior to slaughter.
14. Opposes the designation of land, water, or air within the borders of the United States that limits or changes its use without congressional, state, and local government approval.
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.
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.

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17. Whereas, domestic livestock grazing on split estate lands is critically important to the customs, culture, and economy of the states and towns in the western United States, the BLM and the USFS must base agency actions on sound science.
18. Supports legislation requiring agencies charging an environmental violation be required to bear the burden of proof of such a violation.
19. Requests the continued support of our National Delegation for the Federal programs that promote the economic viability of the Wyoming natural resource industries.
20. Reaffirms the voluntary status of non-point source pollution control programs.
21. Supports that any international environmental treaties participated in by the United States require that all signatures thereto have equal responsibilities and adhere to the same rules.
22. 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.
23. Supports continued public access to our split estate/public lands and seek public use of currently inaccessible split estate lands for responsible recreation and appropriate commercial use with continued use of historic snow planes.
24. Opposes the USDA National Grasslands planning which asks to develop wilderness areas in the Grasslands.
25. Whereas the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) wants water from the Upper North Platte Basin for endangered species in Nebraska; and whereas any negative effects on irrigators in the Basin would be a taking, be it resolved that the USFWS and the State of Wyoming fully compensate these irrigators for their losses.
26. Asserts that the purpose of the USFS and the BLM is to serve and facilitate responsible stewardship while guaranteeing access to split estate 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.
27. Supports all actions necessary to sustain States' primacy over their water, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources.
28. Urges Congress to examine, amend, and restrict criteria for "standing" to appeal and file legal actions against Federal agencies.
29. 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.
30. Encourages the marketplace to seek solutions to environmental problems through profit-oriented business, recycling, and other incentive-oriented means alternative energy development; such as, power plants, transmission, refineries, wind-powered energy cells, nuclear power, and other appropriate industries.
31. Supports that no additional split estate lands be designated as wilderness, national monuments, road less areas, etc., unless through an act of Congress and in agreement with the affected state.

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32. Opposes United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) determination of CO2 as a pollutant under the Clean Air or any other act.
33. Supports abolishment of the EPA.
34. Recognizes the right of individual property ownership and supports the use of eminent domain only for public use projects but not for private or individual projects that might generate more tax dollars.
35. Supports the repeal of the Equal Access to Justice Act.
36. Supports the transfer of split estate lands and minerals to the State of Wyoming.
37. Supports that Wyoming should be the primary agent in managing all public lands in the State of Wyoming, including split estate lands, provided that multiple use remains intact.

D. Government and Budgets

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1. Encourages Congressional action for tax reduction.
2. Recognizes the necessity of a balanced budget while reducing the national debt.
 - a. Supports a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.
3. Supports legislation that grants individuals the option to invest a part of their social security contributions into a private retirement pension program, and the individual is assured of the maintenance of the Social Security Account.
4. Supports the anti-terror war and supports the protection of the United States.
5. Supports that State and local governments, upon their request, be designated as cooperating agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in order to provide them with a stronger role in Federal decision making.
6. Supports legislation that provides for full disclosure of political contributions and the thorough prosecution of violators of such requirements.
7. 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.
8. Supports Government agencies seeking public input be required to hold formal public hearings.
9. Supports the original intent of the Second Amendment.
10. Supports that any association or organization which lobbies the United States Congress be required to reveal sources, amount, and type of all domestic and foreign contributions.
11. Opposes any additional federally imposed national identity system including internet ID.
12. Opposes any use of social security numbers beyond the original purposes.
13. Urges Congress to exercise its statutory power of oversight on agency rule making and implementation.
14. Supports that the United States adopts English as the official language.
15. Believes the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

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16. Opposes any and all initiatives that call for a Constitutional convention and calls the Wyoming legislature to rescind any previous initiatives that include a United States Constitution Convention Call.
17. 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.
18. Supports the full Federal funding of all federally mandated programs.
19. Affirms the 10th Amendment.
20. Believes that no nominee to the Federal Courts should be prevented from confirmation to office because of their believe in strict construction of the Constitution or the Rule of Law.
21. 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.
22. Supports Congressional action requiring a single issue per bill and all amendments to it.
23. Opposes utilization of any Presidential advisor (czar) not fully approved by the United States Senate.
24. Supports constitutional cap of national debt to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross domestic product.
25. Opposes any national treaty or trade agreement that does not ensure fair trade.
26. Supports strongly, balancing the Federal budget, reducing the national debt and trade deficit.
27. Stands for low taxes and fiscal responsibility.
28. Supports the permanent repeal of the Estate Tax.
29. Supports Wyoming's Republican delegation to Congress in their efforts to address the continued decreases in the Payment In lieu of Taxes (PLT) and the need to review current PLT formulas.
30. Supports adequate and responsible Federal funding for Federal highways with appropriate contributions from State Government.
31. Supports efforts to enact a line item veto for the President of the United States and encourages its use to eliminate congressional earmarks.
32. Opposes international environmental treaties.
33. Eliminate, reduce, or freeze capital gains taxes.
34. Supports full disclosure laws with no limit on donations and abolishing Super Political Action Committees (PACs).
35. Supports creating a presidential primary formula that enhances the ability of the members of the Republican Party of Wyoming to select a presidential candidate.
36. Supports Senator Mike Enzi's Penny Plan for Federal debt reduction and a balanced budget.
37. The public e-mail address of all elected officials will be explicitly published on the official website for the State of Wyoming.
38. Supports Federal term limits for the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.
39. Supports term limits on the United States Supreme Court and all Federal judges.

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40. Supports that any Executive Order issued to circumvent the United States Constitution or the will of Congress shall be null and void.
41. Supports that all members of the United States Congress including the staff, as well as, the Wyoming Governor and Wyoming State Legislature and their staffs shall adhere to all laws and regulations that the United States Congress and Wyoming Legislature passes.
42. Supports that all bills introduced by the United States Congress or Wyoming State Legislature must pass a constitutional basis.
43. Supports that the Natrona County Republican Party shall condemn any actions of any elected Republican which are fundamentally inconsistent with the Wyoming Party Platforms and Resolutions and said Republican official shall be censured at the next State convened meeting.
44. Supports that allowing voter registration on election day is an invitation to election fraud and should be eliminated for primary and general elections.
45. Supports that voters should be required to produce a valid Government issued photo identification prior to voting in primary and general elections.
46. Supports voters register party affiliation forty-five (45) days before the primary.
47. Congress should support the "REGULATION FREEDOM" Amendment, which states whenever one quarter of the Members of the United States House of representatives or the United States Senate transmit to the President their written declaration opposition of a proposed Federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House and Senate to adopt that regulation.

E. Education

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. 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 teaching the principles that made America great.
2. Supports substance abuse education at all levels grade 4 and above.
3. Supports religious freedom and voluntary prayer in public schools.
4. 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.
5. Supports a voucher system for the education of our children.
6. Supports the clear and factual history of the United States and the world being taught and presented in schools.

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7. Supports the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form in our public schools.
8. Supports "Abstinence Education" as the primary approach to sex education in the public schools.
9. Supports a local control format and oppose any Federal control of education
10. Opposes Federal funding to the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).
11. Eliminate the United States Department of Education.
12. Supports that the Wyoming Board of Education membership be through an election process.
13. Opposes the acceptance of the Common Core State Standards.
14. Opposes storing of personally identifiable information of students without parental consent.
15. Supports that no personally identifiable information about students shall be shared with any local, state or Federal Government, corporate, private or individual entity without parental consent.
16. Supports that all schools offering sex education must notify parents of their intent to teach the subject and invite the parents to attend with their child.
17. Supports a local control format for education in Wyoming that stresses goals, accountability, parental and local control and enhanced reading, science, math skills, while encouraging flexibility for rural schools and special-needs children.
18. Supports the protection of our children through the use of trained and armed school personnel.

F. Health and Society

The Natrona County Republican Party...

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.
2. Resolves that its traditions are traced to those founding Republicans who believed in the fundamental dignity of every human being, regardless of origin.
3. Supports adoption over abortion.
4. Supports placental blood stem cell research, bone marrow stem cell research, adult stem cell research and fat stem cell research.
5. Opposes the sale of fetal tissue obtained from any abortions in medical research or transplants.
6. Supports a ban on the cloning of living human embryos.
7. Supports Federal tax dollars should not be used in the funding of abortions.
8. Supports the family as 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.

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9. Supports 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.
10. Supports in-state health care for Wyoming Veterans and more equal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements for Wyoming physicians and hospitals.
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.
12. Supports 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.
13. Supports Senator Enzi's proposal to allow small businesses to combine across state lines for health care insurance.
14. Supports Federal welfare reform that encourages individual responsibility, family responsibility, education, job training, and bringing people into the productive work force.
15. Supports that marriage is a unique relationship between a man and a woman.
16. Encourages the federal government to regulate and prosecute Internet child pornography to the fullest extent of the law.
17. Supports legislation that makes private health insurance paid for by individuals be 100% tax deductible.
18. Opposes a federally controlled national health care system.
 - a. Supports the total repeal of the Affordable Care Act.
19. Opposes the legalization of marijuana for medical or recreational purposes.
20. Supports the defense of the unalienable right to life of all innocent human life from conception to natural death.
21. Supports the Constitutional provision that no Government entity can interfere with any legal church to practice faith as they see fit.
22. Opposes acknowledgement or adoption of any sharia compliant law or financing.
23. The Natrona County Republican Party supports the right of parents to prevent their minor children from obtaining gender reassignment treatment or counseling.

G. immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports the deportation of illegal aliens and the protection of our national borders.
2. Opposes allowing illegal aliens to obtain a Wyoming driver's license.
3. Supports the establishment and enforcement of more effective immigration laws and visa regulations.
4. 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 Form 1-9 and support of the Sensenbrenner amendment.

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5. Opposes the introduction of refugee camps or participation in refugee resettlement programs in Wyoming.

H. Energy

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that the United States is too dependent on foreign oil and encourages Federal policies to promote petroleum, natural gas, uranium, and coal production and use of viable renewable resources; such as, hydrogen, ethanol, geo-thermal solar energy, and nuclear power.
2. Supports a comprehensive Energy Bill, which promotes exploration and production and ensures multiple use Federal Lands
3. Supports the Wyoming Congressional delegation in its attempt to obtain Abandoned Mine Land Funds without strings.
4. Supports free market strategies to determine the best energy policy for the nation.
5. 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.
6. Opposes any legislation enacting a "cap and trade" scheme for CO2 emissions.
7. Supports new oil and gas refining facilities being built in Wyoming.
8. Opposes any wind and solar energy subsidies.

I. Foreign Policy and Defense

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports that our Foreign Policy should place the interests of the United States first and:
 - a. Supports expansion of NATO membership to free nations in Eastern Europe and require the member nations to pay the actual cost of their own defense.
 - b. Exercise diligence as to which foreign countries receive United States Aid.
2. Supports 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.
3. Supports withdrawal of the United States from United Nations.
4. Supports that the National Defense Authorization Act should be amended to delete the sections that are unconstitutional and that allow for the indefinite detention of a United States citizen.
5. Affirms America's commitment to the unbreakable bond that exists between our country and the State of Israel and expresses to President Obama our deep concern over recent tension.
6. Opposes the subordination of American troops to any foreign or multinational organization.

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J. Courtesy Resolutions:

1. The Natrona County Republican Party extends our sincere thanks and appreciation to our statewide elected officials: Governor Matt Mead, Secretary of State Ed Buchanan, State Treasurer Mark Gordon, State Auditor Cynthia I. Cloud, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow. We would also like to thank the President of the Senate Eli Bebout and Speaker of the House Steve Harshman for their service to the State.
2. The Natrona County Republican Party thanks our Republican legislators from the 64th Wyoming Legislature: Senators Bill Landon, Jim Anderson, Drew Perkins, and Charles Scott, and Representatives Joe MacGuire, Steve Harshman, Tom Walters, Jerry Obermueller, Chuck Gray, Patrick Sweeney, and Bunky Loucks for the vision of saving for the future as well as a balanced budget and other educational, health care, infrastructure and multiple needs of our Natrona County citizens and community. The NCRP would like to thank all of the elected Natrona County Republican officials for their service and dedication.
3. The Natrona County Republican Party commends Senator Mike Enzi, Senator John Barrasso, Congresswoman Liz Cheney, 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.
4. The Natrona County Republican Party gives our full, unqualified support to our Armed Forces.
5. The Natrona County Republican Party would like to thank the Managers and Owners of the Ramkota Hotel for the Hospitality.