

Oregon Republican Party State Platform



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1. Preamble

We, the Republican Party of Oregon, stand for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We seek to ensure justice, order, and domestic tranquility, as one nation under God, our Creator. Without restrictive government, as free people, all Oregonians have the opportunity, through hard work and perseverance, to build a more prosperous future for themselves, their families, and their communities. We believe each generation should teach, proclaim, promote, and defend the essential civic Virtues of our founding.

We encourage all citizens to work with us to elect ethical and accountable candidates who align with our ideals.

This platform outlines our guiding principles, and our vision of the role and scope of our Constitutional Republic, the protection of individual rights, and the responsibilities we have to ourselves, each other, and our Country. We are committed to securing these ideals for future generations.

2. Election Integrity

Secure, accurate, transparent, and free elections are essential to a government of 'We the People'.

We agree on the following key principles to protect Oregon's election systems.

- 2.1. We support the elimination of mail-in voting and computerized tabulation of votes. Voting shall occur on a single day and in person using a paper ballot completed by hand and counted by hand at local precincts. All voter registration shall be maintained locally; the State shall be prohibited from maintaining voter registration rolls at the state level. Absentee ballots may only be mailed upon application and verification of eligibility of the voter. Ballot harvesting shall be outlawed.
- 2.2. To protect the value of each Oregon vote, every voter shall prove United States citizenship, Oregon residency, and legal minimum voting age of 18 as per Article II, Section 2 of the Oregon Constitution. Voters shall register in person, with the election official in the county of residence. Citizenship shall be the basis for apportionment of representation within Oregon.
- 2.3. Voter registration shall not be automatic but shall be based on the individual's choice and action to register under the party of their choice.
- 2.4. All election processes, data, and operations shall be transparent and accessible, audibly, and visibly observable to the public. Election observers shall be physically seated at the tables and have meaningful access, where signature verification and ballot counting occur. Election workers shall be responsive to election observers.
- 2.5. Penalties for election law violations shall be consistent, severe, and strictly enforced.
- 2.6. Primary elections shall be bound to party membership.

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- 2.7. Ranked-choice voting shall be prohibited.
- 2.8. The citizens' right to initiative, referendum, and recall shall not be infringed.
- 2.9. In accordance with the United States Constitution, to preserve and protect the Electoral College, we oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.
- 2.10. All phases of ballot processing shall adhere to chain of custody standards as set by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC).
- 2.11. Voter registration shall be completed 21 days prior to election day.
- 2.12. To increase voter confidence and ensure legitimacy of elections, we support independent, full forensic audits and canvassing at the precinct and county level.
- 2.13. Precincts shall not accept ballots after 8:00 PM on election day.
- 2.14. Reasonable accommodations shall be made for disabled persons to vote.
- 2.15. Neither the State of Oregon nor its counties shall utilize the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) or similar NGO.
- 2.16. Neither Oregon nor its counties shall participate in cloud-based Election Management System (EMS), including "Oregon Votes". In addition, during an election, Oregon's county elections raw data shall not be shared with any entity, foreign or domestic for the purpose of determining election results.
- 2.17. Neither Oregon nor its counties shall use election systems which allow election results to be overridden.

3. Law and Criminal Justice

The U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution are the highest laws of the land, and all other laws must be consistent with them. Laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded on these principles: protection of society, preservation of the rights of crime victims, accountability for one's actions, and criminal rehabilitation.

- 3.1. Providing public safety is a fundamental responsibility of State and Local Government.
- 3.2. Criminal sentencing shall be proportional to the crime including the use of the death penalty.
- 3.3. All judges and justices shall interpret our laws as originally intended, including exercising judicial restraint.
- 3.4. We support an individual's right to due process in actions of administrative agencies, civil, and criminal courts.

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- 3.5. We oppose legal system overreach such as civil asset forfeiture, indefinite confiscation of evidence, and eminent domain seizures where property is transferred to a third party, unless it is proven that the assets were acquired by illegal or unlawful means.
- 3.6. We support Oregon law enforcement officers and promote community policing.
- 3.7. We support the local sheriffs as being the highest law enforcement authority within each County.
- 3.8. Law enforcement decisions must be free from political interference.
- 3.9. Public officials, including district attorneys, have a sworn duty to equally enforce the law and safeguard individual constitutional rights.
- 3.10. We reject the use of hate speech laws that criminalize free speech.

4. Economy

The Oregon Republican Party believes that free market capitalism, private property rights, low taxation, minimal regulation, and limited government intervention are the foundations of a vibrant and prosperous economy.

- 4.1. We believe that no newly created financial instrument, such as Central Bank Digital Currency, shall replace or eliminate coins or currency and be used to interfere with our privacy and control individual and financial freedoms. The government shall maintain the stable value of the dollar.
- 4.2. The supply and demand for goods, services, and labor costs shall be determined by the free market. Government must not create, own, operate, subsidize, or assume control of any private business, nor be party to any enterprise which can be operated privately. Government-provided services or policies should not create undue burdens on the free market or business and industry, including the adoption of public health emergencies and related measures. Government shall not cause unwarranted interference on free enterprise or create unfair treatment between some businesses versus others (i.e., large corporations versus small business). We do not support bailouts; businesses should be allowed to succeed or fail. Governments shall not use race, religion, or gender as criteria for issuing contracts, subsidies, or other economically related actions.
- 4.3. We believe in the right to work. We support Oregon's employees opt-out law regarding unions. Employers have the right to hire and terminate employees at will. Government shall not pay excessive unemployment benefits to the extent of disincentivizing workers from seeking employment.
- 4.4. Property rights (including, but not limited to, water, timber, mineral, land sales, and development rights) are the wellspring of economic prosperity. Property owners shall be compensated, at market value, for any regulations or policies that diminish property values or

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reduce the revenue from use of the property. Government regulations shall not overrule Oregon economic survival and prosperity.

- 4.5. For a prosperous economy to exist, The Oregon government needs to aggressively manage their spending and reduce all forms of debt, including the Public Employee Retirement System's (PERS) unfunded liability. The unfair system of excessive government salaries and benefits (total compensation) must match private business.
- 4.6. We support reviewing, repealing, and reforming overly restrictive land use laws and plans, development and building codes and excessive SDCs (Systems Development Charges) to allow for broader based housing options. We believe that the LCDC (Land Conservation and Development Commission) has caused excessive economic damage and should be repealed.
- 4.7. Excessive taxation, assessments and government fees leads to unemployment and poverty, lower personal income and business revenues, and reduced growth. Oregon tax and fee policies should be limited and benefit Oregonians directly. We do not support taxes that serve as publicity for issues deemed national or international.
- 4.8. So long as the Federal Reserve System exists, we advocate for a mandatory annual audit by the General Accounting Office (GAO).

5. Education

The Oregon Republican Party believes that all children deserve a safe, excellent, quality, and unbiased education. Parents/legal guardians have the primary right and responsibility to educate their children in the manner they choose. Oregon's public education system, in partnership with parents/legal guardians, must improve to ensure that all our children have the opportunity and tools to be successful in life and be responsible citizens of our state and nation.

We support independent decision-making by homeschoolers, private schools, and religious schools. The following principles apply to taxpayer-funded government education institutions.

- 5.1. Teaching civics and the basic principles of our constitutional republic using accurate, unbiased history from an originalist perspective is an essential foundation of education.
- 5.2. We support daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the presence of the American flag in every classroom, and other educational activities that promote patriotism for the United States of America and respect for its flag.
- 5.3. All students should demonstrate proficiency in English reading and writing, math, science, and critical thinking skills prior to graduation. Schools must provide information and opportunities to support career technical education (CTE), arts, athletics, and military careers.
- 5.4. We support education choice, free from government interference. We believe competition is the most effective mechanism for improving schools. We believe, when taxes are collected to

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support the education of Oregon students, taxpayer funding should be available to support all forms of education choice, if parents/legal guardians wish to access those funds.

- 5.5. We support local control of public-school districts and local school boards setting rigorous standards for education policy, curriculum, and testing. Local jurisdictions should be allowed to opt out of State mandates.
- 5.6. We encourage competition, technology, market forces, and partnerships with faith-based groups and private industries to provide quality education. We oppose partnerships with activist organizations pushing identity politics.
- 5.7. It is the role of parents/legal guardians to direct topics of education concerning the values surrounding human sexuality. Private or public agencies should obtain written permission before discussing sex and/or gender-related subjects with students. Students and their families should not be intimidated or penalized for their choice.
- 5.8. Parental/legal guardian responsibility preempts student privacy. Parents/legal guardians are the sole authority in deciding what is best for their children; they should receive full disclosure and give written permission before counseling, healthcare services, outside referrals, or materials with sexual content are distributed to students. No person should be forced to undergo any healthcare services, including vaccination, as a condition of school enrollment or attendance.
- 5.9. We believe that sex is binary and that private spaces for students should coincide with biological sex. Attempts should be made to provide appropriate facilities for all individuals. Biological males should not be allowed to compete as females in non-coed competitions.
- 5.10. We support complete transparency of all curricula and teaching resources, which should be made available on the school district website with one shared portal for parents/legal guardians and their students, to enable parents to be fully involved in their children's education.
- 5.11. Each Oregon educational facility should encourage trained district personnel to be armed in order to protect themselves and their students from violence.
- 5.12. We believe all people are created equal before God and therefore support equality and equal opportunity instead of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, meaning equal outcomes. We do not support segregation, discrimination, or racism in any form. All students must learn to respect each other and find common ground to work together.
- 5.13. Safety requires clear and consistent boundaries with consequences for attitudes and behavior. We support the presence of School Resource Officers who are trained in the National Association of School Resource Officers Triad Model wherein the School Resource Officer is a mentor/educator, safety mediator, and, when necessary, a law enforcer.
- 5.14. We strongly support the efforts of organizations to help teachers understand that they are not required to belong to teachers' unions because of the political positions that the unions hold.

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- 5.15. We oppose Restorative Justice practices in our schools which require victims of wrongful conduct to meet with the perpetrators.

6. Natural Resources and Environmental Stewardship

We believe that our government exists by the consent of the governed and support a free market system with minimal regulation. Property owners and local citizens are the best stewards of Oregon's natural resources. We do not support foreign ownership of real property.

- 6.1. We support multiple uses of our public lands and waters with minimal governmental interference. This includes, but is not limited to, agriculture, logging, mining, tourism, recreation, hunting, and fishing.
- 6.2. We support and encourage the transfer of federally administered lands back to state, local and private control, as provided for in the Act of Congress Admitting Oregon into the Union of 1859 (Enabling Act).
- 6.3. We strongly support and encourage the use of ongoing, active, and effective Coordination, as defined by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, to ensure federal projects are consistent with local plans, economy, culture, and history.
- 6.4. The American Antiquities Act of 1906 (54 U.S.C. Div. C) was adopted to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States and should not ever be used as a tactic by public officials to seize private lands or restrict the public's use of public lands. We oppose the withdrawal, use, or taking of public lands to create wilderness, monument, wild-and-scenic, or any other restrictive designations without Congressional approval and approval by the people of Oregon. We oppose any land management agency that acquires and denies access to, or use of, publicly owned lands by temporary restrictions that are in support of pending legislation."
- 6.5. We support the State's primacy over the Federal Government in relation to state waters, and the Navigable Water Protection Rule, 33 CFR Part 328.
- 6.6. Water rights are real -property rights, and we support the constitutional protection of surface and groundwater rights. We support the right for Oregonians to collect rainwater on private property, including spillway dams.
- 6.7. We oppose the breaching of dams and encourage expanded water storage capacity, including groundwater recharge, to provide adequate water resources for more rapidly extinguishing wildfires and more effectively mitigating flood control providing sufficient water for agriculture and growing population.
- 6.8. We respect the right of private landowners to take reasonable steps necessary to protect their property and livestock; we support adjusting the laws to respect those rights. This includes, but

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is not limited to, the protection of animals from predators, regardless of the predators' species-protection status.

- 6.9. We support the constitutional protections of private property rights, including those rights of prospectors and small-scale miners who respect existing environments. We strongly support the general mining act of 1872 which is United States Federal Law that authorizes and governs prospecting and mining for economic minerals.
- 6.10. We oppose international environmental treaties or agreements with organizations using environmental issues for social engineering and/or societal control.
- 6.11. We oppose extreme environmental legislation or regulations that negatively impact Oregon's economy. We support reasonable and productive solutions to environmental concerns.
- 6.12. We oppose reintroduction or new protections or interference of any fish, wildlife, or plant species in Oregon unless valid, independent (no conflict of interest) peer-reviewed scientific data has concluded a need for change with the consent of state and local governments.
- 6.13. We oppose the use of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), traditionally used by environmental activist organizations to force the recovery of attorney fees via "sue and settle" tactics to weaken resource proponents before legal due process begins.
- 6.14. We support and recognize the Oregon and California Revested Lands Sustained Yield Management Act of 1937 (popularly known as the O&C Act) as being vital to Oregon's economy, schools, and law enforcement. We oppose set-asides that remove public land from sustained-yield timber production support the efforts of the Association of O & C Counties to achieve sustainable-yield thresholds.
- 6.15. We believe Oregon can offer healthy communities. We do not, however, support burdensome regulations that cause undue burdens economic hardship on Oregon citizens and businesses from unreasonable air-quality regulations.
- 6.16. We support removing the authority of state and regional government or service districts over local cities and counties such as Metro and oppose tolling.
- 6.17. We support delisting of species currently protected by the State or Federal Government at the earliest opportunity, based on the complete and timely implementation of recovery plans or if the probability of recovery is deemed to be highly unlikely.
- 6.18. We support active healthy forest management including post- fire harvest which sequesters carbon within manufactured wood products as well the remaining standing trees for generations all of which leads to regeneration while also mitigating catastrophic wildfires that are harmful to the health, life and safety of Oregonians and wildlife.

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7. Family

The Oregon Republican Party believes that the traditional family, formed through the marriage of one man and one woman, is ordained by God our Creator and is the foundation of our society. This environment is optimal for raising children to be responsible, self-sufficient, moral, and productive citizens.

- 7.1. Marriage is between one man and one woman.
- 7.2. There are only two sexes, defined by XY chromosomes for male, and XX chromosomes for female, based on a person's biological sex at conception. We believe in listing biological sex at birth.
- 7.3. Every person has a fundamental right to life that begins at conception and endures to the natural conclusion of life. We strongly oppose abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and assisted suicide, and any government funding of these life ending practices except for capital punishment.
- 7.4. We advocate for adoption and life-affirming pregnancy resources.
- 7.5. Government intervention involving the family must be kept to an absolute minimum and be subject to due process.
- 7.6. We support measures that will protect the integrity of the family from matters that contribute to its breakdown. We oppose substance abuse. We oppose all forms of sexual exploitation, including, but not limited to, pedophilia, gender Transition/reassignment (especially surgical mutilation of minors), human trafficking, pornography, and prostitution.
- 7.7. We value senior citizens and recognize that their life experiences, institutional knowledge, wisdom, and continuing contributions to society are invaluable.
- 7.8. We recognize and support the existence of non-traditional families.
- 7.9. We are opposed to discrimination against any parent, prospective parent or guardian who rejects normalizing gender dysphoria, including but not limited to, pronoun compliance.

8. Foreign Policy

Foreign policy decisions must adhere to the United States Constitution, based upon the security, vital long-term national interests, sovereignty, and well-being of its citizens. We support the policy of America First, Peace Through Strength.

- 8.1. We support conservative American values such as individual liberty, human rights, and the rule of law. We oppose genocide, abortion, organ harvesting, human trafficking, and religious and political persecution, and any foreign aid and state business contracts that supports them.

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- 8.2. We believe in the sovereignty of all nations and reject nation building. Free nations should not be deprived of the right to defend their continued existence, independence, and peaceful coexistence.
- 8.3. We support developing diversified supply chains prioritizing domestic production.
- 8.4. We recognize that violent, radical, international terrorist organizations, drug cartels, and individuals have, by their actions, declared war on America. We support using all constitutional means available and necessary to combat and end this threat. The United States will not tolerate terrorist actions or nations that enable or support terrorism. This in no way legitimizes depriving U.S. citizens of their constitutional rights.
- 8.5. The US Constitution is the supreme law of the land; therefore, the United States shall defend its sovereignty, borders, and airspace and is solely responsible for its national defense, free from any and all foreign interference, infiltration, or invasion.
- 8.6. We support the continued development of advanced military weapon systems to protect our nation and to maintain the technical and military superiority of the United States with sufficient fuels, arms, and combat readiness in case of war.
- 8.7. We affirm that the President of the United States requires Congressional authorization for any act of war and Senate approval for any treaty, or executive agreement equivalent to a treaty.
- 8.8. We support the principle of being prepared to defend from and respond to unconventional attacks that threaten our national sovereignty, security, economic interests, elections systems, vital infrastructure, and public health.
- 8.9. We oppose the obstruction of freedom of navigation by any man-made object in international waters or endanger our offshore marine environment, health, and economic activities.
- 8.10. We reject any assertion of authority over our nation or its citizens from foreign individuals or entity, such as the UN, WHO, WTO, WEF, and global corporations.
- 8.11. We support the United States actively pursuing a policy of deterrence by forging new alliances between the formerly hostile nations to deter armed conflict with common U.S. adversaries, such as the recent Abrahamic Accords between Arab nations and Israel relative to Iran.

9. Health Care

Families and individuals have the sole responsibility and right to make their own healthcare decisions, including the use of the free market system. This is the surest way to provide healthcare that protects the patient-provider relationships and promotes individual freedom.

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- 9.1. We support the fundamental and inalienable right of an individual, family, or group to seek out and pursue the health care services of their choosing, with fully informed consent and without government interference or retribution.
- 9.2. We support the elimination of insurance-guided, national, or international governmental interference/controls, barriers, incentives, or mandates that limit an individual's health coverage options and choices, such as insurance, sharing networks, and self-insured.
- 9.3. We support the full repeal of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and oppose any efforts to implement similar provisions at the state level.
- 9.4. We are Pro-Life; therefore, we support the sanctity of life from conception to natural death and are opposed to abortion and physician-assisted suicide. We promote pursuing full disclosure of all known risks and complications of abortion, surgically and chemically, and the organ harvesting and eugenic practices of the abortion industry.
- 9.5. We support prevention and early intervention of mental health problems in all age groups. We support access to mental health services using a public/private partnership model which supports local county communities, faith-based/nonprofit agencies and the private sector to offer a full range of mental health, substance abuse treatment, crisis and suicide prevention services throughout our state. We support full transparency and accountability in monitoring state-spending for mental health issues.
- 9.6. We believe in the right of every individual to medical freedom. We strongly oppose any vaccine, digital passports, or other medical mandates. Any medical or alternative treatments should always be left to the individual or parent/guardian for those under the age of 18 years old and based on informed consent in accordance with the Helsinki Declaration and the Nuremburg Code. Involvement in society should not be restricted based on one's medical decisions. Healthcare providers should not be coerced into following mandates that they cannot ethically support in order to stay employed.
- 9.7. Elective sex reassignment surgical procedures and opposite sex hormonal treatment should not be performed on minor children. These treatments cause the forever medicalization and sterilization of the minor child. Such procedures require informed consent and should be left to the individual to decide after reaching the age of 18 years and receiving mental health treatment to address any underlying issues. None of these procedures should be taxpayer funded.
- 9.8. We support abolishment of absolute immunity for the Oregon Medical Board and other medical regulating boards. Any who faces charges by a regulatory board should have the right to jury trial. Any interface with the Federation for State Medical Boards should be outlawed in Oregon.
- 9.9. We support a tort limit to malpractice litigation.

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10. Immigration

The Oregon Republican Party recognizes and values the many contributions of legal immigrants; hence, we encourage legal immigration and assimilation, including the adoption of English as the official language. We also recognize that securing our national borders is essential to ensuring the sovereignty and safety of our state; therefore, all private and publicly funded entities shall comply with federal immigration laws and cooperate with their enforcement.

- 10.1. We oppose policies or practices of any governmental administration that encourages or allows the unfettered flood of unvetted illegal immigrants. Such actions have resulted in an invasion of our state and nation.
- 10.2. We demand the overturning of Oregon's Sanctuary State status and support a ban on Sanctuary status for everywhere in Oregon.
- 10.3. We demand a ban on public funding directed to illegal immigrants, as well as an accounting of every state dollar spent on illegal immigrant activities.
- 10.4. We demand harsh penalties and punishments for traffickers of people, weapons, illegal drugs and other contraband across our borders and those who aid and abet such actions.
- 10.5. We demand seizure of monies from criminal enterprises and compensation to citizens who have been harmed by illegal immigrants in any way.
- 10.6. We support robust immigration reform, including expediting the immigration process, and the timely processing of cases.
- 10.7. All illegal immigrants must follow the legal process to gain residency or legal citizenship, those who do not must be legally deported.

11. Individual Liberty and Limited Government

The Oregon Republican Party agrees with our nation's founders that the People's inalienable rights are endowed by our Creator and that government without the consent of the governed is tyranny. Liberty is the intersection of freedom and morality; it is our duty to support liberty within our state.

No government shall infringe upon our individual rights and freedoms such as bodily autonomy from conception to natural death, medical freedom, and ownership of private property. Nor shall the government infringe upon the security of the people's private communications, transactions, or movements.

- 11.1. We affirm that the powers of the Federal Government are limited to those enumerated in the U.S. Constitution and restricted by the Bill of Rights and subject to rescission under Article 5.

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- 11.2. We affirm that the powers of the State Government are limited to those enumerated in the Oregon State Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.
- 11.3. We advocate limiting the scope and jurisdiction of the Federal and State Government, addressing abuses in commerce and the general welfare clauses.
- 11.4. We support placing a limit on the number of bills that are submitted in the Oregon Legislature during each legislative session, in order that state legislators have adequate time to give due and proper consideration to each of them.
- 11.5. We further believe that bills in the legislature should be simple, succinct, and single subject, as per Oregon Constitution Article 4, Section 21.
- 11.6. We support all efforts to end the abuse of the emergency clause when deliberately used to prevent participation in the legislative process.
- 11.7. We support that all state government regulations must be ratified by the majority of Oregon counties.
- 11.8. We strongly support the 1st Amendment and condemn cancel culture or retaliation against any manner of speech.

12. Rules, Regulations and Executive Orders

The Oregon Republican Party believes rules, regulations and executive orders are subordinate to the laws passed thru the legislative process and shall be congruent with the Oregon and United States Constitutions. They shall not impose undue burden or loss of freedoms to individuals, families, or natural rights.

- 12.1. We support rules and regulations that promote and foster a free-market economy while protecting free enterprise and personal freedom. We believe nothing in human history has helped more towards elevating the poor to prosperity than free market capitalism. Free markets are not driven by greed but are moral because they spur voluntary acts between individuals for mutual benefits. However, Statism and corporate cronyism are harmful to free markets and a vibrant economy.
- 12.2. We believe rules, regulations, and executive orders shall be succinct and objective, not punitive, arbitrary, or subjective.
- 12.3. Rules, regulations, emergency orders, and executive orders shall not usurp individual or business owners' liberties. All rules, regulations, and executive orders shall not impede or force compliance of individuals or business owners and must be applied equally.

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13. Self-Protection

All people have the unalienable right to defend themselves, others, their home, and property without fear of criminal or civil reprisal.

- 13.1. All law-abiding citizens have the right to keep and bear arms in a manner of their choosing without government infringement.
- 13.2. We oppose gun free zones and red flag laws.
- 13.3. Government shall not limit, obstruct, or interfere with the commerce, which includes sales, manufacture, distribution, or the purchase of;
 1. Arms
 2. Ammunition
 3. Magazines
 4. Magazine capacity
- 13.4. We strongly support the constitutional carry of arms anywhere in the State of Oregon.

14. Veterans and Military Personnel

The Oregon Republican Party supports 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 support Veterans, Gold Star Families, the Reserve Component (National Guard/Reserves), disabled veterans, military families, and honor them for their sacrifices. We honor all who have served. We share the same devotion to Veterans, their families, and to the uniformed services who are currently serving our country.

- 14.1. We support a robust, full strength, and modern military. We oppose Critical Race Theory (CRT), gender studies and other ideologies that undermine our strength and readiness. We support the most state of the art equipment and training for our service members, both active duty and Guard/Reserve component. We support the right of the military service member, active or reserve, to maintain his or her right to choose or refuse medical treatment with experimental vaccines or procedures.
- 14.2. We support our veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and any other health injury or illness because of their military service by having access to community, Veterans Administration (VA), physical, mental health, substance abuse, and or faith-based resources (Community Care Act) for suicide prevention, domestic violence, and the opportunity to recover. A well-timed diagnosis, adequate time and treatment are vital to healing. We encourage all veterans to use the Veterans Crisis line.
- 14.3. We support a state mandated Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) in each county by diverting veterans from incarceration through specialty courts, which expedites their VA disability claims, employment search via Work Source Oregon, community job search programs, and provides

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community-based treatment. We support mobile Veteran peer mentoring and crisis support teams which serve rural areas.

- 14.4. We support the state change the property tax reduction for all VA disabled veterans 30% or greater by VA disability standards to zero property tax from the current 10% reduction. We further support the state to eliminate state income tax on all military pay or military retired pay for disabled veterans at 30% or greater VA disability standards.
- 14.5. We support working with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), the Employer Support program for Guard Reserve (ESGR) to create a smooth transition from active duty to civilian life by matching military skill sets with employment. We support the Montgomery GI/Post 911 GI education bills, tuition waivers for enrollment in higher education, and apprenticeship programs to assist the veterans in their future careers.
- 14.6. We support our military members, spouses, children, and other eligible dependents as they pursue education, veteran emergency housing programs, and family support services.
- 14.7. We support our Veterans pursuit of seamless transition of medical care. We expect the Veterans Administration (VA) to provide timely, high quality medical care from the VA Healthcare system, and private healthcare providers (Community Cares Act). Publicly funded healthcare systems should provide In-Network healthcare to veterans. Punctual adjudication of service-connected disability claims, within six months of separation for all service members, either from the time of application or completion of medical disability evaluation to ensure uninterrupted access to health care.
- 14.8. We encourage the State of Oregon, all Counties, local agencies, municipalities, and businesses to prioritize hiring Veterans as well as, provide tax relief for employers that hire veterans.
- 14.9. We support Federal (HUD), State, local Veteran housing programs, county Veterans Villages to keep veterans off the streets and assist veterans in their transitional recovery to be self-sustaining citizens.
- 14.10. We support Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), ROTC programs, and other youth military development programs to promote a positive image of the role of our military on high school and college campuses.

15. Government Integrity

The Oregon Republican Party believes in limited, responsible, and transparent government at all levels is essential.

- 15.1. All government bodies, including all agencies and officials, shall perform their constitutional and legally prescribed functions in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards.

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- 15.2. Government shall not issue special privileges or funding by a select category of persons, which are not available to all citizens.
- 15.3. The people of Oregon and their elected representatives shall be fully empowered to examine, investigate, act to expose, and end public corruption, secrecy, and abuse of the public trust, without the fear of retribution.
- 15.4. When corruption has been identified, it shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- 15.5. All government records are public property produced at taxpayer expense. Requested records shall be produced swiftly and at reasonable or no cost.
- 15.6. Government's decisions and actions shall be independent, impartial, free of collusion, and be made immediately available to the public.
- 15.7. Initiatives or referenda that adhere to the Constitution decided by the people shall not be overturned, ignored, or obstructed by the legislature and or the judicial branch.
- 15.8. The Judicial branch must refrain from activism and government overreach. Judicial opinions should be informed by the Constitution and other established law.
- 15.9. All levels of government shall operate within a zero-based budget.
- 15.10. Department audits shall be independent, occur on a regular schedule, publicly available, and acted upon to remedy errors and omissions that are identified.

16. Religious Liberty

Freedom of religion and the rights of conscience are unalienable rights ordained by God, our Creator and are the foundation of our society which no Government can limit or remove. Laws consistent with the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions shall accommodate and protect these rights.

- 16.1. We believe in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which includes the individual right to freely assemble for religious purposes. We oppose government or any government agency preventing, mandating, or restricting the religious assembly of people whether in private or public space.
- 16.2. We believe every individual and business has the right to conscientiously object to any action that conflicts with their sincerely held moral or religious beliefs.
- 16.3. We believe all shall have the freedom without coercion to think, reason, speak, not speak, and hold beliefs without fearing government punishment.
- 16.4. We believe no declared state of emergency shall supersede the right to religious liberty.

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17. Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

The primary role of disaster preparedness is the reduction of disaster impact, both natural and man-made, on the civilian population, infrastructure, private property, and the economy.

- 17.1. All people, occupations, businesses, and religious institutions are essential; therefore, their rights, freedoms and liberties may NOT be suspended due to any disaster or declared emergency. Government shall be limited to ASSIST citizens NOT suspend rights and liberties.
- 17.2. In all disaster preparedness and response, we prioritize people, property resources to include medical, water, power, communications, and environmental consideration in that order. We believe all efforts should be under local control with the autonomy to call upon local, federal, and environmental agencies when needed.
- 17.3. We strongly support early warning systems to be maintained at all times and tested regularly.
- 17.4. We support the maintenance and immediate restoration of vital logistical, transit, and emergency service systems essential to the movement of vital supplies and services.
- 17.5. We advocate and promote local community emergency preparedness education.
- 17.6. We call for an end to “Let it burn” policies and support the allocation of sufficient resources to communications to serve until regular services can be restored. We strongly support forest management and maintenance of open forest designation that includes active management, prescribed fires, and initial attack to mitigate catastrophic wildfires.
- 17.7. We strongly expect to have preventive measures and demand appropriate criminal penalties with aggressive prosecution of any perpetrator of any attack on our state’s infrastructure, businesses and or our citizens and their personal property in the event of a disaster.

18. Energy

The Oregon Republican Party supports energy choice that includes access to affordable, reliable, domestically produced energy from a diverse range of sources which is vital to the freedom, prosperity, and security of our citizens.

- 18.1. We oppose bans or substantial restrictions to access and use of energy sources as a result of decisions made by government regulatory agencies or judicial and legislative bodies.
- 18.2. We oppose any action that reduces the availability and use of affordable and effective residential appliances, including those used for heating & cooling, cooking, or commercial and industrial processes that employ traditional energy sources.
- 18.3. We favor energy production from North American sources, particularly to ensure our international economic competitiveness.

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- 18.4. We oppose the use of exaggerated or fabricated climate emergency claims to justify or compel changes to energy sources, infrastructure, or uses of energy that negatively impact Oregon's economy and citizens.
- 18.5. We oppose excessive taxation and assessment of fees on the production, distribution, and use of energy.
- 18.6. We oppose the use of perpetual government subsidies to artificially advantage specific energy segments or modes of transportation.
- 18.7. We support the strong consideration of local community input on the impacts of the siting of new energy projects.
- 18.8. We recognize that water and gravity are renewal resources, therefore hydropower in Oregon is a vital renewable energy source. We support the preservation of hydroelectric dams to ensure the continued affordable and reliable supply of energy to Oregonians.
- 18.9. We support restoring the use of safe modern nuclear power generation.
- 18.10. We support the development of geothermal and cogeneration as market -based, efficient, alternative renewable energy sources.
- 18.11. We support a renewable, resilient, and affordable energy transmission and distribution infrastructure to minimize the risk of service disruption and to ensure the health, life, and safety of Oregonians.