



# **AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT PLATFORM**

**Draft Amendment #1****Submitted by Karen Roseberry, 8/15/2023**

FAMILY The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development. A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is a foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. As the understanding of even what is a woman has come under attack, we support the two-parent family, with a female mother and male father, as the best environment for raising children, and in fact biologically necessary for procreation. Therefore, we believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. We admonish any equivocation to the definition of marriage as having any racial constraints or bans, and vehemently uphold the Supreme Court decision of *Loving v. Virginia* along with dignity of all human beings to pursue, as they so choose, a marriage that is between one man and one woman. The Supreme Court's ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages that their faith does not recognize. We believe public policy and education should not be exploited to advocate or teach any social or political agenda.

## **Draft Amendment #2**

**Submitted by Karen Roseberry, 8/15/2023**

### THE RIGHT TO LIFE

The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death. We believe life is an inalienable and human right. We support laws that protect this right, along with unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent. We believe that *Dobbs v. Jackson* rightfully returned the question of abortion to the people through their elected representatives, no longer being usurped by the United States Supreme Court.

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia. We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning. The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

**Draft Amendment #3**  
**Submitted by Karen Roseberry, 8/15/2023**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a constitutional, fair, just, and efficient manner. We believe in the enforcement of criminal statutes and protection of Californians' quality of life. The California Republican Party believes that the rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim's right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, upon release of prisoners. The California Republican Party has historically backed legislation that kept the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated. We support efforts that contribute to the restoration and reclassification of laws intended to reduce crime and protect public safety. This includes the desperate need for legislation to properly address and accurately classify crimes involving fentanyl during the crisis facing our state.

Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences, and we support the surety bail process. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. To reduce recidivism and to increase the offenders' likelihood of successful rehabilitation, we support the expansion of California's Collaborative Justice Courts, including but not limited to drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, that combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services and are rigorously monitored and focused on recovery. Additionally, we support rehabilitation and career technical education programs for those incarcerated in our county jails and prisons.

We support the death penalty as just punishment and effective deterrent for "special circumstances" murders and as supported by the majority of Californians. Special circumstances include murdering for financial gain; multiple murders; murder with the use of a bomb; murdering a peace officer, witness, judge, prosecutor, or juror; murder while lying in wait; murder during kidnapping, torture, or sexual assault; and murder to enhance gang activity. We support the death penalty for anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States. In the larger War on Terror, the California Republican Party supports the criminalization of activities that advocate acts of terrorism, violent conduct, or the killing of innocent people.

**Draft Amendment #4**  
**Submitted by Karen Roseberry, 8/15/2023**

**WATER**

The California Republican Party believes that water is California's lifeline and additional efforts must be made to protect and increase water supply to support a thriving economy.

California's population has grown exceedingly since the state's water infrastructure was built 3 ½ decades ago to serve roughly 1/3rd as many people. California faces periods of extensive droughts, dwindling snowpacks, shrinking reservoirs, deteriorating water quality, rising water rates, restricted water use, and devastating economic impact, as a result, the voters approved Proposition 1(2014), a \$7.12 billion water bond to fund water supply infrastructure projects. Yet, in 2022 with record rainfall and snowpacks the storage of this abundant water supply was not possible due to the failed policies of the Democrats to prioritize water storage, thereby having made water shortages a politician made crisis that can be used to abuse power.

The California Republican Party is committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs. We encourage the comprehensive and efficient management of California's precious water resources in order to accommodate growth in California; to ensure that California's 11 communities have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water; and to guarantee that our farms and businesses get the water they need even in dry years.

We oppose additional bonded indebtedness.

## **Draft Amendment #5**

**Submitted by Karen Roseberry, 8/15/2023**

### **PREAMBLE**

The California Republican Party is passionate in the pursuit of a prosperous, radiant, and secure California that serves to be a City on the Hill for our nation, and that is defined by individual liberty freely, constitutionally, and responsibly exercised; the freedom for families to grow strong, safe, and healthy; businesses able to operate autonomous from intrusive government overreach and interference in order to create a robust and flourishing world-class economy; a system in which reformed and responsive state and local governments serve all people within the parameters of limited government, recognizing the benefits of allowing other sociological institutions better equipped to address issues that are beyond the scope of which government is best able to respond. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for human beings.

We support:

- The right of all individuals to be safe in their person and property
- Choice and excellence in education for all Californians
- Election integrity and ethical government free from legislative rule manipulation
- Economic policies that promote economic growth and innovation, leading to increased affordability
- A reformed system of taxation that maintains and improves infrastructure and public safety while reducing the burden on working families, homeowners and older Californians
- Favorable environmental policies that demonstrate a responsible plan for water management and support California's farmers and ranchers

We are boldly confident about California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's people.

**Draft Amendment #6**  
**Submitted by Tamika Hamilton, 8/17/2023**

The California GOP is committed to supporting the men and women who have answered the call to serve. In line with this mission, we will support programs and policies to enhance veteran healthcare, disability compensation, mental health services, transition assistance, job programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits, and the reduction of veteran homelessness.

Remember, political advocacy requires persistence and collaboration.

We will engage in continued efforts to improve accountability and operations of the Veteran's Administration in its efficiency and quality of care delivered to veterans.

**Draft Amendment #7**  
**Submitted by Russell Neal, 8/20/2023**

August 20, 2023

Proposed Platform Amendment

Proposed changed to the Draft as approved by CRP Platform Drafting Committee -- 7/29/2023

**RIGHT TO LIFE**

We ~~value~~ recognize government's duty to protecting innocent human life and therefore believe elective abortion should be illegal. ~~want to see the number of abortions reduced.~~ We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

**FAMILY**

We affirm the natural family, based on the exclusive sexual union of one man and one woman, as the indispensable and foundational institution for human development and social order ~~support traditional family values.~~ A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home; a safe surrounding where decisions are made, children are raised, and the principles of right and wrong are taught. The natural family is the foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the family unit as the best environment for raising children. ~~, but most importantly affirm that a loving, safe home for all children should be our society's top priority. Religious institutions play a pivotal role in strengthening both traditional marriages and families. Families should be protected and empowered to make decisions that are consistent with their values, beliefs, and faith.~~

*Rationale for this proposed amendment*

The CRP Platform positions on Right to Life and Family are foundational and ought not be diluted in order to pander to perceived public opinion. Ambiguous platitudes add no value to a party platform.

The fundamental difference between the Republican Party and Democratic Party is that we believe human government and law are "under God," and that the "Law of Nature and of Natures' God" is our foundation. Democrats, in contrast, are legal positivists who believe there is no higher law and that men are free to make whatever laws they feel like.

This distinction between our parties in our day is manifest in our respective positions on life and marriage. It is essential for our Party's success to make this clear and to paint our positions in bold colors. A "Democrat-Lite" approach will not work.

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**Draft Amendment #8**  
**Submitted by Karen Juten, 8/21/2023**

We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel.

We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office.

Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote.

Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity.

We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration.

We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

**Draft Amendment #9**  
**Samuel Paredes, 8/21/2023**

THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

~~The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms. One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights. Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.~~

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~~We live in a dangerous society that has been exacerbated by the crime policies of the left. Police have been defunded and are afraid to arrest criminals due to the potential of lawsuits. District Attorneys no longer prosecute violent offenders. Mobs are stealing, homes are being invaded – we need the Second Amendment right to self-protection both inside and outside our homes.~~

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~~This nNnation's Charter, the Declaration of Independence, recognizes that we are endowed by our "Creator with certain unalienable Rights" including the rights to "Life and Liberty." Governments are instituted to protect these rights, and no rights given by God can be restricted by government. William Blackstone explained that self defense "is justly called the primary law of nature [which cannot be] taken away by the law of society." Implementing that promise, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution expressly and unequivocally guarantees its citizens the right to keep and bear arms.~~

~~Thus, The notion that the Second Amendment was written to protect only activities such as hunting and target shooting is specious. Self defense includes means protection against both criminals and tyrants. The preamble to the Second Amendment makes clear that the Constitution's Framers believed firearms were absolutely "necessary to the security of a free State." Justice Joseph Story explained that the right to keep and bear arms is "the palladium of the liberties of a republic [and] enable[s] the people to resist and triumph" over tyrants." Thus, the notion that the Second Amendment was written to protect only activities such as hunting and target shooting is specious. Since criminals, by definition, do not obey laws, California's oppressive gun control laws regime serves only to disarm and subjugate law-abiding individuals so that they can resist neither thug or tyrant.~~

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~~History has demonstrated that government officials entrusted with limited powers will often lust for and seek to usurp obtain greater power. Such usurpers usually begin slowly, with what they term "reasonable gun control," but they are never satisfied. Shootings often occur in gun-free zones, proving that armed citizens save lives. Nevertheless, the politicians use capitalize on such those shootings as justification to enact new laws to that take away rode more liberties to and further deprive the people of the power to resist criminals and their regime.~~

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We vehemently oppose any infringement on ~~our~~ Second Amendment rights, and steadfastly ~~support~~<sup>uphold</sup> the unalienable right of all citizens to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories of all sorts. We demand the immediate repeal of all infringing legislation, including California's onerous and expensive permitting scheme which conditions the exercise of a constitutional freedom ~~not only on the ability to pay, but also on the~~<sup>obtaining</sup> approval ~~from~~<sup>of</sup> ~~an unelected and unaccountable~~ government ~~official~~<sup>bureaucrat</sup>. We oppose arbitrary limits on what ~~types makes and models of~~ ~~handguns~~<sup>firearms</sup> can be purchased. We oppose the ~~State's~~ unconstitutional waiting period, which deprives Americans of acquiring firearms when they are most needed. We resolutely defend an individual's sacred ~~(and constitutionally protected)~~ right to employ deadly force in safeguarding lives and property ~~(the fruit of human labor)~~ from imminent threats. Since all human life is of equal moral value, we categorically reject giving special exemptions to government officials and enforcement agents. Lastly, we advocate for amending California's Constitution to enshrine these essential rights.

**Draft Amendment #10**

**Submitted by Joe Thompson, 8/22/2023**

ABORTION POLICY

When a woman finds she's pregnant and doesn't want to bear a child, early termination should be readily available, inexpensive, safe, and without guilt. The GOP has to devise a reasonable policy on this, or go down the tubes.

**Draft Amendment #11**  
**Submitted by Daniel Schoppe, 8/23/2023**

## **Amendment to CAGOP Draft Platform**

**I propose throwing out the entire 2023 draft platform proposal and instead reaffirming the current 2019 Platform as it stands today.**

The **principles of truth** upon which this party was founded **do NOT expire** or become obsolete. Truth is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The new 2023 platform draft reads as though it was drafted by liberal Democrats, NOT conservative Republicans. If Republicans are going to cave to the same populous liberal world view as the Democrats then what is the point in having a Republican party at all?

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**Draft Amendment #12**  
**Submitted by Monika Rothenbuhler, 8/25/2023**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Our commitment to a safe, peaceful, and law-abiding California is unwavering. We understand that effective law enforcement requires collaboration, transparency, and accountability. We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with serious crimes only after posting reasonable bail. We value rehabilitation and re-entry programs that lower recidivism rates, and support funding law enforcement.

We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the Court; believe in victim's rights to collect restitution from defendants; and to be given notification upon release of prisoners.

To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. We support the death penalty to promote justice and deterrence in "special circumstances" murders.

**Draft Amendment #13**  
**Submitted by Monika Rothenbuhler, 8/25/2023**

MEDICAL PROTECTION OF MINORS

We Support the Protect Children's Innocence Act pending in the US Congress that would make gender reassignment treatments for minors a federal crime, banning puberty blockers, hormone treatments and other transgender-related medical intervention for minors that claim to reassign biological sex.

**Draft Amendment #14**  
**Submitted by Monika Rothenbuhler, 8/25/2023**

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We are the historic party of equal opportunity. The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all citizens to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We understand that no one can guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.



**Draft Amendment #15**  
**Submitted by Monika Rothenbuhler, 8/25/2023**

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**Draft Amendment #16**  
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**Draft Amendment #17**  
**Submitted by Monika Rothenbuhler, 8/25/2023**

MEDICAL FREEDOM

We support the right of American citizens to make their own health care decisions without mandates, or state imposed punitive actions such as restrictions upon travel, employment, and education. We deny that the State has the right to impose long term lockdowns on its population without review, accountability, or restraint.

**Draft Amendment #18**

**Submitted by Linda Curtis, 8/27/2023**

I wish to state the the following should remain: marriage is defined between a man and woman.

Abortion should be selected before 12 weeks. And there are 2 semesters, only. Please, let's not become Democrat Party lite. Please keep the Republican Party Conservative.

## **California Republican Party Platform**

### **PREAMBLE**

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous, and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, and reformed and responsive state and local governments that serve all people, while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution **and keeping our sovereignty as a Nation under God, our Creator.** As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for all.

We support:

Choice and excellence in education for all Californians

**The sanctity of parental rights over all aspects of their minor children's lives. The safety and well-being of all California residents, including freedom of choice for health care**

Economic policies that promote economic growth and innovation, leading to increased affordability

A reformed system of taxation that maintains and improves infrastructure and public safety while reducing the burden on working families, homeowners and older Californians

Favorable environmental policies that supports California's farmers and ranchers  
Election integrity and ethical government

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*The following detailed platform appears in alphabetical order.*

### **AFFORDABILITY**

**Republicans are committed to making California more affordable for everyone.**

California has an affordability crisis. Californians from all parts of society are increasingly unable to afford basic necessities, such as purchasing or renting a home, buying a car, paying for electricity and gasoline, and putting food on the table. Our

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**Submitted by Elaine Alaniz, 8/29/2023**

state government continues to pass high taxes and new, burdensome regulations that exacerbate the affordability crisis by increasing the wage gap and reducing employment opportunities. As a result, California has one of the highest rates of poverty in the nation. California's middle-class residents are leaving the state in droves, hollowing out our once prosperous society.

The California Republican Party supports tackling the affordability crisis by first incentivizing the construction of new housing to allow more opportunities for homeownership and access to rental housing. We also advocate reducing or eliminating high taxes and fees on cars, energy, gasoline, and food items that have pushed so many Californians to the brink of poverty. We support measures to encourage job creation so

that every Californian who is willing to work can do so. California Republicans back proposals to incentivize businesses to remain and invest in California, instead of leaving for other states.

#### AGRICULTURE

**Agriculture, California's leading industry, exemplifies the free market at work.**

The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens.

Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by over-regulation, environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector's lifeblood.

#### CONDEMNATION OF RACISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE

The California Republican Party condemns racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism and white supremacy as antithetical to the fundamental values of the United States of America, and the Republican Party also condemns acts of violence committed in the name of racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism or white supremacy.

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**Submitted by Elaine Alaniz, 8/29/2023**

CRIME AND JUSTICE

**The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a fair, just, and efficient manner.**

We believe the state, not the federal government, should govern, and so should set the criminal statutes and protect Californians' quality of life.

The California Republican Party believes that the rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim's right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, upon release of prisoners.

The California Republican Party has historically backed legislation that kept the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated. We support efforts that contribute to the restoration and reclassification of laws intended to reduce crime and protect public safety.

Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences, and we support the surety bail process. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. To reduce recidivism and to increase the offenders' likelihood of successful rehabilitation, we support the expansion of California's Collaborative Justice Courts, including but not limited to drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, that combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services and are rigorously monitored and focused on recovery. Additionally, we support rehabilitation and career technical education programs for those incarcerated in our county jails and prisons.

We support the death penalty as just punishment and effective deterrent for "special circumstances" murders. Special circumstances include murdering for financial gain; multiple murders; **school shooting murders**; murder with the use of a bomb; murdering a peace officer, witness, judge, prosecutor, or juror; murder while lying in wait; murder during kidnapping, torture, or sexual assault; and murder to enhance gang activity. We support the death penalty for anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

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In the larger War on Terror, the California Republican Party supports the criminalization of activities that advocate acts of terrorism, violent conduct, or the killing of innocent people.

THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

**We believe that people make better decisions than does government. Free enterprise, not subsidies and government regulation, is the key to creating jobs for all Californians.**

Freedom and free enterprise are fundamental to the American way of life; indeed, they are the backbone of our nation. Economic freedom leads to opportunity, opportunity leads to growth, and growth leads to progress. This is the story of America.

Economic growth depends on individual liberty, and it enables all citizens to maximize the opportunity to retain the rewards of their labor. Californians are some of the hardest-working and most entrepreneurial people in the world. We have seen disruptive technologies and business models such as ride sharing, short-term rentals, and intra-city mass transit improve the lives of California citizens. These path-breaking companies have made many California communities better places to live and visit. We believe that the government must support an environment in which jobs can be created, even as new technologies challenge the status quo and alter the way people live and work.

We believe that people make better decisions than does government, and the free market embodies this principle. The government's role is to ensure that markets are free and that there is genuine competition. Government should protect our citizens from international cartels and piracy of their intellectual property. We support right-to-work laws and reject mandatory closed union shops where workers are forced to join

unions against their will. We also reject union workers being forced to make political contributions to candidates or causes that they oppose.



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For California's businesses to grow, thrive, and create wealth, a first-class physical infrastructure is necessary. We support investment in California's transportation infrastructure through "pay as you go" financing that utilizes existing revenue sources for their intended purpose. We oppose bonded indebtedness or the use of other revenues to fund high-speed rail.

EDUCATION

**Every child in California is entitled to a first-class education.**

Education is the great leveler in American society. It provides the opportunity for any child to rise based on hard work and achievement.

Unfortunately, this leveling effect is lost as California's schools deteriorate due to domination by union bosses, which contribute to the degradation of the curriculum and the marginalization of involvement by parents. While opposing the Common Core national standards, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, or the socio-economic background of their home.

We believe that parents will make better choices than government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age- inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum. We support the abolition of all regulatory barriers that prevent parents from exercising these options.

The top priority of our schools should be learning basic competencies, not social engineering. We support metrics such as exit exams to evaluate basic competency. We call for local schools to be controlled by parents and local school boards.

Schools cannot function unless they are safe. Besides providing a rigorous course of study, safety in schools at all grade levels should be the highest priority.

Admission to all public colleges and universities should be based solely on merit. We believe that the free exchange of ideas at institutions of higher learning is key to their fundamental purpose. We oppose all censorship of student speech on public universities through policies explicit or implicit. We believe that private institutions of

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higher learning must have clear and consistent policies, applied fairly, regarding student speech and expression. All universities have a responsibility to protect students seeking to engage in political activism from violent responses from those both affiliated and unaffiliated with the university

**Sports in grammar school, middle school, high school, and through college should be restricted to the biological gender assigned at birth.**

ELECTION INTEGRITY

**We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel.**

We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office.

Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

THE ENVIRONMENT

**The California Republican Party believes in long-term responsible stewardship of California's bountiful natural resources for future generations.**

Protection and stewardship of the environment began under a Republican President and our conservative values align with the goal of conservation: safeguarding the natural resources to which our health and economy depend.

Recognizing that environmental protection and economic growth are not mutually exclusive, we will hold our State government accountable for common sense and sustainable environmental regulations that both protect and allow for prosperity.

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We support environmental policies based upon sound science that encourage innovation and application of new technologies through market-based incentives whenever possible instead of regulation, taxation and litigation. Environmental regulations must be considered in light of the effects that they will have on workers and on the economy.

We believe that the United Nations approach has been fundamentally flawed because it enables increasing emissions from the largest sources of greenhouse gasses in the world. To be truly fair and effective, we believe that any solution to greenhouse gas emissions should involve equal incentives applied worldwide and should contain provisions to protect our farms and businesses from unfair competition by countries that do not follow suit.

We believe California industry should lead the world in developing and manufacturing safe, renewable and sustainable energy. We encourage the development of these new technologies and systems for use in the domestic market, as well as for export. We believe that entrepreneurs – using technology, innovation and incentives – are more likely to solve environmental problems than bureaucrats. We support the creation of tax

credits for homeowners and builders who incorporate alternative energy systems into their homes.

Dependence on foreign energy threatens both our national security and economic prosperity. Through private initiative and enterprise, we stand for the development of energy that is independent from foreign sources.

We favor clear environmental laws with consistent, straightforward interpretation and the elimination of third-party lawsuits by claimants without direct legal standing.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

**The Republican Party is the historic party of equal opportunity.**

The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition.

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We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin and understand that one cannot guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

**Sports in grammar school, middle school, high school, and through college should be restricted to the biological gender assigned at birth.**

ETHICS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

**We believe that public service is a trust—one of the highest callings to which any man or woman may aspire.**

Ethics in service to one's fellow citizens goes beyond the letter of the law. The California Republican Party calls on its elected and appointed officials always to serve others, always to demonstrate the highest standards of morality and honesty, and never to use their offices for personal gain. Republican officeholders should give their utmost effort to improve our society and to inspire others to serve.

**We believe that while the Governor can declare a state of emergency, said declaration cannot extend beyond 30 days without the advice and consent of the legislative branch.**

FAMILY

**The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development.**

A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is a foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the two-parent family as the best environment for raising children, and therefore believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and

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The current problem is exacerbated by the failure of elected Democrats to negotiate in good faith to fix our broken immigration system. This failure leaves in place a government bureaucracy that produces wait times to immigrate legally into the United States that can exceed 15 years. The truth is, the United States cannot accommodate the hundreds of millions of people in the world who long to live here permanently. The United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, “A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.”

Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America. We want to fix it. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country's absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, a sound immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well-managed system. It is indefensible that the Federal government puts California's high-tech dominance at risk, and also stifles the ability of our farmers to procure the labor needed to timely harvest the fruits and vegetables that feed our country.

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To ensure our immigration laws are adhered to, we support devoting more resources to border control, and increasing penalties for overstaying visas. We will support implementing a nationwide e-verify employment system once the necessary visa and guest worker programs are in place.

We also support the expedited repatriation of all violent criminals who are undocumented and, when repatriation is not possible, a full prosecution under U.S. law. Further, we believe that federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. These cities are undermining Federal law and putting our citizens at risk.

We believe that only after the border is secured and the legal immigration system modernized, can we as a nation address the complicated issue of what to do with the millions of people who are currently here illegally. Like all Americans, Republicans hold diverse views on the issue.

There is, however, consensus in the Republican Party that any solution must adhere to the following guiding principle. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking.

We support our **Border Patrol Agents in securing our international land borders and coastal waters between ports of entry** and the requirement that law enforcement enforce all laws, including immigration laws to **safeguard the American people from terrorists and their weapons and detect and prevent drug smugglers and the illegal entry of undocumented noncitizens.**

Finally, we believe that once one enters the United States as a legal immigrant and desires to become a citizen, one should endeavor to become an American. Learning English is a vital part of life in the United States. Therefore, fluency in English must be the goal of California's education programs. No matter a person's native tongue, all citizens of the United States must be afforded equal opportunity. English both binds the nation and empowers individuals of all backgrounds to fully participate in the American experience. For this reason, we support the recognition of English, and English only, as the nation's common language – the official language of government.

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Individuals and businesses alike are besieged by baseless and overly burdensome litigation. To ensure the availability of quality health care, we support reasonable limitations on general damages awards (e.g., as contained in the bipartisan “Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act”). We favor reasonable and consistent standards for punitive damages awards, which should only be available for intentional, egregious misconduct.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

**The California Republican Party stands for a strong national defense.**

The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. The California Republican Party asserts that it is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. Yet, we affirm that our military forces exist to deter our enemies and not to initiate war.

We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake and there is a clear military goal and a firm exit strategy.

We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal.

We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

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**PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**We stand for the principle that condemnation and government restriction on private property must only occur for public use.**

One of the purest forms of tyranny is government confiscation of its citizens' private property. We reject condemnation or government restrictions on property without full compensation for such condemnations or restrictions. We reject government condemnation of private property for non-public use.

We further support local land use decision making, with as much opportunity for public input and comment as possible, instead of regional planning efforts, such as United Nations' Agenda 21 and Plan Bay Area, that impose state and regional mandates on local government and private property owners.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

**The California Republican Party respects each person's individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all.**

We support the California Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution's safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

**THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**

**The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms.**

One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own

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and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights.

Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

**THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH**

**The United State Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to free and uncensored speech.**

We call for free, uncensored, and protected speech whether verbal or written, to include internet communications.

**THE RIGHT TO LIFE**

**The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death.**

We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and taxpayer funded abortions, **including "vacation abortions"**, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and **prior** consent.

We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, we **are encouraged by** the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision.

**In the case of a baby surviving abortion, doctors must be required immediately to do everything possible to save their life.**

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

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As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia.

We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning.

The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

SENIOR CALIFORNIANS

**We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of Senior Californians and Adults with Disabilities**

Californians who have retired, or are close to retirement, should be free from worry that the resources they have through their own work will be siphoned off by inflation or government action. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.

The California Republican Party is committed to promoting the opportunity for aging citizens to enjoy their retirement with the means they have accumulated throughout their working lives. **We also support laws that protect persons with disabilities to provide services in housing, healthcare, employment, civil and human rights protections to help provide and benefit a higher quality of life.**

**The California Republican Party is the party of balanced budgets, limited government, and fiscal responsibility.**

We believe that taxes in California are too high, and that our state government spends too much. We stand **for wise** stewardship and responsible use of the people's money. We support without exception and without apology a two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases, tax increases labeled as fees, bonds, and the state budget. We call for a constitutional ban on any bonded indebtedness to cover general operating deficits, and we oppose unfunded federal and state mandates. We support our Republican legislators' efforts to require California's government to live within its means.

We call upon our government officials to join a pledge to stand together against any new

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taxes. Through expanding population and economic strength, there already exists a mechanism to automatically raise all of the revenue needed to properly meet California's needs. California's budget problems stem from a lack of fiscal accountability and control. The California Republican Party believes that the answer will never be to increase the tax burden on Californians. We believe that Democrats have not prioritized infrastructure investment with general operating funds, which leads to a dangerous amount of bonded indebtedness, further imperils our state's financial situation, and needlessly passes financial responsibility for current needs over to our children.

We acknowledge a responsibility to those California citizens who cannot take care of themselves. We support reasonable work requirements for welfare recipients who can work and ending welfare benefits for those who can work but refuse to do so. We do not support giving any welfare or social benefits to people who have no legal right to be in California.

We recognize that unfunded public employee pension liabilities are currently the greatest threat to the financial security of our economy and government. We support the conversion of all public employee pension plans to 401(k)-style plans that provide only the benefits that have been funded by the actual contributions received.

We support the adoption of an optional single-rate system to give taxpayers the convenience of filing their taxes with a one-page form. We also support the abolition of the death tax.

Government is not equipped to participate, and should not compete, in the free market. Wherever the public's money can be saved, and the level of service increased, we call for the privatizing services now delivered by government.

We reject the unjustified use of rhetoric like "shared responsibility" as justification for an increase of state government spending and wrongful expansion of the role of government, at the expense of individual responsibility.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve.**

The California Republican Party salutes all California veterans and we commit to continued support for them through efforts such as, but not limited to, transition

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assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits and health care. We support efforts to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in order to increase efficiencies and quality of care.

WATER

**The California Republican Party believes that water is California's lifeline and additional efforts must be made to protect and increase water supply to support a thriving economy.**

While California's population is expected to grow by more than 600,000 each year, reaching between 44 and 48 million by 2025, the state's water infrastructure was built 3 1/2 decades ago to serve roughly 1/3rd as many people.

Amid an extensive drought, dwindling snowpack, shrinking reservoirs, deteriorating water quality, rising water rates, restricted water use, and devastating economic impact, the voters approved Proposition 1(2014), a \$7.12 billion water bond to fund water supply infrastructure projects.

The California Republican Party is committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

We encourage the comprehensive and efficient management of California's precious water resources in order to accommodate growth in California; to ensure that California's 11 communities have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water; and to guarantee that our farms and businesses get the water they need even in dry years.

We oppose additional bonded

indebtedness. CONCLUSION

The California Republican Party recognizes the truth: Government is meant to serve the

people. As such, **the** government is solemnly charged with the responsibility to craft long- term solutions rather than short-term fixes. We pledge to hold our government responsible for securing the safety of our families, for expanding our world-class economy, and for promoting fairness and justice for every Californian.

## California Republican Party Platform

### PREAMBLE

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, and reformed and responsive state and local governments that serve all people while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for all.

We support:

- Choice and excellence in education for all Californians
- The safety and well-being of all California residents, including freedom of choice for health care
- Economic policies that promote economic growth and innovation, leading to increased affordability
- A reformed system of taxation that maintains and improves infrastructure and public safety while reducing the burden on working families, homeowners and older Californians
- Favorable environmental policies that supports California's farmers and ranchers
- Election integrity and ethical government

We are boldly confident about California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's people.

*The following detailed platform appears in alphabetical order.*

### AFFORDABILITY

**Republicans are committed to making California more affordable for everyone.**

California has an affordability crisis. Californians from all parts of society are increasingly unable to afford basic necessities, such as purchasing or renting a home, buying a car, paying for electricity and gasoline, and putting food on the table. Our state government continues to pass high taxes and new, burdensome regulations that exacerbate the affordability crisis by increasing the wage gap and reducing employment opportunities. As a result, California has one of the highest rates of poverty in the nation. California's middle-class residents are leaving the state in droves, hollowing out our once prosperous society.

The California Republican Party supports tackling the affordability crisis by first incentivizing the construction of new housing to allow more opportunities for homeownership and access to rental housing. We also advocate reducing or eliminating high taxes and fees on cars, energy, gasoline, and food items that have pushed so many Californians to the brink of poverty. We support measures to encourage job creation so

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that every Californian who is willing to work can do so. California Republicans back proposals to incentivize businesses to remain and invest in California, instead of leaving for other states.

### AGRICULTURE

**Agriculture, California's leading industry, exemplifies the free market at work.**

The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens.

Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by over-regulation, environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector's lifeblood.

### CONDEMNATION OF RACISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE

The California Republican Party condemns racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism and white supremacy as antithetical to the fundamental values of the United States of America, and the Republican Party also condemns acts of violence committed in the name of racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism or white supremacy.

### CRIME AND JUSTICE

**The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a fair, just, and efficient manner.**

We believe the state, not the federal government, should govern, and so should set the criminal statutes and protect Californians' quality of life.

The California Republican Party believes that the rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim's right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, upon release of prisoners.

The California Republican Party has historically backed legislation that kept the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated. We support efforts that contribute to the restoration and reclassification of laws intended to reduce crime and protect public safety.



Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences, and we support the surety bail process. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. To reduce recidivism and to increase the offenders' likelihood of successful rehabilitation, we support the expansion of California's Collaborative Justice Courts, including but not limited to drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, that combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services and are rigorously monitored and focused on recovery. Additionally, we support rehabilitation and career technical education programs for those incarcerated in our county jails and prisons.

We support the death penalty as just punishment and effective deterrent for "special circumstances" murders. Special circumstances include murdering for financial gain; multiple murders; murder with the use of a bomb; murdering a peace officer, witness, judge, prosecutor, or juror; murder while lying in wait; murder during kidnapping, torture, or sexual assault; and murder to enhance gang activity. We support the death penalty for anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

In the larger War on Terror, the California Republican Party supports the criminalization of activities that advocate acts of terrorism, violent conduct, or the killing of innocent people.

## THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

**We believe that people make better decisions than does government. Free enterprise, not subsidies and government regulation, is the key to creating jobs for all Californians.**

Freedom and free enterprise are fundamental to the American way of life; indeed, they are the backbone of our nation. Economic freedom leads to opportunity, opportunity leads to growth, and growth leads to progress. This is the story of America.

Economic growth depends on individual liberty, and it enables all citizens to maximize the opportunity to retain the rewards of their labor. Californians are some of the hardest-working and most entrepreneurial people in the world. We have seen disruptive technologies and business models such as ride sharing, short-term rentals, and intra-city mass transit improve the lives of California citizens. These path-breaking companies have made many California communities better places to live and visit. We believe that the government must support an environment in which jobs can be created, even as new technologies challenge the status quo and alter the way people live and work.

We believe that people make better decisions than does government, and the free market embodies this principle. The government's role is to ensure that markets are free and that there is genuine competition. Government should protect our citizens from international cartels and piracy of their intellectual property. We support right-to-work laws and reject mandatory closed union shops where workers are forced to join

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unions against their will. We also reject union workers being forced to make political contributions to candidates or causes that they oppose.

For California's businesses to grow, thrive, and create wealth, a first-class physical infrastructure is necessary. We support investment in California's transportation infrastructure through "pay as you go" financing that utilizes existing revenue sources for their intended purpose. We oppose bonded indebtedness or the use of other revenues to fund high-speed rail.

## EDUCATION

### **Every child in California is entitled to a first-class education.**

Education is the great leveler in American society. It provides the opportunity for any child to rise based on hard work and achievement.

Unfortunately, this leveling effect is lost as California's schools deteriorate due to domination by union bosses, which contribute to the degradation of the curriculum and the marginalization of involvement by parents. While opposing the Common Core national standards, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, or the socio-economic background of their home.

We believe that parents will make better choices than government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age-inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum. We support the abolition of all regulatory barriers that prevent parents from exercising these options.

The top priority of our schools should be learning basic competencies, not social engineering. We support metrics such as exit exams to evaluate basic competency. We call for local schools to be controlled by parents and local school boards.

Schools cannot function unless they are safe. Besides providing a rigorous course of study, safety in schools at all grade levels should be the highest priority.

Admission to all public colleges and universities should be based solely on merit. We believe that the free exchange of ideas at institutions of higher learning is key to their fundamental purpose. We oppose all censorship of student speech on public universities through policies explicit or implicit. We believe that private institutions of higher learning must have clear and consistent policies, applied fairly, regarding student speech and expression. All universities have a responsibility to protect students seeking to engage in political activism from violent responses from those both affiliated and unaffiliated with the university.

## ELECTION INTEGRITY

**We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel.**

We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office.

Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

**The California Republican Party believes in long-term responsible stewardship of California's bountiful natural resources for future generations.**

Protection and stewardship of the environment began under a Republican President and our conservative values align with the goal of conservation: safeguarding the natural resources to which our health and economy depend.

Recognizing that environmental protection and economic growth are not mutually exclusive, we will hold our State government accountable for common sense and sustainable environmental regulations that both protect and allow for prosperity. We support environmental policies based upon sound science that encourage innovation and application of new technologies through market-based incentives whenever possible instead of regulation, taxation and litigation. Environmental regulations must be considered in light of the effects that they will have on workers and on the economy.

We believe that the United Nations approach has been fundamentally flawed because it enables increasing emissions from the largest sources of greenhouse gasses in the world. To be truly fair and effective, we believe that any solution to greenhouse gas emissions should involve equal incentives applied worldwide and should contain provisions to protect our farms and businesses from unfair competition by countries that do not follow suit.

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credits for homeowners and builders who incorporate alternative energy systems into their homes.

Dependence on foreign energy threatens both our national security and economic prosperity. Through private initiative and enterprise, we stand for the development of energy that is independent from foreign sources.

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### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

#### **The Republican Party is the historic party of equal opportunity.**

The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin and understand that one cannot guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

### ETHICS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

#### **We believe that public service is a trust—one of the highest callings to which any man or woman may aspire.**

Ethics in service to one's fellow citizens goes beyond the letter of the law. The California Republican Party calls on its elected and appointed officials always to serve others, always to demonstrate the highest standards of morality and honesty, and never to use their offices for personal gain. Republican officeholders should give their utmost effort to improve our society and to inspire others to serve.

### FAMILY

#### **The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development.**

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The current problem is exacerbated by the failure of elected Democrats to negotiate in good faith to fix our broken immigration system. This failure leaves in place a government bureaucracy that produces wait times to immigrate legally into the United States that can exceed 15 years. The truth is, the United States cannot accommodate the hundreds of millions of people in the world who long to live here permanently. The

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United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, “A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.”

Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America. We want to fix it. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country’s absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, a sound immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well- managed system. It is indefensible that the Federal government puts California’s high-tech dominance at risk, and also stifles the ability of our farmers to procure the labor needed to timely harvest the fruits and vegetables that feed our country.

To ensure our immigration laws are adhered to, we support devoting more resources to border control, and increasing penalties for overstaying visas. We will support implementing a nationwide e-verify employment system once the necessary visa and guest worker programs are in place.

We also support the expedited repatriation of all violent criminals who are undocumented and, when repatriation is not possible, a full prosecution under U.S. law. Further, we believe that federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. These cities are undermining Federal law and putting our citizens at risk.

We believe that only after the border is secured and the legal immigration system modernized, can we as a nation address the complicated issue of what to do with the millions of people who are currently here illegally. Like all Americans, Republicans hold diverse views on the issue.

There is, however, consensus in the Republican Party that any solution must adhere to the following guiding principle. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking.

We support the requirement that law enforcement enforce all laws, including immigration laws.

Finally, we believe that once one enters the United States as a legal immigrant and desires to become a citizen, one should endeavor to become an American. Learning English is a vital part of life in the United States. Therefore, fluency in English must be the goal of California’s education programs. No matter a person’s native tongue, all citizens of the United States must be afforded equal opportunity. English both binds the nation and empowers individuals of all backgrounds to fully participate in the American experience. For this reason, we support the recognition of English, and English only, as the nation’s common language – the official language of government.

## THE LITIGATION CRISIS

**Justice is an American virtue. To make justice available to every person, we support legal innovations such as arbitration, mediation, and reasonable limitations on unnecessary discovery and motion practice.**

Individuals and businesses alike are besieged by baseless and overly burdensome litigation. To ensure the availability of quality health care, we support reasonable limitations on general damages awards (e.g., as contained in the bipartisan “Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act”). We favor reasonable and consistent standards for punitive damages awards, which should only be available for intentional, egregious misconduct.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE

**The California Republican Party stands for a strong national defense.**

The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. The California Republican Party asserts that it is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. Yet, we affirm that our military forces exist to deter our enemies and not to initiate war.

We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake and there is a clear military goal and a firm exit strategy.

We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal.

We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

## OUR HISTORIC AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 13

**We acknowledge that Proposition 13 has saved residential and commercial property owners hundreds of billions of dollars since it was approved.**

It provides a uniform one percent property tax rate that provides stability for homeowners and small business owners alike. Proposition 13 remains popular today because it allows citizens to exercise control over a government that should be limited and responsible with the people's money. Its two-thirds vote for tax increases ensures fiscal responsibility on all levels of governments. All citizens, including homeowners, business owners, renters, as well as local governments, benefit from Proposition 13's tax stability.



## PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

**We stand for the principle that condemnation and government restriction on private property must only occur for public use.**

One of the purest forms of tyranny is government confiscation of its citizens' private property. We reject condemnation or government restrictions on property without full compensation for such condemnations or restrictions. We reject government condemnation of private property for non-public use.

We further support local land use decision making, with as much opportunity for public input and comment as possible, instead of regional planning efforts, such as United Nations' Agenda 21 and Plan Bay Area, that impose state and regional mandates on local government and private property owners.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**The California Republican Party respects each person's individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all.**

We support the California Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution's safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

## THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

**The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms.**

One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights.

Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

## THE RIGHT TO LIFE

**The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death.**

We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and

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taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent.

We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, we encourage the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision.

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia.

We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning.

The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

## SENIOR CALIFORNIANS

### **We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of Senior Californians.**

Californians who have retired, or are close to retirement, should be free from worry that the resources they have built through their own work will be siphoned off by inflation or government action. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.

The California Republican Party is committed to promoting the opportunity for aging citizens to enjoy their retirement with the means they have accumulated throughout their working lives.

## TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

### **The California Republican Party is the party of balanced budgets, limited government, and fiscal responsibility.**

We believe that taxes in California are too high, and that our state government spends too much. We stand for the wise stewardship and responsible use of the people's money. We support without exception and without apology a two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases, tax increases labeled as fees, bonds, and the state budget. We call for a constitutional ban on any bonded indebtedness to cover general operating deficits, and we oppose unfunded federal and state mandates. We support our Republican legislators' efforts to require California's government to live within its means.

We call upon our government officials to join a pledge to stand together against any new

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taxes. Through expanding population and economic strength, there already exists a mechanism to automatically raise all of the revenue needed to properly meet California's needs. California's budget problems stem from a lack of fiscal accountability and control. The California Republican Party believes that the answer will never be to increase the tax burden on Californians. We believe that Democrats have not prioritized infrastructure investment with general operating funds, which leads to a dangerous amount of bonded indebtedness, further imperils our state's financial situation, and needlessly passes financial responsibility for current needs over to our children.

We acknowledge a responsibility to those California citizens who cannot take care of themselves. We support reasonable work requirements for welfare recipients who can work and ending welfare benefits for those who can work but refuse to do so. We do not support giving any welfare or social benefits to people who have no legal right to be in California.

We recognize that unfunded public employee pension liabilities are currently the greatest threat to the financial security of our economy and government. We support the conversion of all public employee pension plans to 401(k)-style plans that provide only the benefits that have been funded by the actual contributions received.

We support the adoption of an optional single-rate system to give taxpayers the convenience of filing their taxes with a one-page form. We also support the abolition of the death tax.

Government is not equipped to participate, and should not compete, in the free market. Wherever the public's money can be saved, and the level of service increased, we call for the privatizing services now delivered by government.

We reject the unjustified use of rhetoric like "shared responsibility" as justification for an increase of state government spending and wrongful expansion of the role of government, at the expense of individual responsibility.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

### **We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve.**

The California Republican Party salutes all California veterans and we commit to continued support for them through efforts such as, but not limited to, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits and health care. We support efforts to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in order to increase efficiencies and quality of care.

## WATER

**The California Republican Party believes that water is California's lifeline and additional efforts must be made to protect and increase water supply to support a thriving economy.**

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While California's population is expected to grow by more than 600,000 each year, reaching between 44 and 48 million by 2025, the state's water infrastructure was built 3 1/2 decades ago to serve roughly 1/3rd as many people.

Amid an extensive drought, dwindling snowpack, shrinking reservoirs, deteriorating water quality, rising water rates, restricted water use, and devastating economic impact, the voters approved Proposition 1(2014), a \$7.12 billion water bond to fund water supply infrastructure projects.

The California Republican Party is committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

We encourage the comprehensive and efficient management of California's precious water resources in order to accommodate growth in California; to ensure that California's 11 communities have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water; and to guarantee that our farms and businesses get the water they need even in dry years.

We oppose additional bonded indebtedness.

### **CONCLUSION**

The California Republican Party recognizes the truth: Government is meant to serve the people. As such, government is solemnly charged with the responsibility to craft long-term solutions rather than short-term fixes. We pledge to hold our government responsible for securing the safety of our families, for expanding our world-class economy, and for promoting fairness and justice for every Californian.

**Draft Amendment #21**  
**Submitted by Tony Hutter, 9/3/2023**

Please consider adding the attached section on gender to the 2023 platform. Gender is a nationwide issue that the party needs to take a strong position on. There's also another lesser known reason it should be included in the California GOP platform.

The California Democratic Party has put gender front and center in their 2022 Platform. By putting this "gender" section in our platform, we differentiate ourselves from the Democrats on this issue. This is important for legal reasons.

California labor law sections 1101-1102 state:

1101. No employer shall make, adopt, or enforce any rule, regulation, or policy:

(b) Controlling or directing, or tending to control or direct the political activities or affiliations of employees."

1102. No employer shall coerce or influence or attempt to coerce or influence his employees through or by means of threat of discharge or loss of employment to adopt or follow or refrain from adopting or following any particular course or line of political action or political activity.

There has been a push for employers to force their employees to use preferred gender pronouns. This has been ruled unconstitutional in *Taking Offense v. State of California*, but it's not clear if that ruling will hold or if legislation will try to get around it. However, by taking an opposing stand to the California Democrats on gender, an employee has more ammunition to raise the legal issue that the employer is "directing political activities or affiliations". That is, if they force an Republican employee to use preferred gender pronouns against their will, the employee can claim that such an action is unlawful, as it would be directing the employee's political affiliation to that of the Democratic Party. And unlike a free speech violation, a violation of sections 1101-1102 could result in fines, or up to one year in prison (see section 1103). Even the threat of a 1101-1102 violation could persuade employers not to trample on their employee's rights.

Thank you for the consideration. You may edit my proposal as you see fit.

- **A few ideas for CAGOP from Thomas Cole. Running for congress. CA CD24.**
- **CAGOPCC - Feel free to use any and all of this offering.**  
**"The differences are night and day** between the CAGOP and our opposition Democrat colleagues. We stand for the people and their constitutional rights and freedoms. The DNC is all about the government's rights; What the government/ Newsom will allow you to do and what you will be required to do. This is no way to live. We are Americans with a proud history unlike any other nation. We told the kings of Europe to back off, then saved western Europe twice from its own folly. And California was founded as a free state, a proud and independent state where people started new businesses like Dennys' Sambos, Motel Six, Apple, Google, the Internet, space lasers, NASA, Tesla,.. the list goes on. And now CA is not a place of innovation, throttled by onerous government regulations, onerous legal affronts and

hindrances. Productive Californians are leaving as Newsom imports millions of unvetted, uneducated people from all over the world, here to get free health care while our veterans die on the streets of LA. It's past time for a swing back to reasonable, business-like governance. So we can bring back the days of a creative and vibrant California. One that people will want to move back to, and not leave. Now it's time for us to reclaim our rights as a world leader in freedom, productivity and creativity.

And stop the virus lockdowns and useless panic. Stop closing our churches while leaving the borders wide open. Stop the useless wars on children and young people in our schools, stop the wars on our farmers who need our support, reclaim power over our own State debt, our own families and destiny as free Californians. Join the CAGOP in these beliefs.

**Support the rights of women** and girls in keeping biological men out of their locker rooms and off their sports teams. And support Title IX without delusions as proposed by the left.

**Let CA parents know the**

- left wants to eliminate Title IX protections for girls and women in school sports.
- **Support the rights of parents** in keeping transgenderism, child genital mutilation, schoolhouse porn and drag shows out of the schools and away from their children
  - **Support school choice** and end the stranglehold the teacher's unions have over our public schools. Abolish the Department of Education and return tax dollars to parents.
  - **Support freedom of choice on COVID** vaccines and mask mandates. Oppose any new lockdowns of businesses or schools.
  - **Support fossil fuel** policies that make America energy independent again and bring gas prices down. Stop funding green energy schemes that enrich Communist China while installing massive useless windmills that slaughter millions of our wonderful avian creatures, eagles, ospreys, all birds for a useless fad.
  - **Support a Balanced Budget** Amendment to the California Constitution and stop the endless state borrowing that has driven up the cost of everything from gasoline to groceries, making it impossible for millions of people to make ends meet.
  - CAGOP can support a negotiated end to the war in Ukraine.
  - **Close the U.S.- Mexico border** and end the flow of fentanyl into our communities. Until Mexico gets control of its cartels and drug and immigrant problems.
  - **Parents Rights** are Civil Rights - Support parent rights to their own children. Parents have a voice and we should support that voice. No hidden curricula. No hidden transitioning. No CRT no DEI.. And support of Vouchers vouchers. It's all about choice, for parents.
  - **Defend Marriage** as a religious institution - Gov out of Religion - See Paragraph below.
  - **Abortion** - SCOTUS has spoken. The Dobbs decision makes it clear. Personal medical decisions **shall** be

made at the state and local level, or by the people. CAGOP supports some time limitations on abortions. Is 20 weeks reasonable because at that point mothers can test to see if the fetus is in good shape, not retarded, not deficient.. These are reasonable time frames. And can the CAGOP ask to stop aborting term babies? It would seem most normal women would agree with this theory. Is that asking too much?

**School choice** is a civil right. And a decent public education is every parent's right, not the teachers unions cash cow. Parents are the basis for western civilization and parents rights are fundamental rights. You do own your children, in spite of what certain groups may say. I will introduce legislation that guarantees parents rights. Parents will be heard. Parents 1st amendment rights to speak at any place, anytime to any school officials and to have a redress of grievances to any school board or officials. I will legislate to stop the social engineering. And to guarantee vouchers to every

citizen parent for all Federal school expenditures. Also to outlaw porn in schools, no CRT race training, no DEI anti America anti family training in any school that receives federal funding.

**Ballot Integrity** Ballot integrity is the founding principle of our nation. Free and fair elections are an absolute necessity to our Republican form of government. I will introduce legislation that ensures any and all ballot and voting fraud cases are heard in Federal courts. Where evidence will be introduced, investigated, weighed and made public. Further legislation shall make certain that voting is secure within the states by requiring; Ballots be on paper only, with a barcode on the ballot, with a precinct verified signature on the ballot, not on some thrown away sleeve. No truckloads of unverified ballots showing up at midnight. No hidden suitcases of unverified ballots being run through machines dozens of times by unwatched election officials. No paid mules dropping off thousands of unverified ballots to multiple unsecured



drop boxes all over the nation. The answer is no. **Marriage** is a religious construct that stretches back over 6,000 years or more into all human history. The nuclear family is as basic as any institution in civilization. Today the government has taken over marriage. And the government has no right or business interfering with religious marriage - That between a man and a woman. Therefore Cole will propose legislation and court proceedings that seek to remove the government from traditional religious marriage. Government should stay the hell out of religion. Let the government issue a "Statement of Union" to gay or lesbian couples that wish a legal union. And soon the government can deal with the thorny issue of two men, a woman and a goat... who demand their rights to a "Statement of Union". The basic problem with a government that has no moral background, is that even atheists and religion free government, are bound like it or not by morals based on our religious traditions. So get the government out of religion, as

religion has been excised from the government.

**Draft Amendment #23**  
**Submitted by Josh McClure, 9/7/2023**



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California Republican Party  
Platform Committee and voting delegates

## Proposal for amendment to the August proposed platform

The California Republican Party should not adopt the proposed platform. The Right To Life plank is not a pro-life. It does not define what the party believes, or what it will do about what it ... “Values...” And it abandons victories and fights that are happening right now to prevent:

Tax payer funded abortion  
Abortion as a means of birth control  
Resisting assisted suicide  
Stopping human cloning and embryonic stem cell research

LIFE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE

Please adopt the 2019 version of the platform with the amendment highlighted in the third paragraph.

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*The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.*

Respectfully submitted,

Josh McClure  
Executive Director

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**Draft Amendment #24**  
**Submitted by Matthew Munson, 9/13/2023**

ENERGY

California's misguided energy policy is a failure for working families risking the stability of our state and nation. Decarbonization without a responsible transition policy is only going to lead California into danger. Without natural gas, coal and nuclear California would enter an energy crisis despite what environmental advocates would proclaim.

Right now, people prefer gasoline powered cars and fuel is more expensive since President Biden was elected. We need to promote our energy industry in California, build new refineries and replace some of the most polluting at the same time so we can reduce the price spikes. We need a domestic energy industry and stop outsourcing our gasoline supply to foreign powers in California which are not environmentally responsible.

Nuclear power is the safe and rational solution for governments who want a carbon free energy source. If we want to begin the journey to electrification, we need to promote the establishment of new stable and clean reactors that can power up the electric cars that our state and federal leaders are advocating for.

We should not force bi-directional charging of electric vehicles because it wears down the costly batteries of electric vehicles. Our zeal for net-zero is not without negative externalities by relying on rare earth minerals that are often mined by children. We need the industry to mature with further advancements of technology before we engage a 2040 cutoff before gasoline cars are not allowed to be sold.

Matthew Munson

San Bernardino County Delegate

**Draft Amendment #25**  
**Submitted by Matthew Munson, 9/9/2023**

**Health Freedom**

We support the right for individuals and families to make their own health choices when it comes to vaccinations. Individuals should have the right to decide if they want to partake, abstain, or delay when they need to take a various vaccine. Governmental agencies should rehire employees who were choosing to abstain from being injected with the Covid injections. Religious and medical exemptions should be restored in our state government and there should be nationwide protection for all our people on this issue. Employment, public accommodations, and government services shall not be restricted for making your freedom to choose if one wants to be injected or not.

Matthew Munson

San Bernardino County

**Draft Amendment #26**  
**Submitted by Lori Mills, 9/11/2023**

The California Republican Party Strongly opposes the sexualization of our children.

schools cannot hide the problems children have from the parents--and that they need to know if the school, without parents' knowledge or permission, has transitioned their kids.

We are outraged Senator Scott Wieners SB 107 was signed into law, in the guise of health care.

We oppose California ignoring judicial orders from out of state, banning a parent in a divorce from stopping these horrific surgeries on the most vulnerable, our children. Children should not be affirmed into a sex change anymore than a bulimic to be taught to binge and purge.

Children are too young to make life altering decisions including but not limited to hormone replacement, Mastectomies, penile inversions and Vaginoplasty. We see this as child abuse.

We oppose gender theory being taught in our schools and feel kids should be learning how to become contributing members of society. Our schools have failed our children with California now ranking 39<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Reading, writing and math while organizations like Planned parenthood push Gender theory on kids.

Children belong to parents and not the state. We strongly support a parents bill of rights.

**Draft Amendment #27**  
**Submitted by Lori Mills, 9/11/2023**

Lori Mills

The California Republican Party opposes Sanctuary state policies enabling child sex trafficking and an open border.

Child sex trafficking is the fastest growing international crime network the world has ever seen.

It has already passed the illegal arms trade and soon to pass the drug trade.

Due to Democrat open border policy. Gavin Newsom and Capitol Democrats Sanctuary state laws, 80,000 children have gone missing from our southern border alone.

We do not know how many children are dead in the jungle and Desert due to these policies.

The open border is a violation of article 4 Section 4 of the US Constitution, where the Federal Government is required to secure states from invasion.

Over 7,000,000 have crossed our border illegally with 80% of them being military aged men from around the world. This is a national security threat.

We support a secure border and Border Patrol.

We support funding for law enforcement, and sex crimes units to address the evil of trafficking.

We also support and Audit on placement of migrant children, and a full vetting of the sponsors of migrant children, Children are at risk Per HHS Whistleblower Tara Lee Rodas.

We support legislation to protect our children from Online predators.

Its estimated 2300 American children go missing a day.

**Draft Amendment #28**  
**Submitted by Lori Mills, 9/11/2023**

The Republican Party Rejects DEI, known as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a Marxist Theology.

In reality, DEI should be defined as, Discrimination, Exclusion and Indoctrination.

*Equity* is NOT Equality. Equity is the goal of all DEI programs, which is to say that DEI programs exist to force people to achieve "equitable" redistribution of resources, status, and wealth according to neo-Marxist Identity Theories like Critical Race Theory.

*Equity is an assigned political economy in which allowances are adjusted so that citizens are made equal, not by merit, including shares of social and cultural capital. In other words, it's an expansion of socialism.*

Critical Race Theory, is DEI pushing Marxist views society only through the lens of race-based oppression—We reject this and see this as racist.

DEI at its core, rejects classical liberalism, meritocracy and individual rights.

In corporations, federal agencies, schools, the judicial system and even the military, DEI sows' hatred and division.

DEI has become a cancer on our society.

We reject this ideology in all of its forms.



Proposed 2023 Platform Revision – Vic Dennis **with feedback from gjs** .....note: all changes are in yellow highlight. Strike-outs are shown in black and additions in red.

## California Republican Party Platform

### Preamble

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, ~~and reformed~~ and responsive state and local governments that serve all people while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in **opportunity**, dignity and equality for all.

Core beliefs we support include:

- Choice and excellence in education for all Californians
- The safety and well-being of all California residents, including freedom of choice for health care
- Economic policies that promote economic growth and innovation, leading to increased affordability **and a higher standard of living**
- A reformed system of taxation that maintains and improves infrastructure and public safety while reducing the **tax and fee** burden on working families, homeowners and older Californians
- Favorable environmental policies that supports California's farmers and ranchers, **and contributes to American energy independence**
- Election integrity and ethical government

We are boldly confident about California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's people.

The California Republican Party presents the following detailed platform.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Republican Party is the historic party of equal opportunity.

The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all **people persons** to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic

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Submitted by Glenn Sheppard, 9/11/2023

Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin and understand that no one cannot guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

### CONDEMNATION OF RACISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE

The California Republican Party condemns racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism and white supremacy as antithetical to the fundamental values of the United States of America, and the ~~The~~ Republican Party also condemns acts of violence committed in the name of racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism or white supremacy.

### FEDERALISM

We believe that local or state governments should resolve political matters unless the United States Constitution expressly reserves such matters for the federal government.

The federal government has repeatedly violated the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution by encroaching on rights that are reserved and delegated to the states and to the people. The California Republican Party firmly believes that the best governments are those most accountable to the people. We heed Thomas Jefferson's warning: "When all government, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another."

Non-essential federal functions ~~should~~ **must** be returned to the states and localities wherever possible. It is the governments closest to the people that have the capability, knowledge, and sensitivity to local needs to effectively administer and deliver public services. Local jurisdictions' diverse problems require local understanding. We must recognize the unique abilities of local government and the inherent limitations of a distant federal government; accordingly, we support the transfer of rights, responsibilities, and revenues to local jurisdictions.

### ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

We believe that public service is a trust—one of the highest callings to which **a citizen** ~~any man or woman~~ may aspire.

Ethics in service to one's fellow citizens goes beyond the letter of the law. The California Republican Party calls on its elected and appointed officials always to serve others, always to demonstrate the highest standards of morality and honesty, and never to use

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their offices for personal gain. Republican officeholders should give their utmost effort to improve our society and to inspire others to serve.

We support an open and transparent government that is accessible **to all the people it** represents. Federal, state and local government bodies should make available all legislative, budget and spending documents in an easily searchable online database. We believe that all government bodies should publicly broadcast their meetings by means of television or internet streaming and provide ample time for public input in their decision-making process. We support a transparent legislative process that would require legislation to be in print and available for public review at least 72 hours prior to any action being taken on the item.

### IMMIGRATION ~~AND NATIONAL DEFENSE~~

The California Republican Party welcomes and values each and every legal immigrant.

America continues to symbolize hope and promise to people from around the world. We believe new immigrants help make our great nation greater still. The Republican Party is pro-immigrant. Yet we take issue with political advocacy groups that blur the line between lawful and unlawful immigration in public discourse. The result of this blurring is a poorly enforced immigration policy and an uncontrolled border – millions of people here illegally and undocumented.

**Step one in the immigration process is a secure border. Unless and until our border is secure and the flow of illegal immigration, drugs and child trafficking is halted, no meaningful long-term solutions are possible.**

The United States cannot accommodate the hundreds of millions of people in the world who long to live here permanently. The United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, “A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.”

Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America and it must be fixed. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country’s absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, an **improved** immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well-managed system. It is indefensible that the Federal government puts California’s high-tech dominance at risk, and also stifles the ability of our farmers to procure the labor needed to timely harvest the fruits and vegetables that feed our country.

To ensure our immigration laws are adhered to, we support devoting more resources to border control, and increasing penalties for overstaying visas. We **will** support implementing a nationwide e-verify employment system once the necessary visa and guest worker programs are in place.

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We also support the expedited repatriation of all violent criminals who are undocumented and, when repatriation is not possible, a full prosecution under U.S. law. Further, we believe that federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. These cities are undermining Federal law and putting our citizens at risk.

We support the requirement that law enforcement enforce all laws, including immigration laws. The Republican Party will not support an immigration policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking.

### **We do not support the concept of birthright citizenship.**

Finally, we believe that once one enters the United States as a legal immigrant and desires to become a citizen, one should endeavor to become an American. **Assimilation**, including learning English, is a vital part of life in the United States. Therefore, fluency in English must be the goal of California's education programs. No matter a person's native tongue, all citizens of the United States must be afforded equal opportunity. English both binds the nation and empowers individuals of all backgrounds to fully participate in the American experience. For this reason, we support the recognition of English, and English only, as the nation's common language – the official language of government.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE**

The California Republican Party stands for a strong national defense.

The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. The California Republican Party asserts that it is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. Yet, we affirm that our military forces exist to deter our enemies and not to initiate war.

We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake and there is a clear military goal and a firm exit strategy.

We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal.

We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

Voter Integrity

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When it is hard for a legitimate vote to be cast, freedom suffers. We support efforts to ensure that all registered citizens may easily vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel. Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, and proof of citizenship for voter registration.

## A SAFER AND MORE VIBRANT CALIFORNIA

### CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a fair, just, and efficient manner. We believe the state, not the federal government, should govern, and **so thus**, should set the criminal statutes and protect Californians' quality of life.

The California Republican Party believes that the rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim's right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, **of parole hearings and** upon release of prisoners.

The California Republican Party has historically backed legislation that kept the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated. **We oppose blanket use of cashless bail and other initiatives that endanger public safety.** We support efforts that contribute to the restoration and reclassification of laws intended to reduce crime and protect public safety.

Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences, and we support the surety bail process. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. To reduce recidivism and to increase the offenders' likelihood of successful rehabilitation, we support the expansion of California's Collaborative Justice Courts, including but not limited to drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, that combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services and are rigorously monitored and focused on recovery. Additionally, we support rehabilitation and career technical education programs for those incarcerated in our county jails and **State** prisons.

We support the death penalty as just punishment and **an** effective deterrent for "special circumstances" murders. Special circumstances include murdering for financial gain; multiple murders; murder with the use of a bomb; murdering a peace officer, witness, judge, prosecutor, or juror; murder while lying in wait; murder during kidnapping, torture, or sexual assault; and murder to enhance gang activity. We support the death penalty for anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

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In the larger War on Terror, the California Republican Party supports the criminalization of activities that advocate acts of terrorism, violent conduct, or the killing of innocent people.

### THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

We believe that people make better decisions than does government. Free enterprise, not subsidies and government regulation, is the key to creating jobs for all Californians.

Freedom and free enterprise are fundamental to the American way of life; indeed, they are the backbone of our nation. Economic freedom leads to opportunity, opportunity leads to ~~growth~~ **innovation**, and ~~growth~~ **innovation** leads to **a better standard of living for all progress**. This is the story of America.

Economic growth depends on individual liberty, and it enables all citizens to maximize the opportunity to retain the rewards of their labor. Californians are some of the hardest-working and most entrepreneurial people in the world. We have seen disruptive technologies and business models such as ride sharing, short-term rentals, and intra-city mass transit improve the lives of California citizens. These path-breaking **innovations companies** have made many California communities better places to live and visit. We believe that the government must support an environment in which jobs can be created, even as new technologies challenge the status quo and alter the way people live and work. The government's role is to ensure that markets are free and that there is genuine competition. Government should protect our citizens from international cartels and piracy of their intellectual property. We support right-to-work laws and reject mandatory, closed union shops where workers are forced to join unions against their will. We also reject union workers being forced to make political contributions to candidates or causes that they oppose.

For California's businesses to grow, thrive and create wealth, a first-class physical infrastructure is necessary. We support investment in California's transportation infrastructure through "pay as you go" financing that utilizes existing revenue sources for their intended purpose. We oppose bonded indebtedness or the use of other revenues to fund high-speed rail.

### TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

**The California Republican Party is the party of balanced budgets, limited government, and fiscal responsibility.**

We believe that taxes in California are too high, and that our state government spends too much. We stand for the wise stewardship and responsible use of the people's money. We support without exception and without apology a two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases, tax increases labeled as fees, bonds, and the state budget. We call for a constitutional ban on any bonded indebtedness to cover general operating deficits, and

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we oppose unfunded federal and state mandates. We support our Republican legislators' efforts to require California's government to live within its means.

We call upon our government officials to pledge to stand together against any new taxes. Through ~~expanding population and~~ **economic efficiencies** ~~and economic strength~~, there already exists a mechanism to automatically raise all of the revenue needed to properly meet California's needs. California's budget problems stem from a lack of fiscal accountability and control. The California Republican Party believes that the answer will never be to increase the tax burden on Californians. Democrats have not prioritized infrastructure investment with general operating funds, which leads to a dangerous amount of bonded indebtedness, further imperils our state's financial situation, and needlessly passes financial responsibility for current needs over to our children **and grandchildren.**

We acknowledge a responsibility to those California citizens who cannot take care of themselves. We support reasonable work requirements for welfare recipients who can work and ending welfare benefits for those who can work but refuse to do so. We do not support giving any welfare or social benefits to people who have no legal right to be in California.

We recognize that unfunded public employee pension liabilities are currently the greatest threat to the financial security of our economy and government. We support the conversion of all public employee **defined-benefit** pension plans to 401(k)-style plans that provide only the benefits that have been funded by the actual contributions ~~received.~~ **of public employers and employees.**

We support the adoption of an optional single-rate system to give taxpayers the convenience of filing their taxes with a one-page form. We also support the abolition of the death tax.

Government is not equipped to participate, and should not compete, in the free market. Wherever the public's money can be saved, and the level of service **maintained or increased improved**, we call for the privatizing services now delivered by government.

We reject the unjustified use of rhetoric like "shared responsibility" as justification for an increase of state government spending and wrongful expansion of the role of government, at the expense of individual responsibility.

We oppose additional bonded indebtedness.

## EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

**Every child in California is entitled to a first-class education.**

Education is the great leveler in American society. It provides the opportunity for any child to **rise succeed** based on hard work and achievement.

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Unfortunately, this leveling effect is lost as California's schools deteriorate due to domination by union bosses, **and politicians not focused on what's best for students** which contribute to the degradation of the curriculum and the marginalization of involvement by parents. While opposing the Common Core national standards **and such politically, non-traditional curricula such as Critical Race Theory (CRT) and the 1619 Project**, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. **We strongly oppose any instances in which parents are not informed or are shielded from decisions by school officials affecting our children, whether academic or medical in nature.** We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, or the socio-economic background of their home.

We believe that parents will make better choices than government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age-inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum. We support the abolition of all regulatory barriers that prevent parents from exercising these options.

The top priority of our schools should be learning basic competencies, not social engineering. We support metrics such as exit exams to evaluate basic competency. We call for local schools to be controlled by parents and local school boards.

Schools cannot function unless they are safe. Besides providing a rigorous course of study, safety in schools at all grade levels should be the highest priority.

Admission to all public colleges and universities should be based solely on merit. We believe that the free exchange of ideas at institutions of higher learning is **critically important**, key to their fundamental purpose. We oppose all censorship of student speech on public universities through policies explicit or implicit. We believe that **both public and** private institutions of higher learning must have clear and consistent policies, applied fairly, regarding student speech and expression. All universities have a responsibility to protect students seeking to engage in political activism from violent responses from those both affiliated and unaffiliated with the university.

## PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

**We stand for the principle that condemnation and government restriction on private property must only occur for public use.**

One of the purest forms of tyranny is government confiscation of its citizens' private property. We reject condemnation or government restrictions on property without full compensation for such condemnations or restrictions. We reject government condemnation of private property for non-public use.



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We further support local land use decision making, with as much opportunity for public input and comment as possible, instead of regional planning efforts, such as United Nations' Agenda 21 and Plan Bay Area, that impose state and regional mandates on local government and private property owners.

### **HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY**

#### **Republicans are committed to making California more affordable for everyone.**

Owning a home has always been the American dream, but for many Californians, this dream is out of reach. California has an affordability crisis. Californians from all parts of society are increasingly unable to afford basic necessities, such as purchasing or renting a home, buying a car, paying for electricity and gasoline, and putting food on the table. The cost of rent has also risen to a point that private housing is not affordable for many California residents.

Our state government continues to pass **new or higher** taxes **and fees** and new, burdensome regulations that exacerbate the affordability crisis by increasing the wage gap and reducing employment opportunities. As a result, California has one of the highest rates of poverty in the nation. California's middle-class residents are leaving the state in droves, hollowing out our once prosperous society.

The California Republican Party supports tackling the affordability crisis by first incentivizing the construction of new housing to allow more opportunities for homeownership and access to rental housing. We also advocate reducing or eliminating high taxes and fees on cars, energy, gasoline, and food items that have pushed so many Californians to the brink of poverty. We support measures to encourage job creation so that every Californian who is willing to work can do so. California Republicans back proposals to incentivize businesses to remain and invest in California, instead of leaving for other states.

In order to make housing more affordable, we must lower the cost and increase the rate of new construction. We can address rising costs by reducing state regulation of new housing construction, lowering the costs and barriers for attracting skilled labor to the construction field, and by providing more flexibility on materials used in housing construction.

We support limiting development fees, or more accurately “new homebuyer taxes,” in order to lower the cost of building new housing. We support reform of the California Environmental Quality Act in order to reduce frivolous litigation that slows the speed and increases the cost of new housing construction. We support statewide restrictions on rent control in order to encourage investment in new rental housing.

The California Republican Party believes that every California family should have access to affordable housing options, near their employment, near quality schools for their

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children, and with access to medical providers necessary to meeting their healthcare needs.

### OUR HISTORIC AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 13

We acknowledge that Proposition 13 has saved residential and commercial property owners hundreds of billions of dollars since it was approved.

It provides a uniform one percent property tax rate that provides stability for homeowners and small business owners alike. Proposition 13 remains popular today because it allows citizens to exercise control over a government that should be limited and responsible with the people's money. Its two-thirds vote for tax increases ensures fiscal responsibility on all levels of governments. All citizens, including homeowners, business owners, renters, as well as local governments, benefit from Proposition 13's tax stability. **All votes to increase parcel taxes should require a two-thirds affirmative vote to be implemented.....(this is to stop Upland decision)**

### HOMELESSNESS

Addressing homelessness compassionately and effectively is a priority. **We reject the Housing First concept in favor of Housing with Restrictions regarding drugs and alcohol.** We believe in a multifaceted approach that combines personal responsibility, community support, mental health resources, and addiction services. We stress the importance of transitional programs, including job training and placement, to help individuals move from the streets to stable living situations.

### AGRICULTURE AND WATER

Agriculture, California's leading industry, exemplifies the free market at work.

The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens.

Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by over-regulation, environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector's lifeblood.

The California Republican Party believes that water is California's lifeline and additional efforts must be made to protect and increase water supply to support a thriving economy.

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While California's population is expected to grow by more than 600,000 each year, reaching between 44 and 48 million by 2025, the state's water infrastructure was built 53 1/2 decades ago to serve roughly 1/3rd as many people. California's 11 communities ??? have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water; and to guarantee that our farms and businesses get the water they need even in dry years.

Amid an extensive drought, dwindling snowpack, shrinking reservoirs, deteriorating water quality, rising water rates, restricted water use, and devastating economic impact, the voters approved Proposition 1(2014), a \$7.12 billion water bond to fund water supply infrastructure projects. **That Proposition has not been implemented.**

The California Republican Party is committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

### THE ENVIRONMENT

**The California Republican Party believes in long-term responsible stewardship of California's bountiful natural resources for future generations.**

Protection and stewardship of the environment began under a Republican President and our conservative values align with the goal of conservation: safeguarding the natural resources to which our health and economy depend.

Recognizing that environmental protection and economic growth are not mutually exclusive, we will hold our State government accountable for common sense and sustainable environmental regulations that both protect and allow for prosperity. We support environmental policies based upon sound science that encourage innovation and application of new technologies through market-based incentives whenever possible instead of regulation, taxation and litigation. Environmental regulations must be considered in light of the effects that they will have on workers and on the economy.

We believe California industry should lead the world in developing and manufacturing safe, renewable and sustainable energy. **We encourage an "all the above" energy approach through the development** of new technologies and systems for use in the domestic market, as well as for export. We believe that entrepreneurs – using technology, innovation and incentives – are more likely to solve environmental problems than bureaucrats. We support the creation of tax credits for homeowners and builders who incorporate alternative energy systems into their homes.

Dependence on foreign energy threatens both our national security and economic prosperity. Through private initiative and enterprise, we stand for the development of **American** energy that is independent from foreign sources.

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We favor clear environmental laws with consistent, straightforward interpretation and the elimination of third-party lawsuits by claimants without direct legal standing.

### HEALTHCARE

**The California Republican Party believes that the United States health care system delivers the finest medical care in the world. We support the concept of freedom of choice in health care.**

We oppose government-mandated health care plans that restrict freedom of choice, and we oppose the bureaucratic restrictions of single-payer plans. We support restructuring Medicaid to restrict elective, medically-unnecessary surgeries while increasing the compensation to doctors and hospitals for necessary surgeries and other treatments. We also oppose any universal healthcare plan for California that involves taxes on doctors or hospitals, coverage for illegal aliens, or tax subsidies. Finally, we support private sector solutions such as small business insurance pools, employment pricing reductions, guaranteed insurability, and medical savings accounts.

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

**The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development.**

A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is **the** foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years.

**We support marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and we support the two-parent family as the best environment for raising children. ,and therefore believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.** The Supreme Court's ruling (**Obergefell v. Hodges**) cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages that their faith does not recognize. We believe public policy and education should not be exploited to advocate or teach any social or political agenda.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**The California Republican Party respects each person's individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all.**

We support the California Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution's safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

### THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

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The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms.

One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear **guns arms** and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria **that** allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. **We call for the elimination of the 2019 ammunition purchase and transfer regulations. These are unnecessary given the regulations on gun ownership.** We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights.

Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

#### THE RIGHT TO LIFE

**The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death.**

We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent.

We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives. **, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, we encourage the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision.**

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia. We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning.

The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve.

The California Republican Party salutes all California veterans and we commit to continued support for them through efforts such as, but not limited to, transition

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assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits and health care. We support efforts to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in order to increase efficiencies and quality of care.

### SENIOR CALIFORNIANS

We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of Senior Californians.

Californians who have retired, or are close to retirement, should be free from worry that the resources they have built through their own work will be siphoned off by inflation or government action. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach **age** 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.

The California Republican Party is committed to promoting the opportunity for aging citizens to enjoy their retirement with the means they have accumulated throughout their working lives.

### Conclusion

**The California Republican Party recognizes that the policies outlined in this platform best serve all Californians and will restore California as the magnificent state that it has been and will be again. The absence of leadership from the Democrat Party and their policies run counter to those expressed in this platform and have prompted residents and businesses to leave our state in search of safety and prosperity elsewhere.** This trend cannot continue. We pledge to hold our government responsible for securing the safety of our families, for expanding our world-class economy, and for promoting opportunity and prosperity for every Californian.

**Draft Amendment #30**  
**Submitted by Karen Roseberry, 9/11/2023**

EDUCATION

Parents have a fundamental right, recognized by nature, nature's God, and the U.S. Supreme Court, to raise their children as they see fit, and the natural bonds of affection lead parents to act in the best interests of their children. The precedent of the right of parents in the raising of their children is inviolable, except in the most tragic cases of parental endangerment of a child. Thus, a parent's right to choose is one of the most important issues facing our country today. If we do not raise our children well, our state has no future.

The California State Constitution establishes a right to a basic education not ideological indoctrination. As such, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, or the socioeconomic background of their home. We believe that parents will make better choices than the government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum.

Education provides the opportunity for any child to rise based on hard work and achievement. Consequently, we believe in merit based admission policies to institutions of higher education and that the free exchange of ideas at those institutions is key to their fundamental purpose.

One of our State's highest priorities is to ensure that schools are safe, academic institutions where productive and thriving citizens can be educated and protected from violent responses regardless of any exchange in the differences of opinion.

**Draft Amendment #31**  
**Submitted by Matthew Munson, 9/13/2023**

**Life**

Now that the U.S Supreme Court has returned the power to save innocent lives to the people and their representatives, we call on lawmakers to seek consensus where possible and advance policies that will reduce the number of abortions, with exceptions for when it is necessary to preserve the life and health of pregnant mothers and in cases of rape and incest. We support reducing barriers to adoption and applaud the work of crisis pregnancy centers to educate and provide pregnant women and families with healthy alternatives. We recognize childcare assistance programs in the public and private sector can help families and we support initiatives to help underserved communities reduce the tragedies that can occur during pregnancy and birth. In our commitment to the sanctity of life from the womb to the tomb, we oppose the practice and expansion of physician-assisted suicide.



**Draft Amendment #32****Submitted by Corey Uhden, 9/12/2023****Housing**

Affordable and accessible housing for all Californians is imperative and we've fallen far short of meeting that need. We support policies that encourage private sector investment and market-driven solutions, reducing government red tape that inhibits housing starts. We support limiting development fees, or more accurately "new homebuyer taxes," in order to lower the cost of building new housing. Local communities must be able to shape their housing landscapes while allowing for reasonable growth and development. We are dedicated to protecting Proposition 13 of 1978, advancing taxpayers' rights, limited taxation, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

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### **Preamble**

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous, and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, *and* responsive state and local governments ~~that serve all people~~, while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution and keeping our sovereignty as a Nation under God, ~~our Creator~~. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for all.

When Republican principles are applied, we are ~~boldly~~ confident about restoring and improving California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's citizens.

### **Fixing California's Economy**

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

We believe in the power of a free and open market as the engine of prosperity. Recognizing California's entrepreneurial spirit, we champion policies that reduce burdensome regulation and taxes, creating a more favorable business climate. We uphold the principle that individuals are the ultimate creators of economic opportunity and wealth. We envision opportunities for Californians to succeed and prosper in a thriving economy.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

We cherish our unique and diverse ecosystems, believing in responsible stewardship of the Earth's resources. We prioritize policies that respect both the environment and economic prosperity, recognizing that through innovation, we can achieve both conservation and growth. We seek a balanced, practical approach to environmental protection that values private-property rights, encourages responsible natural resource use, and fosters public-private partnerships to drive sustainable solutions that are consumer friendly.

#### **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We stand for prudent fiscal management and financial responsibility, understanding that the prosperity of our state depends on sound budgeting and spending practices. We advocate for low taxes and believe that Californians' hard-earned money should be respected. We support a balanced state budget as required by law.

#### **WATER**

We are committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalination plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

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### HOUSING

We recognize the importance of affordable and accessible housing for all Californians. We support policies that encourage private sector investment and market-driven solutions, reducing government red tape that often inhibits housing development. We believe in empowering local communities to shape their housing landscapes while encouraging responsible growth and development. ~~We support Proposition 13 (1978).~~ *We are dedicated to protecting Proposition 13 of 1978, advancing taxpayers' rights, limited taxation, and the equitable and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.*

### IMMIGRATION

We believe that control over the Nation's borders is an essential attribute of sovereignty. We believe that federal law should meet domestic demands for labor without providing incentives to replace existing workers. We support legal immigration with a pathway to citizenship.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

We understand that robust and efficient infrastructure is a cornerstone of a prosperous economy. We advocate for prudent public and private investments in our infrastructure, leveraging the strengths of each. Our approach seeks to foster innovation, improve efficiency, and prioritize necessary projects, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

### *ENERGY SECURITY*

*We trust in the power of free markets, competition, and entrepreneurship to deliver the most efficient energy solutions that both sustain our economic growth and preserve our environment for future generations. We advocate for a philosophy that encourages innovation over regulation, rewards efficiency, and ensures that every Californian benefits from a robust and secure energy market.*

### *AGRICULTURE*

*California's agriculture industry feeds the world. It is vital to our economy. We are committed to supporting an agriculture sector that ensures quality for consumers and safety for farm workers. We will ensure its continued vitality by ensuring that government programs serve farmers' and ranchers' interests and that the agricultural economy is as free and open as possible.*

## Improving Quality of Life for Californians

### EDUCATION

We hold firm in our belief that all children, regardless of their background, deserve a quality education. We believe that competition and innovation, involving public, charter, private, and home schools, ~~can~~ *will* drive educational excellence, preparing California's youth for a competitive 21st-century workforce. The parent-child relationship must be respected with parents/caregivers being in control of every decision made regarding their child. We support a state constitutional amendment for school choice

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### HEALTHCARE

We believe in a patient-centric healthcare system that champions choice, affordability, and quality. Our approach favors market-based solutions, competition, and innovation to drive down costs and improve the quality and efficient delivery of care. While recognizing the role of government in providing a safety net, we caution against overreliance on state intervention in healthcare.

### HOMELESSNESS

Addressing homelessness compassionately and effectively is a priority. We believe in a multifaceted approach that combines personal responsibility, community support, mental health resources, and addiction services. We stress the importance of transitional programs, including job training and placement, to help individuals move from the streets to stable living situations.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We are the historic *al* party of equal opportunity. ~~The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality.~~ We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We understand that no one can guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

### RIGHT TO LIFE

We cherish all life ~~value protecting innocent life,~~ *including the unborn*, and want to see the number of abortions reduced. We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

We support freedom of religious expression as a right protected by the state and U.S. Constitutions. The First Amendment prohibits an official state religion and preferential treatment of different religions, which derives from the Framers' belief the individual has the right to worship according to their conscience. ~~Freedom of religion is an individual right, threatened by attempts to impose separate systems of law on Americans.~~

### FAMILY

We affirm the family as the indispensable and foundational institution for human development ~~and support traditional family values.~~ A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home; a safe surrounding where decisions are made, children are raised, and the principles of right and wrong are taught. The family is the foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the family unit as the best environment for raising children, but most importantly affirm that a loving, safe home for all children should be our society's top priority. Religious institutions play a pivotal role in strengthening ~~both traditional~~ marriages and families. Families should be protected and empowered to make decisions that are consistent with their values, beliefs, and faith.

### ***SENIOR CALIFORNIANS***

*We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of senior Californians. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on homes after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.*

### ***WILDFIRES***

*With the escalating severity of wildfires threatening our state, we must prioritize proactive land and forest management strategies to safeguard our homes, livelihoods, and California's unmatched natural beauty. Engaging with local communities and incorporating cutting-edge scientific insights are essential to navigating and mitigating the intensifying wildfire landscape. In light of the growing challenges in securing fire insurance, it's crucial to alleviate the regulatory constraints that deter providers from operating within our state.*

### ***GOVERNMENT ETHICS***

*We will work to eliminate the soft corruption of pay-to-play in Sacramento and elsewhere. Elected officials and public employees must observe the highest ethical standards.*

### ***ELECTION INTEGRITY***

*Every U.S. citizen residing within the state should be able to vote after presenting proper identification, and every vote must be counted accurately, with U.S.-citizen community oversight of the process.*

## **Making California Safe and Secure**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Our commitment to a safe, peaceful, and law-abiding California is unwavering. We believe in ensuring public safety under the rule of law. We understand that effective law enforcement requires collaboration, transparency, and accountability. We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with serious crimes only after posting reasonable bail. We also value those rehabilitation and reentry programs that lower recidivism rates. We support funding law enforcement. *The state must provide needed aid to victims of serious crimes. The death penalty must remain a sanction for the most heinous murders and be carried out expeditiously.*

### **SECOND AMENDMENT**

The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms. ~~One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals.~~ *California's gun control laws have little effect on criminals who ignore them.* We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights. Finally, ~~we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.~~

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### **NATIONAL DEFENSE**

We stand for a strong national defense *and California National Guard*. The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. It is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. We affirm that our military exists to deter our enemies and not to initiate war. We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake, there is a clear military goal, and a firm exit strategy. We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal. We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

### **VETERANS**

We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve. We support programs and policies to enhance Veteran healthcare, disability compensation, mental health treatment, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits, and the reduction of Veteran homelessness. We want continued effort to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in efficiency and quality of care delivered to Veterans.

## California Republican Party Platform

### PREAMBLE

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, and reformed and responsive state and local governments that serve all people while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for all.

We support:

- Choice and excellence in education for all Californians
- The safety and well-being of all California residents, including freedom of choice for health care
- Economic policies that promote economic growth and innovation, leading to increased affordability
- A reformed system of taxation that maintains and improves infrastructure and public safety while reducing the burden on working families, homeowners and older Californians
- Favorable environmental policies that supports California's farmers and ranchers
- Election integrity and ethical government

We are boldly confident about California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's people.

*The following detailed platform appears in alphabetical order.*

### AFFORDABILITY

**Republicans are committed to making California more affordable for everyone.**

California has an affordability crisis. Californians from all parts of society are increasingly unable to afford basic necessities, such as purchasing or renting a home, buying a car, paying for electricity and gasoline, and putting food on the table. Our state government continues to pass high taxes and new, burdensome regulations that exacerbate the affordability crisis by increasing the wage gap and reducing employment opportunities. As a result, California has one of the highest rates of poverty in the nation. California's middle-class residents are leaving the state in droves, hollowing out our once prosperous society.

The California Republican Party supports tackling the affordability crisis by first incentivizing the construction of new housing to allow more opportunities for homeownership and access to rental housing. We also advocate reducing or eliminating high taxes and fees on cars, energy, gasoline, and food items that have pushed so many Californians to the brink of poverty. We support measures to encourage job creation so

that every Californian who is willing to work can do so. California Republicans back proposals to incentivize businesses to remain and invest in California, instead of leaving for other states.

## AGRICULTURE

### **Agriculture, California's leading industry, exemplifies the free market at work.**

The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens.

Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by over-regulation, environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector's lifeblood.

## CONDEMNATION OF RACISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE

The California Republican Party condemns racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism and white supremacy as antithetical to the fundamental values of the United States of America, and the Republican Party also condemns acts of violence committed in the name of racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism or white supremacy.

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

### **The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a fair, just, and efficient manner.**

We believe the state, not the federal government, should govern, and so should set the criminal statutes and protect Californians' quality of life.

The California Republican Party believes that the rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim's right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, upon release of prisoners.

The California Republican Party has historically backed legislation that kept the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated. We support efforts that contribute to the restoration and reclassification of laws intended to reduce crime and protect public safety.



Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences, and we support the surety bail process. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. To reduce recidivism and to increase the offenders' likelihood of successful rehabilitation, we support the expansion of California's Collaborative Justice Courts, including but not limited to drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, that combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services and are rigorously monitored and focused on recovery. Additionally, we support rehabilitation and career technical education programs for those incarcerated in our county jails and prisons.

We support the death penalty as just punishment and effective deterrent for "special circumstances" murders. Special circumstances include murdering for financial gain; multiple murders; murder with the use of a bomb; murdering a peace officer, witness, judge, prosecutor, or juror; murder while lying in wait; murder during kidnapping, torture, or sexual assault; and murder to enhance gang activity. We support the death penalty for anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

In the larger War on Terror, the California Republican Party supports the criminalization of activities that advocate acts of terrorism, violent conduct, or the killing of innocent people.

## THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

**We believe that people make better decisions than does government. Free enterprise, not subsidies and government regulation, is the key to creating jobs for all Californians.**

Freedom and free enterprise are fundamental to the American way of life; indeed, they are the backbone of our nation. Economic freedom leads to opportunity, opportunity leads to growth, and growth leads to progress. This is the story of America.

Economic growth depends on individual liberty, and it enables all citizens to maximize the opportunity to retain the rewards of their labor. Californians are some of the hardest-working and most entrepreneurial people in the world. We have seen disruptive technologies and business models such as ride sharing, short-term rentals, and intra-city mass transit improve the lives of California citizens. These path-breaking companies have made many California communities better places to live and visit. We believe that the government must support an environment in which jobs can be created, even as new technologies challenge the status quo and alter the way people live and work.

We believe that people make better decisions than does government, and the free market embodies this principle. The government's role is to ensure that markets are free and that there is genuine competition. Government should protect our citizens from international cartels and piracy of their intellectual property. We support right-to-work laws and reject mandatory closed union shops where workers are forced to join

unions against their will. We also reject union workers being forced to make political contributions to candidates or causes that they oppose.

For California's businesses to grow, thrive, and create wealth, a first-class physical infrastructure is necessary. We support investment in California's transportation infrastructure through "pay as you go" financing that utilizes existing revenue sources for their intended purpose. We oppose bonded indebtedness or the use of other revenues to fund high-speed rail.

## EDUCATION

### **Every child in California is entitled to a first-class education.**

Education is the great leveler in American society. It provides the opportunity for any child to rise based on hard work and achievement.

Unfortunately, this leveling effect is lost as California's schools deteriorate due to domination by union bosses, which contribute to the degradation of the curriculum and the marginalization of involvement by parents. While opposing the Common Core national standards, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, or the socio-economic background of their home.

We believe that parents will make better choices than government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age-inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum. We support the abolition of all regulatory barriers that prevent parents from exercising these options.

The top priority of our schools should be learning basic competencies, not social engineering. We support metrics such as exit exams to evaluate basic competency. We call for local schools to be controlled by parents and local school boards.

Schools cannot function unless they are safe. Besides providing a rigorous course of study, safety in schools at all grade levels should be the highest priority.

Admission to all public colleges and universities should be based solely on merit. We believe that the free exchange of ideas at institutions of higher learning is key to their fundamental purpose. We oppose all censorship of student speech on public universities through policies explicit or implicit. We believe that private institutions of higher learning must have clear and consistent policies, applied fairly, regarding student speech and expression. All universities have a responsibility to protect students seeking to engage in political activism from violent responses from those both affiliated and unaffiliated with the university.

## ELECTION INTEGRITY

**We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel.**

We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office.

Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

**The California Republican Party believes in long-term responsible stewardship of California's bountiful natural resources for future generations.**

Protection and stewardship of the environment began under a Republican President and our conservative values align with the goal of conservation: safeguarding the natural resources to which our health and economy depend.

Recognizing that environmental protection and economic growth are not mutually exclusive, we will hold our State government accountable for common sense and sustainable environmental regulations that both protect and allow for prosperity. We support environmental policies based upon sound science that encourage innovation and application of new technologies through market-based incentives whenever possible instead of regulation, taxation and litigation. Environmental regulations must be considered in light of the effects that they will have on workers and on the economy.

We believe that the United Nations approach has been fundamentally flawed because it enables increasing emissions from the largest sources of greenhouse gasses in the world. To be truly fair and effective, we believe that any solution to greenhouse gas emissions should involve equal incentives applied worldwide and should contain provisions to protect our farms and businesses from unfair competition by countries that do not follow suit.

We believe California industry should lead the world in developing and manufacturing safe, renewable and sustainable energy. We encourage the development of these new technologies and systems for use in the domestic market, as well as for export. We believe that entrepreneurs – using technology, innovation and incentives – are more likely to solve environmental problems than bureaucrats. We support the creation of tax

credits for homeowners and builders who incorporate alternative energy systems into their homes.

Dependence on foreign energy threatens both our national security and economic prosperity. Through private initiative and enterprise, we stand for the development of energy that is independent from foreign sources.

We favor clear environmental laws with consistent, straightforward interpretation and the elimination of third-party lawsuits by claimants without direct legal standing.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

#### **The Republican Party is the historic party of equal opportunity.**

The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin and understand that one cannot guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

#### ETHICS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

#### **We believe that public service is a trust—one of the highest callings to which any man or woman may aspire.**

Ethics in service to one's fellow citizens goes beyond the letter of the law. The California Republican Party calls on its elected and appointed officials always to serve others, always to demonstrate the highest standards of morality and honesty, and never to use their offices for personal gain. Republican officeholders should give their utmost effort to improve our society and to inspire others to serve.

#### FAMILY

#### **The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development.**

A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is a foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the two-parent family as the best environment for raising children, and therefore believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The Supreme Court's ruling cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages that their faith does not recognize. We

believe public policy and education should not be exploited to advocate or teach any social or political agenda.

## FEDERALISM

**We believe that local or state governments should resolve political matters unless the United States Constitution expressly reserves such matters for the federal government.**

The federal government has repeatedly violated the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution by encroaching on rights that are reserved and delegated to the states and to the people. The California Republican Party firmly believes that the best governments are those most accountable to the people. We heed Thomas Jefferson's warning: "When all government, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another."

Non-essential federal functions should be returned to the states and localities wherever possible. It is the governments closest to the people that have the capability, knowledge, and sensitivity to local needs to effectively administer and deliver public services. Local jurisdictions' diverse problems require local understanding. We must recognize the unique abilities of local government and the inherent limitations of a distant federal government; accordingly, we support the transfer of rights, responsibilities, and revenues to local jurisdictions.

## GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

**We support an open and transparent government that is accessible to all people that it represents.**

Federal, state and local government bodies should make available all legislative, budget and spending documents in an easily searchable online database. We believe that all government bodies should publicly broadcast their meetings by means of television or internet streaming and provide ample time for public input in their decision-making process. We support a transparent legislative process that would require legislation to be in print and available for public review at least 72 hours prior to any action being taken on the item.

## HEALTHCARE

**The California Republican Party believes that the United States health care system delivers the finest medical care in the world. We support the concept of freedom of choice in health care.**

We oppose government-mandated health care plans that restrict freedom of choice, and we oppose the bureaucratic restrictions of single-payer plans. We support restructuring Medicaid to restrict elective, medically-unnecessary surgeries while increasing the

compensation to doctors and hospitals for necessary surgeries and other treatments. We also oppose any universal healthcare plan for California that involves taxes on doctors or hospitals, coverage for illegal aliens, or tax subsidies. Finally, we support private sector solutions such as small business insurance pools, employment pricing reductions, guaranteed insurability, and medical savings accounts.

## HOUSING

**Owning a home has always been the American dream, but for many Californians, this dream is out of reach. The cost of rent has also risen to a point that private housing in general is not affordable for many California residents.**

In order to make housing more affordable, we must lower the cost and increase the rate of new construction. We can address rising costs by reducing state regulation of new housing construction, lowering the costs and barriers for attracting skilled labor to the construction field, and by providing more flexibility on materials used in housing construction.

We support limiting development fees, or more accurately “new homebuyer taxes,” in order to lower the cost of building new housing. We support reform of the California Environmental Quality Act in order to reduce frivolous litigation that slows the speed and increases the cost of new housing construction. We support statewide restrictions on rent control in order to encourage investment in new rental housing.

The California Republican Party believes that every California family should have access to affordable housing options, near their employment, near quality schools for their children, and with access to medical providers necessary to meeting their healthcare needs.

## IMMIGRATION

**Our history is a story of immigrants. The California Republican Party welcomes and values each and every legal immigrant.**

America continues to symbolize hope and promise to people from around the world. We believe new immigrants help make our great nation greater still. The Republican Party is pro-immigrant. Yet we take issue with political advocacy groups that blur the line between lawful and unlawful immigration in public discourse. The result of this blurring is a poorly enforced immigration policy and an uncontrolled border – millions of people here illegally, undocumented, and living in the shadows. This isn't good for anyone.

The current problem is exacerbated by the failure of elected Democrats to negotiate in good faith to fix our broken immigration system. This failure leaves in place a government bureaucracy that produces wait times to immigrate legally into the United States that can exceed 15 years. The truth is, the United States cannot accommodate the hundreds of millions of people in the world who long to live here permanently. The

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United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, “A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.”

Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America. We want to fix it. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country’s absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, a sound immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well- managed system. It is indefensible that the Federal government puts California’s high-tech dominance at risk, and also stifles the ability of our farmers to procure the labor needed to timely harvest the fruits and vegetables that feed our country.

To ensure our immigration laws are adhered to, we support devoting more resources to border control, and increasing penalties for overstaying visas. We will support implementing a nationwide e-verify employment system once the necessary visa and guest worker programs are in place.

We also support the expedited repatriation of all violent criminals who are undocumented and, when repatriation is not possible, a full prosecution under U.S. law. Further, we believe that federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. These cities are undermining Federal law and putting our citizens at risk.

We believe that only after the border is secured and the legal immigration system modernized, can we as a nation address the complicated issue of what to do with the millions of people who are currently here illegally. Like all Americans, Republicans hold diverse views on the issue.

There is, however, consensus in the Republican Party that any solution must adhere to the following guiding principle. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking.

We support the requirement that law enforcement enforce all laws, including immigration laws.

Finally, we believe that once one enters the United States as a legal immigrant and desires to become a citizen, one should endeavor to become an American. Learning English is a vital part of life in the United States. Therefore, fluency in English must be the goal of California’s education programs. No matter a person’s native tongue, all citizens of the United States must be afforded equal opportunity. English both binds the nation and empowers individuals of all backgrounds to fully participate in the American experience. For this reason, we support the recognition of English, and English only, as the nation’s common language – the official language of government.

## THE LITIGATION CRISIS

**Justice is an American virtue. To make justice available to every person, we support legal innovations such as arbitration, mediation, and reasonable limitations on unnecessary discovery and motion practice.**

Individuals and businesses alike are besieged by baseless and overly burdensome litigation. To ensure the availability of quality health care, we support reasonable limitations on general damages awards (e.g., as contained in the bipartisan “Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act”). We favor reasonable and consistent standards for punitive damages awards, which should only be available for intentional, egregious misconduct.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE

**The California Republican Party stands for a strong national defense.**

The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. The California Republican Party asserts that it is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. Yet, we affirm that our military forces exist to deter our enemies and not to initiate war.

We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake and there is a clear military goal and a firm exit strategy.

We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal.

We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

## OUR HISTORIC AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 13

**We acknowledge that Proposition 13 has saved residential and commercial property owners hundreds of billions of dollars since it was approved.**

It provides a uniform one percent property tax rate that provides stability for homeowners and small business owners alike. Proposition 13 remains popular today because it allows citizens to exercise control over a government that should be limited and responsible with the people's money. Its two-thirds vote for tax increases ensures fiscal responsibility on all levels of governments. All citizens, including homeowners, business owners, renters, as well as local governments, benefit from Proposition 13's tax stability.



## PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

**We stand for the principle that condemnation and government restriction on private property must only occur for public use.**

One of the purest forms of tyranny is government confiscation of its citizens' private property. We reject condemnation or government restrictions on property without full compensation for such condemnations or restrictions. We reject government condemnation of private property for non-public use.

We further support local land use decision making, with as much opportunity for public input and comment as possible, instead of regional planning efforts, such as United Nations' Agenda 21 and Plan Bay Area, that impose state and regional mandates on local government and private property owners.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**The California Republican Party respects each person's individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all.**

We support the California Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution's safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

## THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

**The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms.**

One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights.

Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

## THE RIGHT TO LIFE

**The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death.**

We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and

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taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent.

We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, we encourage the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision.

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia.

We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning.

The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

**SENIOR CALIFORNIANS**

**We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of Senior Californians.**

Californians who have retired, or are close to retirement, should be free from worry that the resources they have built through their own work will be siphoned off by inflation or government action. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.

The California Republican Party is committed to promoting the opportunity for aging citizens to enjoy their retirement with the means they have accumulated throughout their working lives.

**TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

**The California Republican Party is the party of balanced budgets, limited government, and fiscal responsibility.**

We believe that taxes in California are too high, and that our state government spends too much. We stand for the wise stewardship and responsible use of the people's money. We support without exception and without apology a two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases, tax increases labeled as fees, bonds, and the state budget. We call for a constitutional ban on any bonded indebtedness to cover general operating deficits, and we oppose unfunded federal and state mandates. We support our Republican legislators' efforts to require California's government to live within its means.

We call upon our government officials to join a pledge to stand together against any new

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taxes. Through expanding population and economic strength, there already exists a mechanism to automatically raise all of the revenue needed to properly meet California's needs. California's budget problems stem from a lack of fiscal accountability and control. The California Republican Party believes that the answer will never be to increase the tax burden on Californians. We believe that Democrats have not prioritized infrastructure investment with general operating funds, which leads to a dangerous amount of bonded indebtedness, further imperils our state's financial situation, and needlessly passes financial responsibility for current needs over to our children.

We acknowledge a responsibility to those California citizens who cannot take care of themselves. We support reasonable work requirements for welfare recipients who can work and ending welfare benefits for those who can work but refuse to do so. We do not support giving any welfare or social benefits to people who have no legal right to be in California.

We recognize that unfunded public employee pension liabilities are currently the greatest threat to the financial security of our economy and government. We support the conversion of all public employee pension plans to 401(k)-style plans that provide only the benefits that have been funded by the actual contributions received.

We support the adoption of an optional single-rate system to give taxpayers the convenience of filing their taxes with a one-page form. We also support the abolition of the death tax.

Government is not equipped to participate, and should not compete, in the free market. Wherever the public's money can be saved, and the level of service increased, we call for the privatizing services now delivered by government.

We reject the unjustified use of rhetoric like "shared responsibility" as justification for an increase of state government spending and wrongful expansion of the role of government, at the expense of individual responsibility.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### **We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve.**

The California Republican Party salutes all California veterans and we commit to continued support for them through efforts such as, but not limited to, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits and health care. We support efforts to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in order to increase efficiencies and quality of care.

### WATER

**The California Republican Party believes that water is California's lifeline and additional efforts must be made to protect and increase water supply to support a thriving economy.**

While California's population is expected to grow by more than 600,000 each year, reaching between 44 and 48 million by 2025, the state's water infrastructure was built 3 1/2 decades ago to serve roughly 1/3rd as many people.

Amid an extensive drought, dwindling snowpack, shrinking reservoirs, deteriorating water quality, rising water rates, restricted water use, and devastating economic impact, the voters approved Proposition 1(2014), a \$7.12 billion water bond to fund water supply infrastructure projects.

The California Republican Party is committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

We encourage the comprehensive and efficient management of California's precious water resources in order to accommodate growth in California; to ensure that California's 11 communities have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water; and to guarantee that our farms and businesses get the water they need even in dry years.

We oppose additional bonded indebtedness.

#### CONCLUSION

The California Republican Party recognizes the truth: Government is meant to serve the people. As such, government is solemnly charged with the responsibility to craft long-term solutions rather than short-term fixes. We pledge to hold our government responsible for securing the safety of our families, for expanding our world-class economy, and for promoting fairness and justice for every Californian.

**1) Economic Policy**-Given that today we are in extraordinary complete bankruptcy of the current speculative system, we can not take baby steps or band aids. Our Federal Reserve-centered banking system favors short-term, quick return schemes like derivatives trading and other financial speculation **The CAGOP fully supports the need to insure that California once again become a fully flourishing leader in scientific, manufacturing, water infrastructure and agricultural growth. I. We will support and restablize the value of the dollar based on real productive wealth. We will support a National Banking System system that was the method used by our Founding Fathers and the Founder of the Republican Party, Abraham Lincoln, that encourages growth, entrepreneurs and innovation. This will create millions of skilled jobs, small, medium and large business, and is key to ending homelessness, by making California productive again. This will also be the strong foundation to restore American Families, where a single wage earner can support a healthy family and thus enable a stable family life .**

**Draft Amendment #36**

**Submitted by Mindy Pechenuk, 9/12/2023**

**ENERGY- Mankind has come a long way through our creativity to create new energy sources that advance our way of life. God created us in His Image to grow and develop our populations. This is why the CAGOP supports the full use of our abundant fossil fuels as we transition to a higher density nuclear and fusion power. The CAGOP rejects the Green CO2 current Agenda and "sustainable" resources, which has doubled the cost of electricity and is destroying the life of Californians. The CAGOP stands for a vision of the future and the quantum leaps in scientific and cultural development.**

**Draft Amendment #37****Submitted by Cindy Steffinich, 9/12/2023**

## RIGHT TO LIFE

The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death. We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent. We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples. As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia. We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning. The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

**Draft Amendment #38****Submitted by Jim Ricketts, 9/12/2023**

## ELECTION INTEGRITY

We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel. We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office. Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.



**Draft Amendment #39**  
**Submitted by Todd Freeman, 9/12/2023**

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**Draft Amendment #40**  
**Submitted by Sharin Latch, 9/13/2023**

9/12/2013

Dear GOP Drafting Committee:

Amendments:

**\*\*ELECTION INTEGRITY\*\***

We are committed to ensuring that every eligible citizen, regardless of age, disability, or military service, can easily register and cast their vote. We uphold the importance of political parties' right to nominate candidates for legislative offices. We recognize that fraudulent votes undermine the legitimacy of elections and disenfranchise legitimate voters. While we support recent efforts to expand voter participation, we also prioritize safeguarding election integrity.

To achieve this, we advocate for:

1. **\*\*Photo Identification\*\***: Requiring valid photo identification for in-person voting.
2. **\*\*Signature Verification\*\***: Implementing rigorous signature verification processes for mail-in voting.
3. **\*\*Ballot Security\*\***: Ensuring a transparent and verifiable chain of custody for all ballots.
4. **\*\*Citizenship Verification\*\***: Mandating proof of citizenship for voter registration.
5. **\*\*Voter Roll Maintenance\*\***: Regularly and thoroughly updating county voter rolls, including removing inactive registrants.

Our commitment is to strike a balance between inclusive voter access and the protection of our democratic process.

Sincerely,  
Sharina Latch

**Draft Amendment #41**  
**Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/13/2023**

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**Draft Amendment #42**  
**Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/13/2023**

IMMIGRATION

United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, "A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation." Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America. We want to fix it. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country's absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, a sound immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well-managed system. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking. We support a policy that ensures law enforcement and border patrol agents have the necessary resources to secure our borders and enforce our laws as well as the continued construction of the border wall infrastructure.

## Draft Amendment #43

Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll

### NATIONAL DEFENSE

We stand for a strong national defense *and California National Guard*. The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. It is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. We affirm that our military exists to deter our enemies and not to initiate war. We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake, there is a clear military goal, and a firm exit strategy. We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal. We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

## Draft Amendment #44

Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023

### SECOND AMENDMENT

The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms. ~~One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals.~~ *California's gun control laws have little effect on criminals who ignore them.* We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to ~~use deadly force to~~ protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights. Finally, we call for the ~~elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.~~

## **Draft Amendment #45**

**Submitted by Mindy Pechenuk, 9/12/2023**

The California GOP Calls for A War of Annihilation Against the Global Drug Cartels

California is the #1 State in the USA for Drug Deaths from Fentanyl .Over 350,000 Americans nationally have died from drug overdoses of all kinds in the last three years. That is more deaths than combat fatalities from World War I, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined. The efforts by these drug cartels to decriminalize and/or legalize drugs has resulted in expanded drug usage and more deaths. The California GOP will mobilize all out and do whatever it takes to defeat this drug scourge.

This includes a public educational campaign and support for an all out enforcement effort by all law enforcement and related agencies to expose and eradicate the Mexican drug cartels, Chinese organized crime, the financiers of global drug trafficking, the creation of the drug culture in America, the role of Big Pharma, money-laundering, drug financing, and the role of the major banks and offshore financial centers in facilitating this deadly destruction of especially but not limited to our younger generations.

## Draft Amendment #46

Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Our commitment to a safe, peaceful, and law-abiding California is unwavering. We believe in ensuring public safety under the rule of law. We understand that effective law enforcement requires collaboration, transparency, and accountability. We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with serious crimes only after posting reasonable bail. We also value those rehabilitation and reentry programs that lower recidivism rates. We support funding law enforcement. *The state must provide needed aid to victims of serious crimes. The death penalty must remain a sanction for the most heinous murders and be carried out expeditiously.*



***ELECTION INTEGRITY***

***Every U.S. citizen residing within the state should be able to vote after presenting proper identification, and every vote must be counted accurately, with U.S.-citizen community oversight of the process.***

**Draft Amendment #48**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

***GOVERNMENT ETHICS***

***We will work to eliminate the soft corruption of pay-to-play in Sacramento and elsewhere.  
Elected officials and public employees must observe the highest ethical standards.***

**Draft Amendment #49**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

***WILDFIRES***

***With the escalating severity of wildfires threatening our state, we must prioritize proactive land and forest management strategies to safeguard our homes, livelihoods, and California's unmatched natural beauty. Engaging with local communities and incorporating cutting-edge scientific insights are essential to navigating and mitigating the intensifying wildfire landscape. In light of the growing challenges in securing fire insurance, it's crucial to alleviate the regulatory constraints that deter providers from operating within our state.***

**Draft Amendment #50**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

***SENIOR CALIFORNIANS***

***We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of senior Californians. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on homes after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.***

## **Draft Amendment #51**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

### **FAMILY**

We affirm the family as the indispensable and foundational institution for human development ~~and support traditional family values~~. A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home; a safe surrounding where decisions are made, children are raised, and the principles of right and wrong are taught. The family is the foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the family unit as the best environment for raising children, but most importantly affirm that a loving, safe home for all children should be our society's top priority. Religious institutions play a pivotal role in strengthening ~~both traditional~~ marriages and families. Families should be protected and empowered to make decisions that are consistent with their values, beliefs, and faith.

## **Draft Amendment #52**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll**

### **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

We support freedom of religious expression as a right protected by the state and U.S. Constitutions. The First Amendment prohibits an official state religion and preferential treatment of different religions, which derives from the Framers' belief the individual has the right to worship according to their conscience. ~~Freedom of religion is an individual right, threatened by attempts to impose separate systems of law on Americans.~~

**Draft Amendment #53**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

**RIGHT TO LIFE**

We cherish all life value protecting innocent life, *including the unborn*, and want to see the number of abortions reduced. We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

## Draft Amendment #54

Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We are the historic<sup>al</sup> party of equal opportunity. ~~The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality.~~ We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We understand that no one can guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.



## **Draft Amendment #55**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

### **EDUCATION**

We hold firm in our belief that all children, regardless of their background, deserve a quality education. We believe that competition and innovation, involving public, charter, private, and home schools, ~~can~~ *will* drive educational excellence, preparing California's youth for a competitive 21st-century workforce. The parent-child relationship must be respected with parents/caregivers being in control of every decision made regarding their child. We support a state constitutional amendment for school choice

**Draft Amendment #56**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

***AGRICULTURE***

*California's agriculture industry feeds the world. It is vital to our economy. We are committed to supporting an agriculture sector that ensures quality for consumers and safety for farm workers. We will ensure its continued vitality by ensuring that government programs serve farmers' and ranchers' interests and that the agricultural economy is as free and open as possible.*

**Draft Amendment #57**

**Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023**

***ENERGY SECURITY***

***We trust in the power of free markets, competition, and entrepreneurship to deliver the most efficient energy solutions that both sustain our economic growth and preserve our environment for future generations. We advocate for a philosophy that encourages innovation over regulation, rewards efficiency, and ensures that every Californian benefits from a robust and secure energy market.***

## Draft Amendment #58

Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023

### HOUSING

We recognize the importance of affordable and accessible housing for all Californians. We support policies that encourage private sector investment and market-driven solutions, reducing government red tape that often inhibits housing development. We believe in empowering local communities to shape their housing landscapes while encouraging responsible growth and development. ~~We support Proposition 13 (1978).~~ ***We are dedicated to protecting Proposition 13 of 1978, advancing taxpayers' rights, limited taxation, and the equitable and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.***

## Draft Amendment #59

Submitted by Tim Dec, Liz Lawler, Ted Stroll, 9/13/2023

### Preamble

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous, and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, *and* responsive state and local governments ~~that serve all people~~, while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution and keeping our sovereignty as a Nation under God, ~~our Creator~~. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for all.

When Republican principles are applied, we are ~~boldly~~ confident about restoring and improving California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's citizens.

**Draft Amendment #60**

**Submitted by Mindy Pechenuk 9/13/2023**

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**Draft Amendment #61**

**Submitted by Susan Vander Schaaf, 9/13/2023**

**Fixing California's Economy**

**“AGRICULTURE**

We are committed to supporting good stewardship and quality standards in the Agricultural sector to grow and produce a domestic food supply along with a safer environment for farm workers critical to the economy and our citizens.”

**Draft Amendment #62**

**Submitted by Susan Vander Schaaf, 9/13/2023**

**“FAMILY**

The California Republican Party affirms that the family has been the natural and indispensable institution for the development of our society for centuries and must be for generations to come. Because we believe that the support of the family unit is both critical and under attack, we feel it is necessary to promote and defend the traditional family unit defined as a married man and woman with children as it has been for over 240 years. Furthermore, we affirm the family unit is where children are best loved and protected by their parents and that the state shall not infringe on that God-given mandate.”



**Draft Amendment #63**  
**Submitted by Matt Munson, 9/13/2023**

**Transgender Issues in Society**

Many transgender people are here to mind their business and be beneficial members of society. However, Democrats have gone too far to placate the emerging demographic which harms the community.

Self-identification laws leads to complications when it comes to inmates in jail to athletics for women. Prisons should be safe for both women and gender non-conforming people, if one was not born as a woman, they should not be placed in facilities designed for women. Violence on any demographic should not be tolerated or accepted in jail facilities.

We support efforts that will protect the rights of girls and women when it comes to athletics. The physiology of men leads to a natural advantage compared to women when it comes to sports. People who are born male should be required to compete with male individuals only.

We support legislative restrictions that would restrict hormones and blockers to individuals under 18 years old and surgeries to anyone under the age of 21. The zeal to rush thru individuals to be transgender is leading to the rise of people being destroyed by the gender lobby where young people are regretting the choices made for them as minors.

**Draft Amendment #64****Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/14/2023**

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**Draft Amendment #65**

**Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/13/2023**

Making California Safe and Secure

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. The California Republican Party supports funding law enforcement. We support the death penalty as just punishment and effective deterrent for “special circumstances” including anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

**Draft Amendment #66**

**Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/14/2023**

**FAMILY**

The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development. A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is a foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the two-parent family as the best environment for raising children, and therefore believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The Supreme Court's ruling cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages that their faith does not recognize. We believe public policy and education should not be exploited to advocate or teach any social or political agenda.

**Draft Amendment #67**

**Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/14/2023**

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The California Republican Party respects each person's individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all. We support the California Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution's safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

## **Draft Amendment #68**

**Submitted by Geraldine Dearie-Scarafone, 9/14/2023**

California Republican Party Platform

### **PREAMBLE**

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We support:

- Choice and excellence in education for all Californians
- The safety and well-being of all California residents, including freedom of choice for health care.
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- Favorable environmental policies that support California's farmers and ranchers
- Election integrity and ethical government We are boldly confident about California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's people.

## **Election Integrity for the GOP Platform**

We support efforts to ensure that the election process used to choose those who represent citizens at every level of government, including within political parties, protects the integrity of every aspect of the election process.

We support actively ensuring that legislation, regulations, policies and procedures used to manage elections and process ballots protect the rights of citizens to have confidence that **every vote cast will be lawful, and in fact be counted accurately.**

We support:

1. Transparency in all facets of the election process.
2. Citizen Oversight without interference, uninfringed by any unreasonable law or regulation.
3. A maximum of four days for in-person and early voting.
4. The use of paper ballots exclusively, since it is clear any electronic means of casting votes lacks transparency.
5. Requiring photo identification for voting in person and for requesting an absentee ballot.
6. The use of Absentee ballots or any mail-in ballots limited to those who can provide reasonable proof they unable go to the polls.
7. 8:00 pm on Election Day as the absolute deadline for receipt of all authorized main-in ballots.

**Draft Amendment #70**  
**Submitted by Betsy Mahan, 9/14/2023**

Amendment to Draft Platform: **Education**

Submitted by Betsy Graves Mahan

All children deserve a quality education, provided in a safe environment, with dedicated teachers and the resources needed to learn. We support competition and innovation involving public, charter, private, and home schools that drives education excellence and prepares youth for a competitive workforce. This includes school choice, and we support a state constitutional amendment to facilitate options for parents. The family unit must be respected, with parents or caregivers in control of decisions made impacting their children.

We support local control of schools by elected school board members, and oppose state or federal mandates regarding curriculum, books and non-academic activities, as well as policies that impact free speech, safety, and the well-being of students.



**Draft Amendment #70**

**Submitted by Stephen Frank, 9/14/2023**

OUR HISTORIC AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 13

**We acknowledge that Proposition 13 has saved residential and commercial property owners hundreds of billions of dollars since it was approved.**

It provides a uniform one percent property tax rate that provides stability for homeowners and small business owners alike. Proposition 13 remains popular today because it allows citizens to exercise control over a government that should be limited and responsible with the people's money. Its two-thirds vote for tax increases ensures fiscal responsibility on all levels of governments. All citizens, including homeowners, business owners, renters, as well as local governments, benefit from Proposition 13's tax stability. 11

**Draft Amendment #71**  
**Submitted by Betsy Mahan, 9/14/2023**

Amendment to Draft Platform: **Election Integrity**

Submitted by Betsy Graves Mahan

The Republican Party wants to restore faith in the election process by ensuring only legal ballots are counted. This will require that voter rolls be updated on a regular basis to eliminate unqualified voters. Every eligible California citizen must have the right to easily register and vote after showing proper identification. All signatures on Vote-By-Mail ballots must be authenticated. The chain of custody of all ballots must be verifiable, and every aspect of ballot processing must be open to citizen observers to ensure election integrity.

**Draft Amendment #72**  
**Submitted by Thomas Weissmiller, 9/14/2023**

## **Amendment Proposal to the Platform**

Date: September 14, 2023

To: Platform Committee

From: Thomas Weissmiller

RE: Proposed Amendment to the CRP Platform

### **Remarks by the author**

This proposed amendment adds an additional plank to the existing bylaws, "Beliefs and Principles".

The intent of this plank is to be a usable tool that better markets the California Republican Party. It is brief, understandable, and distinguishes us from the Democratic Party.

It is positive and upbeat. It is written in a manner that defines what it is to be a Republican in California.

Beliefs and Principles should also be the cornerstone of how we evaluate legislation. Bills that fit within our Beliefs and Principles should be considered for passage. Bills outside of our Beliefs and Principles should be fought.

*Tom*

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## **Beliefs and Principles**

### **INDIVIDUALS**

1. We believe that life is sacred, and we believe that the inalienable rights of the individual come from our Creator. They do not come from the government.
2. We believe that people want to be left alone by government, be self-sufficient, be able to grow wealth, and receive the greatest satisfaction when in the service to others.
3. We believe in treating individuals and groups with dissenting beliefs and opinions respectfully and we oppose oppression, favoritism, class warfare and limiting progression.
4. We believe that every citizen has the right to pursue happiness and follow their dream.

### **GOVERNMENT**

1. We believe in the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the California Constitution to administer representative governments of the people, by the people and for the people and are restraining documents to protect our freedom and liberty and individual rights, not group rights.
2. We believe that our voting system and having confidence in our elections is the pinnacle of our Democratic Republic.
3. We believe in checks and balances between the branches of government.
4. We believe in following and enforcing the law. Our State and Federal Constitutions provide processes to amend and enact laws.
5. We believe citizen participation is key to an effective representative form of government and it should serve the people in a limited and transparent manner and operated at a cost we can afford.

### **ECONOMY**

1. We believe in American ingenuity, free market capitalism, fair competition, and consumer choices.
2. We believe that private property is the foundation not only of prosperity but of freedom itself.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, PREPAREDNESS & DEVELOPMENT**

1. We believe that natural resources are to be used for the benefit of people and properly managed for sustainability and quality of life and the environment.
2. We believe in preparedness for natural disasters, economic fluctuations, and other possible calamities and support activities that further our education, health, physical, and spiritual development.

### **FAMILY & MORALITY**

1. We respect those that believe marriage is ordained of God, between one man and one woman and we respect the right of individuals to exercise their free agency to choose their lifestyle.
2. We believe in the protection of children and youth and admonish adults and institutions to respect their innocence, parental beliefs, religious convictions, and moral standards.
3. We believe procreation is a blessing and should not be taken lightly and is our greatest responsibility for future generations.

**Draft Amendment #73**  
**Submitted by Robert Rego, 9/14/2023**

This is my Amendment to the CA GOP party platform. I would like to Amend the Education section.

"We believe a strong affordable and efficient Higher education system is crucial for the economic development of California and the United States. We will work to make these institutions more efficient while improving quality. We believe that local control of schools and parent involvement is crucial for the success of the next generation."

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,  
Travis Hibbs

(951)-616-9736

**Draft Amendment #74**

**Submitted by Robert Rego, 9/14/2023**

**To amend the Family Section to add as follows:**

We support laws preventing state or local governments from increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach 65. We also support a tax-free position on Social Security income from all government entities.

Robert F Rego

909-496-1210

# California Republican Party Platform

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## Fixing California's Economy

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We believe in the power of a free and open market as the engine of prosperity. Recognizing California's entrepreneurial spirit, we champion policies that reduce burdensome regulation and taxes, creating a more favorable business climate. We uphold the principle that individuals are the ultimate creators of economic opportunity and wealth. We envision opportunities for Californians to succeed and prosper in a thriving economy.

### ENVIRONMENT

We cherish our unique and diverse ecosystems, believing in responsible stewardship of the Earth's resources. We prioritize policies that respect both the

environment and economic prosperity, recognizing that through innovation, we can achieve both conservation and growth. We seek a balanced, practical approach to environmental protection that values private-property rights, encourages responsible natural resource use, and fosters public-private partnerships to drive sustainable solutions that are consumer friendly.

## **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We stand for prudent fiscal management and financial responsibility, understanding that the prosperity of our state depends on sound budgeting and spending practices. We advocate for low taxes and believe that Californians' hard-earned money should be respected. We support a balanced state budget as required by law.

## **AGRICULTURE**

California's leading industry exemplifies the free market at work. The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and wellbeing of its citizens. Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by overregulation, environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector's lifeblood.

## **WATER**

We are committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

## **HOUSING**

We recognize the importance of affordable and accessible housing for all Californians. We support policies that encourage private sector investment and market-driven solutions, reducing government red tape that often inhibits housing development. We believe in empowering local communities to shape their housing landscapes while encouraging responsible growth and development. We support Proposition 13 (1978).



## **IMMIGRATION**

United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, “A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.” Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America. We want to fix it. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country’s absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, a sound immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well- managed system. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking. We support a policy that ensures law enforcement and border patrol agents have the necessary resources to secure our borders and enforce our laws as well as the continued construction of the border wall.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

We understand that robust and efficient infrastructure is a cornerstone of a prosperous economy. We advocate for prudent public and private investments in our infrastructure, leveraging the strengths of each. Our approach seeks to foster innovation, improve efficiency, and prioritize necessary projects, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

### **Improving Quality of Life for Californians**

## **EDUCATION**

We hold firm in our belief that all children, regardless of their background, deserve a quality education. We believe that competition and innovation, involving public, charter, private, and home schools, can drive educational excellence, preparing California’s youth for a competitive 21st-century workforce. The parent-child relationship must be respected with parents/caregivers being in control of every decision made regarding their child. We support a state constitutional amendment for school choice.

## **HEALTHCARE**

We believe in a patient-centric healthcare system that champions choice, affordability, and quality. Our approach favors market-based solutions, competition, and innovation to drive down costs and improve the quality and efficient delivery of care. While recognizing the role of government in providing a safety net, we caution against overreliance on state intervention in healthcare and believe government should not run our healthcare system. We solidly oppose a single payer healthcare system.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

Addressing homelessness compassionately and effectively is a priority. We believe in a multifaceted approach that combines personal responsibility, community support, mental health resources, and addiction services. We stress the importance of transitional programs, including job training and placement, to help individuals move from the streets to stable living situations.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

We are the historic party of equal opportunity. The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We understand that no one can guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

## **RIGHT TO LIFE**

The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life because we believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death. We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent. We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples. As a part of respecting the sanctity

of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia. We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning. The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

The California Republican Party respects each person’s individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all. We support the California Constitution’s guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution’s safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

## **FAMILY**

The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development. A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is a foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the two-parent family as the best environment for raising children, and therefore believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The Supreme Court’s ruling cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages that their faith does not recognize. We believe public policy and education should not be exploited to advocate or teach any social or political agenda.

## **Making California Safe and Secure**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Our commitment to a safe, peaceful, and law-abiding California is unwavering. We believe in ensuring public safety under the rule of law. We understand that effective law enforcement requires collaboration, transparency, and accountability. We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with serious crimes only after posting reasonable bail. We also value those rehabilitation and reentry programs that lower recidivism rates. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. The California Republican Party supports funding law enforcement. We support the death penalty

as just punishment and effective deterrent for “special circumstances” including anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

## **SECOND AMENDMENT**

The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms. One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual’s right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California’s constitution to reflect all of these rights. Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

## **NATIONAL DEFENSE**

We stand for a strong national defense. The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. It is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. We affirm that our military exists to deter our enemies and not to initiate war. We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake, there is a clear military goal, and a firm exit strategy. We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal. We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

## **VETERANS**

We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve. We support programs and policies to enhance Veteran healthcare, disability compensation, mental health treatment, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits, and the reduction of Veteran homelessness. We want continued effort to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in efficiency and quality of care delivered to Veterans.

## **ELECTION INTEGRITY**

We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel. We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office. Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

## **CONCLUSION**

The California Republican Party recognizes the truth: Government is meant to serve the people. As such, government is solemnly charged with the responsibility to craft long-term solutions rather than short-term fixes. We pledge to hold our government responsible for securing the safety of our families, for expanding our world-class economy, and for promoting fairness and justice for every Californian.

## EDUCATION

Parents have a fundamental right, recognized by nature, nature's God, and the U.S. Supreme Court, to raise their children as they see fit, and the natural bonds of affection lead parents to act in the best interests of their children. The precedent of the right of parents in the raising of their children is inviolable, except in the most tragic cases of parental endangerment of a child. Thus, a parent's right to choose how to educate and raise their children is one of the most important issues facing our country today. If we do not raise our children well, our state has no future.

The California State Constitution establishes a right to a basic education not ideological indoctrination. As such, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, disability or the socioeconomic background of their home. We believe that parents will make better choices than the government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, vocational schools, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum.

Education provides the opportunity for any child to rise based on hard work and achievement. It is necessary to return to the classical education that founded our nation which would include music programs, the classical arts, philosophy and science that can be applied to our world. Consequently, we believe in merit based admission policies to institutions of higher education and that the free exchange of ideas at those institutions is key to their fundamental purpose and allow creativity and hands-on opportunities as not all children learn the same.

One of our State's highest priorities is to ensure that schools are safe from drugs and mind altering agendas for all students. We need academic institutions where productive and thriving citizens can be educated and protected from violent responses regardless of any exchange in the differences of opinion.

**Draft Amendment #77**

**Submitted by Betsy Graves Mahan, 9/14/2023**

Amendment to Draft Platform: **Healthcare**

Submitted by Betsy Graves Mahan

Californians deserve a market-driven, affordable, top quality, accessible healthcare system with freedom of choice, and competition to drive down costs and improve the efficient delivery of care. The safety net provided by government should be restricted to medically necessary care and procedures with adequate compensation to providers and parental involvement if the patient is a minor. We oppose gender transitioning services for minors, including surgeries and medications that will have a permanent impact on their health and mental well-being.

**PLATFORM PROPOSAL AMENDMENT**

**ELECTION INTEGRITY**

We believe that our voting system is the pinnacle of our Democratic Republic. We believe in ensuring that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel. This will be accomplished by:

- **REQUIRING VOTER IDENTIFICATION:** Republicans recognize that the only way any voting system can assure the precept of one person, one vote, is to assure that no one is able to impersonate a registered voter. Consequently, we strongly support a law which would require would-be voters to present legal, government-issued identification at the time they register and each time they vote in person. At the same time, we would require the highest level of signature verification for any votes submitted via mail or a third party.
- **CLEANING OUR VOTER ROLLS.** California has more people registered to vote than we have people living in California including those people who have not yet reached voting age and those not eligible to vote, i.e., non-citizens. Republicans would move to have the voting rolls cleaned at the state level as well as with each county Registrar of Voters
- **GETTING RID OF THE VOTING MACHINES:** Any organization smart enough to create voting software can create digital workarounds to corrupt the vote and with cellphone technology upload and download the software needed to certify the “honesty” of the machine before and after corrupting it. Republicans believe that this is one technology we do not want and do not need. Too, getting rid of these machines would have the added advantage of requiring paper ballots.
- **REINSTITUTING IN-PRECINCT/IN-PERSON VOTING/TABULATING.** Republicans strongly support this. This is how we voted for 200+ years and could quite easily do so again. A voting weekend (Sat-Tues) will provide accommodation of voter schedules. Voters who cannot travel to the in person voting station will continue to have option to apply for absentee ballot. These measures will have the added benefit of final result as of election day (mailed-in ballots would have to be received on or before and could be tabulated while the precincts are voting).

Submitted by Brita Lindstrom  
Delegate



**Draft Amendment #79**  
**Submitted by Stephen Frank, 9/14/2023**

Here are several amendments:

**IMMIGRATION**

To ensure our immigration laws are adhered to, we support devoting more resources to border control, and increasing penalties for overstaying visas. We will support implementing a nationwide e-verify employment system once the necessary visa and guest worker programs are in place.

We also support the expedited repatriation of all violent criminals who are undocumented and, when repatriation is not possible, a full prosecution under U.S. law. Further, we believe that federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities and States that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. These cities are undermining Federal law and putting our citizens at risk.

We believe that only after the border is secured and the legal immigration system modernized, can we as a nation address the complicated issue of what to do with the millions of people who are currently here illegally. Like all Americans, Republicans hold diverse views on the issue.

There is, however, consensus in the Republican Party that any solution must adhere to the following guiding principle. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking.

We support the requirement that law enforcement enforce all laws, including immigration laws.

Finally, we believe that once one enters the United States as a legal immigrant and desires to become a citizen, one should endeavor to become an American. Learning English is a vital part of life in the United States. Therefore, fluency in English must be the goal of California's education programs. No matter a person's native tongue, all citizens of the United States must be afforded equal opportunity. English both binds the nation and empowers individuals of all backgrounds to fully participate in the American experience. For this reason, we support the recognition of English, and English only, as the nation's common language – the official language of government. 10

**AGRICULTURE**

**Agriculture, California's leading industry, exemplifies the free market at work.**

The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens.

Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by over-regulation, environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector's lifeblood.

**SENIOR CALIFORNIANS**

**We are committed to protecting the lives and resources of Senior Californians.**

Californians who have retired, or are close to retirement, should be free from worry that the resources they have built through their own work will be siphoned off by inflation or government action. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from

**Draft Amendment #79**

**Submitted by Stephen Frank, 9/14/2023**

increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.

The California Republican Party is committed to promoting the opportunity for aging citizens to enjoy their retirement with the means they have accumulated throughout their working lives.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve.**

The California Republican Party salutes all California veterans and we commit to continued support for them through efforts such as, but not limited to, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits and health care. We support efforts to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in order to increase efficiencies and quality of care.

**Draft Amendment #79**

**Submitted by Stephen Frank, 9/14/2023**

THE LITIGATION CRISIS

**Justice is an American virtue. To make justice available to every person, we support legal innovations such as arbitration, mediation, and reasonable limitations on unnecessary discovery and motion practice.**

Individuals and businesses alike are besieged by baseless and overly burdensome litigation. To ensure the availability of quality health care, we support reasonable limitations on general damages awards (e.g., as contained in the bipartisan “Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act”). We favor reasonable and consistent standards for punitive damages awards, which should only be available for intentional, egregious misconduct.

**Draft Amendment #80**  
**Submitted by G. Rick Marshall, 9/14/2023**

PREAMBLE

California Republicans' vision for California is a vibrant, prosperous, and safe California with a robust, world-class economy. One where jobs are abundant, necessities are affordable, all are treated with respect, families are healthy and secure, and the government is limited, accountable, and efficient.

We are united to stop the undoing of all the good that eight generations of Americans have worked so hard to achieve. "Woke" and green policies have jeopardized our financial independence. Our institutions have forgotten that responsibility comes with practical compassion.

California Republicans reject falsehoods and embrace these complex but fundamental truths:

- Every person faces challenges and has good and bad luck, anxiety, insecurity, disadvantages, and disappointments regardless of race, color, or creed.
- Achieving equal outcomes for all groups in all areas at all times is impossible.
- Demanding tolerance in everything only leads to intolerance.
- Competition fosters courage and character.
- Punishment deters crime.

California Republicans seek to restore what made America the strongest, most prosperous, and freest nation on earth. We stand united to protect our God-given, unalienable, and constitutional rights. We are out to save our children, ourselves, and our beloved California because God is real.

We invite you to join us.

**Draft Amendment #81**  
**Submitted by G. Rick Marshall, 9/14/2023**

HOMELESSNESS

California's major cities are becoming unlivable. They are mired in refuse and trash, drug abuse (particularly fentanyl), violent crime, and homelessness. The root causes go unaddressed while the homeless population swells despite spending millions. Stores and businesses are leaving. Smash and grab robberies are commonplace. Each year, tens of thousands flee California.

California Republicans believe homelessness persists because of easy access to drugs, makeshift tent settlements allowed in public spaces, government financial incentives, like San Francisco's \$600 monthly assistance, and the "Homeless Industrial Complex," that alliance of special interests benefiting from publicly funded homeless services building projects, providing shelters, and advocating for people experiencing homelessness. Homeless funding is wasted on unwarranted profits and excessive salaries.

This is not compassion but corruption in action.

California Republicans call on our elected leaders to forge new solutions. Stop paying the politically connected to build and run "permanent supportive housing." Build affordable shelters on vacant government land near or in less expensive areas of cities. Transfer the homeless to popup, cost-effective shelters of tents, porta-potties, and mobile modules providing food and medical services. Make cash payments temporary—a "leg up," not a permanent "handout."

California Republicans support deploying the National Guard and working with law enforcement to clean up our streets and communities. Start by categorizing the homeless into groups: criminals, substance abusers, undocumented aliens, and the mentally ill. Then, move them to transitional facilities: criminals to jail, substance abusers and mentally ill to treatment, and the undocumented to immigration. Provide addiction services, job training, and placement. Give the rest a one-way bus ticket home to their families.

Because compassion does not leave our fellows suffering on the streets.

**Draft Amendment #82**  
**Submitted by G. Rick Marshall, 9/14/2023**

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

California agriculture is vital to our nation's food security and California's economy. The Central Valley yields more crops and farm-based goods than any other State in our Union. Over a third of our country's vegetables are grown in California. California agriculture is an excellent example of the free market at work.

California Republicans encourage and support policies that help farmers and ranchers succeed, let them earn fair rewards for the risks they take, and make it easier for them to offer good products at reasonable prices.

California farmers are beset by too many rules, overregulation, environmental extremism, and limited access to water, which is vital for farming. We support the large-scale use of commercial fertilizer so our friends and neighbors are not driven into poverty or starved to death because government regulations can cause a food crisis.

California Republicans support increasing California's water supply by building new reservoirs, collecting storm runoff in new reservoirs and aquifers, desalinating water from the ocean, and recycling wastewater. With an enhanced water supply, our farmers will have the water to irrigate more crops and increase our food supply. Cattle must be allowed to graze in our forests.

California Republicans support the delivery of abundant and quality produce for consumers while maintaining farm worker safety. We oppose and support prohibitions on selling California agricultural land to foreign investors to keep food production in American hands and prying eyes and listening ears from our military bases.

**Draft Amendment #83**  
**Submitted by G. Rick Marshall, 9/14/2023**

ENERGY AND RENEWABLES

Energy—essential for achieving and maintaining a middle-class life—is expensive. Human progress and development rely not only on the availability but also on the affordability of energy. California Republicans support making energy abundant and cheap.

Nationally, conventional energy (petroleum, natural gas, and clean coal) collectively account for 77% of our energy needs, while renewables (wind and solar) contribute 13%, with nuclear energy making up the remaining 10%.

Renewable energy is expensive, unreliable, and not ready as a primary energy source. It is as destructive to ecosystems as conventional energy. Therefore, one energy source cannot be favored over others in pursuit of sustainable solutions to our growing energy needs.

The rational solution is to develop more oil, gas, and nuclear power to supply our energy needs. California Republicans support and endorse the responsible development of clean oil and natural gas from our state's vast, untapped natural resources to help us achieve energy security and independence. We support making energy abundant and affordable for all Californians.

To power California's growing electrical demands while minimizing their environmental impact, California Republicans support constructing safe, carbon-free, and cost-effective nuclear power plants. Our guide will be the successful atomic energy use in countries like France with over 70% of its electrical power produced from nuclear energy.

**Draft Amendment #84**  
**Submitted by G. Rick Marshall, 9/14/2023**

**ELECTION INTEGRITY**

The cherished right to vote must be protected from manipulation for the people to rule. While we support making registration and voting easy for every citizen, California Republicans support the following safeguards to ensure the integrity of our elections and gain the voters' trust in election returns:

- Photo identification to vote
- Proof of citizenship for first-time voter registration
- Robust signature checks on ballots cast by mail
- Regular updates to the voter roll to remove moved and dead voters.
- Require vote-by-mail ballots be requested before being mailed
- Eliminate automatic distribution of mail ballots to every voter.

Mail ballots make elections more expensive than in-person voting, resulting in fewer elections. Voters lose their ability to influence essential issues in their local and state jurisdictions because the cost of holding stand-alone elections is prohibitive.

California Republicans support increased accountability of election officials (those who count our votes) by instituting the following safeguards:

- Voting by and in election precincts, not at election centers
- Requiring a verifiable chain of custody for handling ballots from ballot creation to distribution through counting.
- Eliminating unsupervised ballot drop boxes.
- Reinstating the requirement that mail ballots be returned on or before election day

California Republicans support a return to casting in-person votes on election day as the most cost-effective way to hold an election and know the results that evening. We oppose procedures and systems that complicate and slow down ballot counting, so winners are unknown until weeks after the election.



**Draft Amendment #85**  
**Submitted by Brita Lindstrom, 9/14/2023**

ELECTION INTEGRITY

We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel.

We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office.

Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

This is the Voter Integrity Statement from 2019

**Draft Amendment #86**  
**Submitted by G. Rick Marshall, 9/14/2023**

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious freedom is a founding principle of the Republican Party. It is best expressed in Virginia's Statute for Religious Freedom, which declared that no one should "suffer on account of his religious opinion or belief, but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion..."

California Republicans pledge to respect all Californians' religious beliefs, practices, and rights of conscience. We must be free to fulfill our duty to our Creator. We promise to safeguard the independence of religious institutions from the government.

California Republicans assert that every citizen has a right to apply religious values to public policy and the right of faith-based organizations to participate fully in public programs without renouncing their beliefs, removing religious symbols, or submitting to government-imposed hiring practices.

California Republicans oppose speech codes and safe spaces. We will defend the right to speak one's mind in the public square and the right not to listen. We will stand up to those who plead for tolerance and freedom only to later demand persecution of anyone who dissents against their "new" orthodoxy in even the slightest way. Men and women of goodwill persuade rather than impose their views on others.

California Republicans believe the Supreme Court's ruling in *Obergefell* cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages their faith does not recognize. Pandemics cannot and must not be used to close churches while gaming establishments and taverns remain open.

**Draft Amendment #87**

**Submitted by Larry McMillan, 9/14/2023**

**EDUCATION**

We hold firm in our belief that all children, regardless of their background, deserve a quality education. The top priority of our schools should be learning basic competencies, not social engineering via age-inappropriate or sexually explicit curriculum. We believe that parents, not government, have both the right and the responsibility to determine the educational program most appropriate for their own children, including private, religious, and home schooling. We support the abolition of all regulatory barriers that prevent parents from exercising these options.

Competition and innovation can drive educational excellence, preparing California's youth for a competitive 21st-century workforce. The parent-child relationship must be respected with parents in control of every decision made regarding their child. Unfortunately, respect for parents has been lost and California's schools have deteriorated due to domination by politically motivated union bosses, resulting in degradation of the curriculum and marginalization of parents. By returning to the basics, we can strengthen real academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in their children's education.

We hold that it is fundamentally unfair to forcibly extract taxes for government schools from those who do not enroll either themselves or their children in those government schools. Consequently, those not making use of government schools deserve to be exempt from taxes supporting government schools. The monies saved by those no longer taxed can then be applied by parents and grandparents towards that form of education determined by the parents to be the best for their own children.

- Platform proposals amendments submission –  
Date: Thurs. 9/14/23 Time: 4:48 p.m.  
David Knittle

Submission of 5 Amendments to platform proposals, by Delegate David Knittle to the following existing California Republican Party Platform proposals:

## **Improving Quality of Life for Californians**

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### **Education**

We believe in getting back to basics in education, and eliminating the polluting practices of indoctrination occurring in the current learning environment in the California school system.

This includes eliminating indoctrinating practices such as racist CRT, and ending pride indoctrination and grooming in California schools.

We believe in disallowing school administration and teachers the practice of keeping secret from parents students engaging in California schools: gender disphoria, pride, and trans predilections, and we promote the defeat of legislation allowing such secrecy.

## **Fixing California's Economy**

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### **Economic Development**

We believe the California Governor/ legislature's 2035 ban on all fossil fuel vehicles is unrealistic, inappropriate, and would do devastating harm to Californians ability to transit to work and thrive. It would be devastating in it's unaffordability to California workers, residents, and industry. We oppose the ban.

### **Environment**

While we believe in promoting a healthy environment, the California Governor/ legislature's 2035 ban on all fossil fuel vehicles is unrealistic, inappropriate, and would do devastating harm to Californian's ability to transit to work and thrive. It would be devastating in it's unaffordability to California workers, residents, and industry. Pushing Californians into all electric vehicles is unrealistic. This is recognized by the majority of Californians.

In addition, while the CA GOP and its members care about the environment, we will discontinue our CA GOP green and blue logo in Conventions, letterheads, emails, etc., and replace it with red and dark blue. The current logo has been a regular annoyance to a significant number of Republicans, as it appears to propagandize and indoctrinate on the green movement. The Republican party is about freedom, not indoctrination of forced thought.

## **Homeless**

We believe in accountability. We support accountability toward the homeless and toward drug offenders.

## **Making California Safe and Secure**

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### **Public Safety and Criminal Justice**

We support deterrence pre- Prop 47 judicial requirements of Rehab or Incarceration if a drug offender refuses Rehab. We support accountability of drug offenders and homeless. We oppose Soros District Attorney's soft on crime, weak sentencing approach

to sentencing, which has caused the current high crime wave in California.

## **Equal Opportunity**

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**We are the party of historic equal opportunity.**

In addition to the aforementioned, we believe our candidates should embark on litigation, and we encourage so, if persons, whether in the media, candidates of another political party and or their support groups falsely label as racist in print or verbally a candidate (s) of our party. For many years now, individuals in public have falsely done so to try to win elections for their candidates, and it's long over due to fight back effectively against this false narrative.

**Draft Amendment #89**  
**Submitted by Ted Stroll, 9/14/2023**

**EDUCATION**

We hold firm in our belief that all children, regardless of their background, deserve a quality education. We believe that competition and innovation involving public, charter, private and home schools can drive educational excellence, preparing California's youth for a competitive 21st-century workforce.

The parent-child relationship must be respected and given primacy over institutional goals where the two conflict, with parents/caregivers being in control of decisions made that affect their children and informed about significant information regarding them. This is particularly important in light of gender-identity controversies at the local school board level. These are a growing problem in an area sometimes involving new and little-understood aspects of child development.

Finally, we support a state constitutional amendment for school choice.



**Draft Amendment #90**

**Submitted by Larry McMillan, 9/14/2023**

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We pledge to stand together against any new taxes. The answer is never to increase the tax burden on Californians.

We believe taxes in California are too high, and our state government spends too much. We stand for prudent fiscal management and financial responsibility, understanding that the prosperity of our state depends on tight budgeting and spending practices. We advocate for low taxes and believe that Californians deserve to keep every bit of their hard-earned money. Consequently, we call for abolishing the state income tax, the state sales tax, the property tax, and the death tax. Furthermore, fuel taxes on motor vehicles should be used only for construction and maintenance of streets, roads, highways and other thoroughfares expressly intended for the use of motor vehicles; fuel taxes should not be placed into the General Fund.

We support without exception and without apology a two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases, tax increases labeled as fees, bonds, and the state budget. We call for a constitutional ban on any bonded indebtedness to cover general operating deficits, and we oppose unfunded federal and state mandates.

Unfunded public employee pension liabilities are currently the greatest threat to the financial security of our economy and government. We support the conversion of all public employee pension plans to 401(k)-style plans that provide only the benefits that have been funded by the actual contributions received.

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**Submitted by Brita Lindstrom, 9/14/2023**

ELECTION INTEGRITY

We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel.

We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office.

Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote.

Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity. We therefore support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration. We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

This is the Election Integrity Statement from 2019

**Draft Amendment #92**

**Submitted by Larry McMillan, 9/14/2023**

**RIGHT TO LIFE**

The California Republican Party is the party that protects innocent life, which begins at conception and ends at natural death.

We support laws that protect unborn children from abortion and as a part of respecting the sanctity of life for all persons, we oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia.

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning.

The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

**Draft Amendment #93**

**Submitted by Larry McMillan, 9/14/2023**

**FAMILY**

We support traditional family values and affirm the natural family as the indispensable and foundational institution for human development. A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home: a safe surrounding where decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The natural family is the God-ordained foundation on which all human society has grown and prospered for thousands of years. The family, led by a two-parent married couple, is the best environment for raising children. Therefore, we recognize the definition of marriage that has been recognized from time immemorial, i.e. a union between one man and one woman for life. The Civil Government cannot and must not be used to coerce any church, religious institution or individual to recognize any form of marriage contrary to their faith.

# California Republican Party Platform

(Draft as approved by CRP Platform Drafting Committee -- 7/29/2023)

## [PLATFORM COMMITTEE MEMBER SAMANTHA SOBARZO'S PROPOSED FURTHER REDLINE REVISIONS TO THE PLATFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE'S 7/29/23 PROPOSED PLATFORM DRAFT]

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### Preamble

The California Republican Party envisions a vibrant, prosperous, and safe California defined by a robust world-class economy, strong and healthy families, responsive state and local governments that serve all people, while protecting individual liberties as enshrined in the US Constitution and keeping our sovereignty as a Nation under God, our Creator. As the party of Abraham Lincoln, we believe in dignity and equality for all.

When we adhere to Republican principles rooted in natural law, and which are the basis of our country's guiding documents (the US Constitution and Bill of Rights), California Republicans are applied, we are boldly can boldly face tyranny head on and remain -confident and steadfast about restoring reason to government and improving California's future and hold dearly all that is good about California's citizens.

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A summary of what California Republicans shall support follows:

- The right of every citizen to life from conception to natural death;
- The right of every citizen to hold private property;
- The rights of every parent to make health, education, and personal decisions for their children without government interference;
- The right of every citizen to be safe from crime in their communities;
- The right of every student and parent to school choice
- The right of California's farmers and ranchers to favorable water and environmental policies that put the benefit of citizens above political agendas;
- A reformed system of taxation that maintains and improves infrastructure and public safety while reducing unnecessary bureaucratic spending that adds undue pressure on working families, homeowners, business owners and seniors.
- Economic policies that promote growth and innovation, a decrease of regulation, ultimately leading to increased affordability

When the California Republican Party remains rooted in truth and its original guiding principles, it can be bold and hopeful in its continuing work to restore California to a place where its citizens are not beholden to a super majority.

*The following detailed platform appears in alphabetical order.*

AFFORDABILITY

**Republicans are committed to making California more affordable for everyone.**

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California has an affordability crisis. Californians from all parts of society are increasingly unable to afford basic necessities, such as purchasing or renting a home, buying a car, paying for electricity and gasoline, and putting food on the table. Our state government continues to pass high taxes and new, burdensome regulations that exacerbate the affordability crisis by increasing the wage gap and reducing employment opportunities. As a result, California has one of the highest rates of poverty in the nation. California's middle-class residents are leaving the state in droves, hollowing out our once prosperous society.

The California Republican Party supports tackling the affordability crisis by first incentivizing the construction of new housing to allow more opportunities for homeownership and access to rental housing. We also advocate reducing or eliminating high taxes and fees on cars, energy, gasoline, and food items that have pushed so many Californians to the brink of poverty. We support measures to encourage job creation so that every Californian who is willing to work can do so. California Republicans back proposals to incentivize businesses to remain and invest in California, instead of leaving for other states. The Republican Party understands that over-regulation leads to business unsustainability and will always support proposed laws that minimize bureaucracy.

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AGRICULTURE

**Agriculture, California's leading industry, exemplifies the free market at work.**

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The California Republican Party recognizes that agriculture is one of California's leading industries and is essential to the future of California's economy and the health and well-being of its citizens.

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Government should create a favorable policy environment that supports California's farmers and ranchers, maximizing their ability to receive the reward for the risks they take year after year, while strengthening their ability to provide quality products at reasonable costs to consumers. California's approach, rather, has been beset by over-regulation.

environmental extremism, and restricted access to water, the agricultural sector’s lifeblood. This section goes hand in hand with the “WATER” section found herein.

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CONDEMNATION OF RACISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE

The California Republican Party condemns racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism and white supremacy as antithetical to the fundamental values of the United States of America, and the Republican Party also condemns acts of violence committed in the name of racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, ethnic nationalism or white supremacy. The Republican Party further recognizes that any and all people, regardless of color, may be victims of racism and stands firmly against any type of racial discrimination or acts of violence against any human person, as it affirms the dignity of all.

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CRIME AND JUSTICE

**The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a fair, just, and efficient manner.**

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We believe the state, not the federal government, should govern, and so should set the criminal statutes and protect Californians’ quality of life.

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The California Republican Party believes that the rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim’s right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, upon release of prisoners.

The California Republican Party has historically backed legislation that kept the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated. We support efforts that contribute to the restoration and reclassification of laws intended to reduce crime and protect public safety

Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences, and we support the surety bail process. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. To reduce recidivism and to increase the offenders’ likelihood of successful rehabilitation, we support the expansion of California’s Collaborative Justice Courts, including but not limited to drug courts, mental health courts, and veteran’s courts, that combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services and are rigorously monitored and focused on recovery. Additionally, we support rehabilitation and career technical education programs for those incarcerated in our county jails and prisons.

We support the death penalty as just punishment and effective deterrent for “special circumstances” murders. Special circumstances include murdering for financial gain; multiple murders; murder with the use of a bomb; murdering a peace officer, witness, judge, prosecutor, or juror; murder while lying in wait; murder during kidnapping, torture, or sexual assault; and murder to enhance gang activity. We support the death penalty for anyone convicted of carrying out a terrorist attack on the United States.

In the larger War on Terror, the California Republican Party supports the criminalization of activities that advocate acts of terrorism, violent conduct, or the killing of innocent people and simultaneously rejects any attempts to re-define such terms to politically vilify or attach law abiding citizens by other citizens or agencies of the Federal, state, or local government.

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#### THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

**We believe that people make better decisions than does government. Free enterprise, not subsidies and government regulation, is the key to creating jobs for all Californians.**

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Freedom and free enterprise are fundamental to the American way of life; indeed, they are the backbone of our nation. Economic freedom leads to opportunity, opportunity leads to growth, and growth leads to progress. This is the story of America.

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Economic growth depends on individual liberty, and it enables all citizens to maximize the opportunity to retain the rewards of their labor. Californians are some of the hardest-working and most entrepreneurial people in the world. We have seen disruptive technologies and business models such as ride sharing, short-term rentals, and intra-city mass transit improve the lives of California citizens. These path-breaking companies have made many California communities better places to live and visit. We believe that the government must support an environment in which jobs can be created, even as new technologies challenge the status quo and alter the way people live and work.

We believe that people make better decisions than does government, and the free market embodies this principle. The government’s role is to ensure that markets are free and that there is genuine competition. Government should protect our citizens from international cartels and piracy of their intellectual property. We support right-to-work laws and reject mandatory closed union shops where workers are forced to join



unions against their will. We also reject union workers being forced to make political contributions to candidates or causes that they oppose.

For California's businesses to grow, thrive, and create wealth, a first-class physical infrastructure is necessary. We support investment in California's transportation infrastructure through "pay as you go" financing that utilizes existing revenue sources for their intended purpose. We oppose bonded indebtedness or the use of other revenues to fund high-speed rail.

#### EDUCATION

### Every child in California is entitled to a first-class education.

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Education is the great leveler in American society. It provides the opportunity for any child to rise based on hard work and achievement.

Unfortunately, this leveling effect is lost as California's schools deteriorate due to domination by union bosses, which contribute to the degradation of the curriculum and the marginalization of involvement by parents. While opposing the Common Core national standards, we support all reasonable measures to strengthen academic standards and maximize the influence and involvement of parents in the schools. We support an education system that ensures access and opportunity for all children, blind to the color of their skin, the circumstances of their neighborhood, or the socio-economic background of their home.

We believe that parents will make better choices than government in almost every case. Consequently, we support school choice programs, voucher and tax-credit scholarships, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, educational savings accounts, the right of parents to choose to have their child taught in academic English, and to opt out of age-inappropriate and sexually explicit curriculum. We support the abolition of all regulatory barriers that prevent parents from exercising these options.

The top priority of our schools should be learning basic competencies, not social engineering. We support metrics such as exit exams to evaluate basic competency. We call for local schools to be controlled by parents and local school boards.

Schools cannot function unless they are safe. Besides providing a rigorous course of study, safety in schools at all grade levels should be the highest priority.

Admission to all public colleges and universities should be based solely on merit. We believe that the free exchange of ideas at institutions of higher learning is key to their fundamental purpose. We oppose all censorship of student speech on public universities through policies explicit or implicit. We believe that private institutions of higher learning must have clear and consistent policies, applied fairly, regarding student speech and

expression. All universities have a responsibility to protect students seeking to engage in political activism from violent responses from those both affiliated and unaffiliated with the university.

Further, we support local School Boards' right to self govern without State government interference or fear of retaliation, giving parents maximum rights to effect change within their Boards when needed.

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#### THE ENVIRONMENT

**The California Republican Party believes in long-term responsible stewardship of California's bountiful natural resources for future generations.**

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Protection and stewardship of the environment began under a Republican President and our conservative values align with the goal of conservation: safeguarding the natural resources to which our health and economy depend.

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Recognizing that environmental protection and economic growth are not mutually exclusive, we will hold our State government accountable for common sense and sustainable environmental regulations that both protect and allow for prosperity. We support environmental policies based upon sound science that encourage innovation and application of new technologies through market-based incentives whenever possible instead of regulation, taxation and litigation. Environmental regulations must be considered in light of the effects that they will have on workers and on the economy.

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We believe that the United Nations approach has been fundamentally flawed because it

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enables increasing emissions from the largest sources of greenhouse gasses in the world. To be truly fair and effective, we believe that any solution to greenhouse gas emissions should involve equal incentives applied worldwide and should contain provisions to protect our farms and businesses from unfair competition by countries that do not follow suit.

We believe California industry should lead the world in developing and manufacturing safe, renewable and sustainable energy. We encourage the development of these new technologies and systems for use in the domestic market, as well as for export. We believe that entrepreneurs – using technology, innovation and incentives – are more likely to solve environmental problems than bureaucrats. We support the creation of taxcredits for homeowners and builders who incorporate alternative energy systems into their homes.

Dependence on foreign energy threatens both our national security and economic prosperity. Through private initiative and enterprise, we stand for the development of energy that is independent from foreign sources.

We favor clear environmental laws with consistent, straightforward interpretation and the elimination of third-party lawsuits by claimants without direct legal standing.

We oppose any tyrannical overreach by any government agency which infringes on the citizen's right to decide what type of stove to use or car to drive to the detriment of the already-struggling and financially impacted population.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

**The Republican Party is the historic party of equal opportunity.**

The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin and understand that one cannot guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

The Republican Party affirms equal opportunity for all, but understands that not one person or entity can guarantee equality of outcome.

ETHICS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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**We believe that public service is a trust—one of the highest callings to which any man or woman may aspire.**

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Ethics in service to one’s fellow citizens goes beyond the letter of the law. The California Republican Party calls on its elected and appointed officials always to serve others, always to demonstrate the highest standards of morality and honesty, and never to use their offices for personal gain. Republican officeholders should give their utmost effort to improve our society and to inspire others to serve.

Any candidate or representative who purports to be part of the Republican Party must recuse him or herself when personal obligations or aspirations conflict with the position sought or already obtained. The Republican Party affirms its core value of answering to the people and not any financial, foreign or other influence. In start opposition to the Democratic Party, the Republican Party must hold accountable anyone who would use their office, title or position for inside information or personal gain.

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As it relates to proxy ethics, no member, representative, agent, candidate, delegate, ex officio or board of directors member should engage in the buying or selling of proxies for the purpose of attaining personal or outside entity’s political goals or agenda.

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FAMILY

**The California Republican Party affirms the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development.**

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A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home—a safe surrounding where family decisions are made, children are raised, and morality is taught. The family is a foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the two-parent family as the best environment for raising children, and therefore believe that it is important to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The Supreme Court’s ruling cannot and must not be used to coerce a church or religious institution into performing marriages that their faith does not recognize. We believe public policy and education should not be exploited to advocate or teach any social or political agenda.

The Republican Party stands with individuals, businesses and/or churches who may suffer legal fines or other consequences as it relates to the redefined definition of marriage and reiterates that no person or entity should be forced to violate their conscience. Any Republican of good faith stands against undoing the will of the voters via judicial or governmental agency overreach.

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FEDERALISM

**We believe that local or state governments should resolve political matters**

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**unless the United States Constitution expressly reserves such matters for the federal government.**

The federal government has repeatedly violated the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution by encroaching on rights that are reserved and delegated to the states and to the people. The California Republican Party firmly believes that the best governments are those most accountable to the people. We heed Thomas Jefferson's warning: "When all government, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another."

Non-essential federal functions should be returned to the states and localities wherever possible. It is the governments closest to the people that have the capability, knowledge, and sensitivity to local needs to effectively administer and deliver public services. Local jurisdictions' diverse problems require local understanding. We must recognize the unique abilities of local government and the inherent limitations of a distant federal government; accordingly, we support the transfer of rights, responsibilities, and revenues to local jurisdictions.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

**We support an open and transparent government that is accessible to all people that it represents.**

Federal, state and local government bodies should make available all legislative, budget and spending documents in an easily searchable online database. We believe that all government bodies should publicly broadcast their meetings by means of television or internet streaming and provide ample time for public input in their decision-making process. We support a transparent legislative process that would require legislation to be in print and available for public review at least 72 hours prior to any action being taken on the item.

HEALTHCARE

**The California Republican Party believes that the United States health care system delivers the finest medical care in the world. We support the concept of freedom of choice in health care.**

We oppose government-mandated health care plans that restrict freedom of choice, and we oppose the bureaucratic restrictions of single-payer plans. We support restructuring Medicaid to restrict elective, medically-unnecessary surgeries while increasing the compensation to doctors and hospitals for necessary surgeries and other treatments. We also oppose any universal healthcare plan for California that involves taxes on doctors or hospitals, coverage for illegal aliens, or tax subsidies. Finally, we support private sector solutions such as small business insurance pools, employment pricing reductions,

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guaranteed insurability, and medical savings accounts.

The Republican Party unequivocally stands against any health care mandates from local, state or Federal government as it relates to vaccinations, especially as it relates to COVID-type immunizations or any other unproven pharmaceuticals. Each person has a right to move freely and earn a living regardless of any medical decisions they make take for themselves or their families. No senior citizen should be forced to die alone, no child should be kept from learning, and no person should be ostracized for their personal health choices, and especially not at the hands of their elected or non-elected representatives.

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#### HOUSING

Owning a home has always been the American dream, but for many Californians, this dream is out of reach. The cost of rent has also risen to a point that private housing in general is not affordable for many California residents.

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In order to make housing more affordable, we must lower the cost and increase the rate of new construction. We can address rising costs by reducing state regulation of new housing construction, lowering the costs and barriers for attracting skilled labor to the construction field, and by providing more flexibility on materials used in housing construction.

We support limiting development fees, or more accurately "new homebuyer taxes," in order to lower the cost of building new housing. We support reform of the California Environmental Quality Act in order to reduce frivolous litigation that slows the speed and increases the cost of new housing construction. We support statewide restrictions on rent control in order to encourage investment in new rental housing.

The California Republican Party believes that every California family should have access to affordable housing options, near their employment, near quality schools for their children, and with access to medical providers necessary to meeting their healthcare needs.

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The Republican Party believes in taking realistic measures to reduce or end the homeless crisis in California, including auditing the millions allocated by California's government agencies to this issue, and providing proper funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment for each County.

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#### IMMIGRATION

Our history is a story of immigrants. The California Republican Party welcomes and values each and every legal immigrant.

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America continues to symbolize hope and promise to people from around the world. We

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believe new immigrants help make our great nation greater still. The Republican Party is pro-immigrant. Yet we take issue with political advocacy groups that blur the line between lawful and unlawful immigration in public discourse. The result of this blurring is a poorly enforced immigration policy and an uncontrolled border – millions of people here illegally, undocumented, and living in the shadows. This isn't good for anyone.

The current problem is exacerbated by the failure of elected Democrats to negotiate in good faith to fix our broken immigration system. This failure leaves in place a government bureaucracy that produces wait times to immigrate legally into the United States that can exceed 15 years. The truth is, the United States cannot accommodate the hundreds of millions of people in the world who long to live here permanently. The United States government has an obligation to all Americans to control our borders. As Ronald Reagan said, "A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation."

Our current immigration policy is out of step with the modern world and does not work for California or America. We want to fix it. A sound immigration policy would affirm our country's absolute right to protect our borders. At the same time, a sound immigration policy would permit legal entry to the workers California and America must have. We support visa and guest worker programs that allow people to legally enter the United States, and leave and return if needed, through a flexible and well-managed system. It is indefensible that the Federal government puts California's high-tech dominance at risk, and also stifles the ability of our farmers to procure the labor needed to timely harvest the fruits and vegetables that feed our country.

To ensure our immigration laws are adhered to, we support devoting more resources to border control, and increasing penalties for overstaying visas. We will support implementing a nationwide e-verify employment system once the necessary visa and guest worker programs are in place.

We also support the expedited repatriation of all violent criminals who are undocumented and, when repatriation is not possible, a full prosecution under U.S. law. Further, we believe that federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials. These cities are undermining Federal law and putting our citizens at risk.

We believe that only after the border is secured and the legal immigration system modernized, can we as a nation address the complicated issue of what to do with the millions of people who are currently here illegally. Like all Americans, Republicans hold diverse views on the issue.

There is, however, consensus in the Republican Party that any solution must adhere to the following guiding principle. We will not support a policy that grants amnesty. Amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking.

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We support the requirement that law enforcement enforce all laws, including immigration laws.

Finally, we believe that once one enters the United States as a legal immigrant and desires to become a citizen, one should endeavor to become an American. Learning English is a vital part of life in the United States. Therefore, fluency in English must be the goal of California's education programs. No matter a person's native tongue, all citizens of the United States must be afforded equal opportunity. English both binds the nation and empowers individuals of all backgrounds to fully participate in the American experience. For this reason, we support the recognition of English, and English only, as the nation's common language – the official language of government.

#### THE LITIGATION CRISIS

**Justice is an American virtue. To make justice available to every person, we support legal innovations such as arbitration, mediation, and reasonable limitations on unnecessary discovery and motion practice.**

Individuals and businesses alike are besieged by baseless and overly burdensome litigation. To ensure the availability of quality health care, we support reasonable limitations on general damages awards (e.g., as contained in the bipartisan "Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act"). We favor reasonable and consistent standards for punitive damages awards, which should only be available for intentional, egregious misconduct.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE

**The California Republican Party stands for a strong national defense.**

The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. The California Republican Party asserts that it is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. Yet, we affirm that our military forces exist to deter our enemies and not to initiate war.

We should never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake and there is a clear military goal and a firm exit strategy.

We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal.

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We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.

The Republican Party will demand military spending audits when appropriate and follow through with proper consequences for anyone who would defraud our military branches, which in effect defrauds active and retired military members.

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#### OUR HISTORIC AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 13

**We acknowledge that Proposition 13 has saved residential and commercial property owners hundreds of billions of dollars since it was approved.**

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It provides a uniform one percent property tax rate that provides stability for homeowners and small business owners alike. Proposition 13 remains popular today because it allows citizens to exercise control over a government that should be limited and responsible with the people's money. Its two-thirds vote for tax increases ensures fiscal responsibility on all levels of governments. All citizens, including homeowners, business owners, renters, as well as local governments, benefit from Proposition 13's tax stability.

#### PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

**We stand for the principle that condemnation and government restriction on private property must only occur for public use.**

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One of the purest forms of tyranny is government confiscation of its citizens' private property. We reject condemnation or government restrictions on property without full compensation for such condemnations or restrictions. We reject government condemnation of private property for non-public use.

We further support local land use decision making, with as much opportunity for public input and comment as possible, instead of regional planning efforts, such as United Nations' Agenda 21 and Plan Bay Area, that impose state and regional mandates on local government and private property owners.

#### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**The California Republican Party respects each person's individual conscience and is a strong proponent of religious liberty for all.**

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We support the California Constitution's guarantee of the free exercise and enjoyment of

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religion without discrimination or preference. We strongly support the United States Constitution's safeguard against the establishment of a state sponsored religion, while simultaneously protecting the free exercise of religion.

THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

**The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms.**

One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights.

Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

The Republican Party stands against so-called red flag laws that would infringe on the rights of law abiding citizens.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE

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We support laws that protect unborn children from partial birth, sex selection, and taxpayer funded abortions, and abortions performed as a form of birth control or on minor girls without their parents' notification and consent.

We believe that the question of abortion is a matter that should be left to the people through their elected representatives, not usurped by the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, we encourage the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision. In a post Roe v. Wade era, the Republican Party will support any legislation or statutes which would support men and women who choose to parent their children.

We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples and to not use general ideologies, the redefinition marriage, or religious litmus tests as defining factors of an otherwise legitimate, law abiding, vetted person or family wishing to adopt or foster children.

As a part of respecting the sanctity of life for disabled persons, we oppose efforts to legalize

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We support a comprehensive ban on all human cloning.

The California Republican Party supports ethical stem cell research that focuses on cures and does not destroy innocent human life.

#### SENIOR CALIFORNIANS

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Californians who have retired, or are close to retirement, should be free from worry that the resources they have built through their own work will be siphoned off by inflation or government action. We support laws that would prevent state or local governments from increasing property taxes on personal residences after owners reach 65. We oppose state taxes on Social Security income.

The California Republican Party is committed to promoting the opportunity for aging citizens to enjoy their retirement with the means they have accumulated throughout their working lives.

#### TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

**The California Republican Party is the party of balanced budgets, limited government, and fiscal responsibility.**

We believe that taxes in California are too high, and that our state government spends too much. We stand for the wise stewardship and responsible use of the people's money. We support without exception and without apology a two-thirds vote requirement for tax increases, tax increases labeled as fees, bonds, and the state budget. We call for a constitutional ban on any bonded indebtedness to cover general operating deficits, and we oppose unfunded federal and state mandates. We support our Republican legislators' efforts to require California's government to live within its means.

We call upon our government officials to join a pledge to stand together against any new taxes. Through expanding population and economic strength, there already exists a mechanism to automatically raise all of the revenue needed to properly meet California's needs. California's budget problems stem from a lack of fiscal accountability and control. The California Republican Party believes that the answer will never be to increase the tax burden on Californians. We believe that Democrats have not prioritized infrastructure investment with general operating funds, which leads to a dangerous amount of bonded indebtedness, further imperils our state's financial situation, and needlessly passes financial responsibility for current needs over to our children.

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Government is not equipped to participate, and should not compete, in the free market. Wherever the public's money can be saved, and the level of service increased, we call for the privatizing services now delivered by government.

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We reject the unjustified use of rhetoric like "shared responsibility" as justification for an increase of state government spending and wrongful expansion of the role of government, at the expense of individual responsibility.

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

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The California Republican Party salutes all California veterans and we commit to continued support for them through efforts such as, but not limited to, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits and health care. We support efforts to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in order to increase efficiencies and quality of care.

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#### WATER

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**The California Republican Party believes that water is California's lifeline and additional efforts must be made to protect and increase water supply to support a thriving economy.**

While California's population is expected to grow by more than 600,000 each year, reaching between 44 and 48 million by 2025, the state's water infrastructure was built 3 ½ decades ago to serve roughly 1/3rd as many people.

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Amid an extensive drought, dwindling snowpack, shrinking reservoirs, deteriorating water quality, rising water rates, restricted water use, and devastating economic impact, the voters approved Proposition 1(2014), a \$7.12 billion water bond to fund water supply infrastructure projects.

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The California Republican Party is committed to supporting the construction of new, above ground water storage facilities and desalinization plants as critical components in the plan to meet California's long-term water needs.

We encourage the comprehensive and efficient management of California's precious water resources in order to accommodate growth in California; to ensure that California's 11 communities have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water; and to guarantee that our farms and businesses get the water they need even in dry years.

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The Republican Party will support any necessary audits of water infrastructure, or related, expenditures in California.

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We oppose additional bonded indebtedness.

## CONCLUSION

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The California Republican Party recognizes the truth: Government is meant to serve the people. As such, government is solemnly charged with the responsibility to craft long-term solutions rather than short-term fixes. We pledge to hold our government responsible for securing the safety of our families, for expanding our world-class economy, and for prom

**[NOTE: I have stricken the entirety of the 7/29/23 Proposed Amended Platform as it is squarely contrary to conservative values and would effectively destroy the California Republican Party]**

## **Fixing California's Economy**

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### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**We believe in the power of a free and open market as the engine of prosperity. Recognizing California's entrepreneurial spirit,**

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~~**we champion policies that reduce burdensome regulation and taxes, creating a more favorable business climate. We uphold the principle that individuals are the ultimate creators of economic opportunity and wealth. We envision opportunities for Californians to succeed and prosper in a thriving economy.**~~

~~**ENVIRONMENT**~~

~~**We cherish our unique and diverse ecosystems, believing in responsible stewardship of the Earth's resources. We prioritize policies that respect both the environment and economic prosperity, recognizing that through innovation, we can achieve both conservation and growth. We seek a balanced, practical approach to environmental protection that values private property rights, encourages responsible natural resource use, and fosters public-private partnerships to drive sustainable solutions that are consumer friendly.**~~

~~**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**~~

~~**We stand for prudent fiscal management and financial responsibility, understanding that the prosperity of our state depends on sound budgeting and spending practices. We advocate for low taxes and believe that Californians' hard-earned money should be respected. We support a balanced state budget as required by law.**~~

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## HOUSING

We recognize the importance of affordable and accessible housing for all Californians. We support policies that encourage private sector investment and market-driven solutions, reducing government red tape that often inhibits housing development. We believe in empowering local communities to shape their housing landscapes while encouraging responsible growth and development. We support Proposition 13 (1978).

## IMMIGRATION

We believe that control over the Nation's borders is an essential attribute of sovereignty. We believe that federal law should meet domestic demands for labor without providing incentives to replace existing workers. We support legal immigration with a pathway to citizenship.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

We understand that robust and efficient infrastructure is a cornerstone of a prosperous economy. We advocate for prudent public and private investments in our infrastructure, leveraging the strengths of each. Our approach seeks to foster innovation, improve efficiency, and prioritize necessary projects, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

## Improving Quality of Life for Californians

## EDUCATION

We hold firm in our belief that all children, regardless of their background, deserve a quality education. We believe that competition and innovation, involving public, charter, private, and home schools, can drive educational excellence, preparing California's youth for a competitive 21st-century workforce. The parent-child relationship must be respected with

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~~**parents/caregivers being in control of every decision made regarding their child. We support a state constitutional amendment for school choice.**~~

## ~~**HEALTHCARE**~~

~~**We believe in a patient-centric healthcare system that champions choice, affordability, and quality. Our approach favors market-based solutions, competition, and innovation to drive down costs and improve the quality and efficient delivery of care. While recognizing the role of government in providing a safety net, we caution against overreliance on state intervention in healthcare.**~~

## ~~**HOMELESSNESS**~~

~~**Addressing homelessness compassionately and effectively is a priority. We believe in a multifaceted approach that combines personal responsibility, community support, mental health resources, and addiction services. We stress the importance of transitional programs, including job training and placement, to help individuals move from the streets to stable living situations.**~~

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## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We are the historic party of equal opportunity. The Republican Party abolished slavery and has always stood for the right of all persons to succeed. During Reconstruction and throughout the shame of the Democratic Party's Jim Crow laws, the Republican Party championed racial equality against strong opposition. We also stood for women's rights, including the right to vote, and continue to support gender equality. We support laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We believe that all individuals should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We understand that no one can guarantee equality of results, only equality of opportunity.

## RIGHT TO LIFE

We value protecting innocent life and want to see the number of abortions reduced. We support adoption as an alternative to abortion and call on lawmakers to reduce the bureaucratic burden placed on adoptive couples.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

We support freedom of religious expression as a right protected by the state and U.S. Constitutions. The First Amendment prohibits an official state religion and preferential treatment of different religions, which derives from the Framers' belief the individual has the right to worship according to their conscience. Freedom of religion is an individual right, threatened by attempts to impose separate systems of law on Americans.

## FAMILY

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~~**We affirm the family as the indispensable and foundational institution for human development and support traditional family values. A strong and healthy family unit is the heart of the home; a safe surrounding where decisions are made, children are raised, and the principles of right and wrong are taught. The family is the foundation on which American society has grown and prospered for over 200 years. We support the family unit as the best environment for raising children, but most importantly affirm that a loving, safe home for all children should be our society's top priority. Religious institutions play a pivotal role in strengthening both traditional marriages and families. Families should be protected and empowered to make decisions that are consistent with their values, beliefs, and faith.**~~

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## Making California Safe and Secure

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Our commitment to a safe, peaceful, and law-abiding California is unwavering. We believe in ensuring public safety under the rule of law. We understand that effective law enforcement requires collaboration, transparency, and accountability. We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with serious crimes only after posting reasonable bail. We also value those rehabilitation and reentry programs that lower recidivism rates. We support funding law enforcement.

### SECOND AMENDMENT

The United States Constitution guarantees the right of its citizenry to keep and bear arms. One of the first acts of a totalitarian regime is to disarm its people. California's gun control laws only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not criminals. We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all California citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose. We call for statewide legislation setting reasonable criteria allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons. We support an individual's right to use deadly force to protect lives and property. We also propose amending California's constitution to reflect all of these rights. Finally, we call for the elimination of waiting periods to purchase firearms and instead support complete implementation of instant background checks.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE

We stand for a strong national defense. The first duty of government is to provide for the common defense. It is imperative that we retain our military superiority in order to deter any potential adversary. We affirm that our military exists to deter our enemies and not to initiate war. We should

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~~never allow our troops to be put under foreign command nor committed to a foreign conflict unless U.S. national interests are directly at stake, there is a clear military goal, and a firm exit strategy. We recognize the rise in international terrorism against western democracies and understand that no country can successfully combat it alone. We believe in supporting our allies and in defeating international terrorists and those who support them, wherever they hide. We object to a "surrender first" policy or unilateral withdrawal. We believe that compensation for our troops should be fair, and we support a state income tax exemption while our troops are on active duty.~~

## VETERANS

~~We are free because of those who have answered the call to serve. We support programs and policies to enhance Veteran healthcare, disability compensation, mental health treatment, transition assistance, jobs programs, housing assistance, retirement benefits, and the reduction of Veteran homelessness. We want continued effort to improve the operations of the Veteran's Administration in efficiency and quality of care delivered to Veterans.~~

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**Draft Amendment #95**

**Submitted by Larry McMillan, 9/14/2023**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

We stand for the principle that condemnation and government restrictions on private property are legitimate in only the rarest of circumstances when there is no other viable option. When it is imposed it must only be for legitimate public use.

One of the purest forms of tyranny is government confiscation of private property. We reject condemnation or government restrictions on property without full compensation for such condemnations or restrictions. We categorically reject government condemnation of private property for non-public use.

We further support private and local land use decision making. We reject regional planning efforts, such as the United Nations Agenda 2030, ICLEI, Plan Bay Area, and other such initiatives that impose international, national, state and regional mandates on local government and private property owners.

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### **HOUSING**

We recognize the importance of affordable and accessible housing for all Californians. We support policies that encourage private sector investment and market-driven solutions, reducing government red tape that often inhibits housing development. We believe in empowering local communities to shape their housing landscapes without interference from Sacramento.

In order to make housing more affordable, we must lower the cost and increase the rate of new construction. We can address rising costs by eliminating state regulation of new housing construction, lowering the costs and barriers for attracting skilled labor to the construction field, and by allowing flexibility on materials used in housing construction.

We advocate eliminating development fees, or more accurately “new homebuyer taxes,” in order to reduce the cost of building new housing. We support repeal of the California Environmental Quality Act to prevent frivolous litigation that slows the speed and increases the cost of new housing construction. We support a statewide prohibition on rent control in order to encourage investment in new rental housing.

Proposition 13 has saved property owners hundreds of billions of dollars since it was approved in 1978 and provides stability for homeowners and small business owners alike. Proposition 13 remains popular today because it allows citizens to exercise control over a government that should be limited and responsible with the people's money. Its two-thirds vote for tax increases ensures fiscal responsibility on all levels of government. All citizens, including homeowners, business owners, and renters benefit from Proposition 13's tax stability.

**Draft Amendment #97**  
**Submitted by Claudia Agraz, 9/14/2023**

**Amendment to the Preamble**  
**Submitted by: Claudia Agraz, 9.14.2023**

Please add to the Preamble Draft

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**We believe in the rehabilitation and reentry programs that lower recidivism rates. We support funding our law enforcement for the safety of our cities and communities.**

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**Draft Amendment #97**  
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**ELECTION INTEGRITY**

We support efforts to ensure that all qualified citizens may easily register and vote, including the elderly, the handicapped and military personnel. We support the right of political parties to nominate their own candidates for legislative office. Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, it disenfranchises another voter who casts a legitimate vote. Recent changes to voter registration and election laws meant to increase voter participation must be balanced with preservation of election integrity, therefore we support requiring photo identification for voting in person, robust signature verification for voting by mail, verifiable chain of custody for all ballots, and proof of citizenship for voter registration.

We also call for regular and thorough updating of the county voter rolls of inactive registrants.

**Draft Amendment #98**

**Submitted by Larry McMillan, 9/14/2023**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

The California Republican Party believes one of the most fundamental duties of government is to keep its citizens safe by enforcing laws in a fair, just, and efficient manner.

As the law and order party, we fully “back the blue” and reject all efforts to defund our local police. We vow to support our local police and to keep them independent and accountable solely to the local communities they serve. We believe the state, not the federal government, should govern and set the criminal statutes to protect Californians’ quality of life.

The rights of crime victims are essential in a just criminal process. We support the rights of crime victims to give statements and be heard by the court during bail hearing and parole proceedings. We believe in a victim’s right to collect restitution from defendants as established by law, and to be given notification, if desired, upon release of prisoners.

We support keeping the most dangerous and recidivist criminals incarcerated.

Citizens have the right to expect the state and the judiciary to protect them from criminals during their sentences. We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with serious crimes only after posting reasonable bail. To reduce crime and protect public safety, we support the repeal of AB 109, Proposition 47 and 6 Proposition 57.

We support the swift application of the death penalty as the just punishment and effective deterrent for murder.

**Draft Amendment #99**  
**Submitted by Mindy Pechenuk, 9/14/2023**

Proposal to Make September 17th of every year, Constitution Day, a Statewide Holiday in the State of California, Recognizing Both the Signing of the Constitution of the United States in Philadelphia in 1787 and to Simultaneously Celebrate California becoming the 31st State of the Union on September 9, 1850

The California Republican Party, hereby declares our eternal gratitude to the Founding Fathers of the United States in bringing forth the greatest Republic in the history of all mankind;

We also wish to recognize for all eternity the contribution of those in the new state of California who rallied to the Union cause and made such a crucial impact in the fight to preserve the Union in the Civil War of 1861-1865.

The California Republican Party wishes to make known to all Californians that we seek to unite all people in California and make this a day that will highlight that which unites all of us and that we seek to demonstrate that we have much more in common with each other than not.

At the same time, the California GOP condemns those that seek to subvert and censor freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to bear arms, and our other God-given Constitutional rights.

By making Constitution Day a State Holiday, we send out a beacon and a message loud and clear, that the California GOP is eternally to be known as a friend of freedom guaranteed by our Constitution and the Bill of Rights and an eternal foe of those who seek to subvert these principles.

**Draft Amendment #100**  
**Submitted by Angela Reed, 9/12/2023**

Right to Life

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