

Platform of the Republican Party of New Mexico

Protecting The American Dream

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Philosophy

The Republican Party of New Mexico is a party of the people and for the people. We seek to be faithful to the best traditions of our national party, the party that ended slavery, granted homesteads, built land grant colleges, and moved control of government back into the hands of the people. We champion the worth and abilities of the individual and seek to protect the American Dream for all. We believe our God-given freedom is inseparable from our responsibility to serve our community, state and nation. In this, we draw inspiration from our first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, who challenged us to “dare to do our duty as we understand it.”

Economic Freedom

We support private sector solutions and government policies that lower taxes, encourage limited government, local control and a system that promotes work, job creation and prosperity. We support a person’s right to voluntarily join a union and believe that union dues should be used for political purposes only with the acknowledged consent of the member.

Crime/Personal Safety

Personal safety is paramount to the pursuit of the American way of life. We believe justice must be served; criminals and evil doers must be punished to the fullest extent of the law; and the rights of the innocent must be protected over the rights of the convicted. We support our United States and New Mexico Constitutional right to keep and bear arms for personal security and defense.

Private Property

The ownership of private property is the foundation of a free society. We support the vigorous protection of private property rights, including water rights. Water is essential to our quality of life in New Mexico. We call on the State of New Mexico to stand up for its people and defend private property and water rights against any claims, threats or takings. The state or a local public body shall not condemn private property if the taking is to promote private or commercial development and title to the property is transferred to another private entity.

Education

We support excellence in education through accountability, parental involvement, local control and school choice as a key to success and the ability to compete in a complex and changing world. We reject any education policy that traps minorities, disadvantaged or other children in failing schools.

Healthcare

Fix it, don’t Federalize it! We support accessible healthcare for all New Mexico citizens. We encourage private sector solutions to healthcare concerns and the preservation of healthcare benefits for the elderly.

Equal Rights

We support vigorous enforcement of the letter and spirit of Civil Rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, gender, handicap, religion and national origin.

Life Issues

We believe in the protection and sanctity of human life from preborn to the elderly, infirm and disabled until natural death. We are opposed to human embryo research, human cloning and tax-funded abortion.

Controlled Substances

Substance abuse destroys lives, families and communities. We support a balanced approach to New Mexico's drug problems. We encourage the empowerment of local communities to deal with substance abuse problems. We support funding for effective treatment, Drug Courts and faith-based restoration/mentoring. We disapprove of efforts to legalize or decriminalize drugs.

Immigration

We support and welcome all legal immigrants and others who are here by due process and are productive, law-abiding persons. Further, we support vigorous enforcement of all laws dealing with immigration.

Election Integrity

We support enacting legislation that protects the electoral franchise by requiring proof of identity and residency prior to voting at the polls and believe that no eligible voter should be denied the right to vote. Furthermore, we insist that all ballots be given comprehensive security.

Environment

We support environmental policy that is based on sound science. We believe a clean environment and a sound economy are compatible.

Family Issues

We support strengthening the family and preserving the sanctity of marriage. We support a Constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman.

Homeland Security

Ensuring the integrity of our borders is vital to ensuring the safety of the citizens of New Mexico. We urge all state and local law enforcement agencies to fully cooperate and support federal law enforcement efforts to secure our borders and prevent illegal entry. We support all legal and constitutional activities to detect terror threats and prevent terrorist attacks on the United States.