

Spokane County Republican Party Resolution on Eliminating Fraud, Waste, and Abuse; Strengthening Election Integrity; and Ensuring Government Accountability

A Resolution of the Spokane County Republican Party Supporting the Elimination of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, Protecting Election Integrity, and Promoting Transparent, Accountable Government

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party believes that government exists to protect the rights and liberties of the people and that every taxpayer dollar should be spent efficiently, lawfully, and transparently; and

WHEREAS, fraud, waste, and abuse in any form diminish public confidence in government, divert resources from essential public services, and impose unnecessary burdens upon taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of elections is fundamental to representative government, and every lawful vote must be protected while unlawful voting must be prevented; and

WHEREAS, government transparency and objective performance measurement reduce opportunities for fraud and ensure public officials remain accountable to the citizens they serve; and

WHEREAS, public confidence is strengthened when government programs, contracts, grants, and elections are administered using objective, transparent, and verifiable standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party affirms its commitment to eliminating fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, and mismanagement at every level of government.

Election Integrity

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party supports election laws that maximize transparency, accountability, security, and public confidence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party supports requiring **positive voter identification** before a ballot is issued or counted. Identification requirements should provide a high degree of confidence that each ballot is cast only by the eligible registered voter entitled to vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party opposes any law, regulation, administrative action, or election procedure that weakens voter identification or voter verification requirements. Verification standards should be strengthened whenever practical and shall not be weakened below existing standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party supports replacing machine tabulation of ballots with publicly observable hand counting conducted under procedures established by law that ensure transparency, bipartisan observation, secure chain of custody, and accurate reporting of election results.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party supports maintaining a complete and auditable chain of custody for every ballot from issuance through certification and supports meaningful public observation of all phases of election administration.

Investigating and Prosecuting Fraud

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates seeking offices possessing law enforcement authority shall publicly commit to aggressively investigating credible allegations of fraud, public corruption, theft of public funds, procurement fraud, election crimes, benefit fraud, and all other violations of law within the lawful authority of their office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates seeking prosecutorial office shall publicly commit to prosecuting fraud and public corruption offenses whenever supported by sufficient admissible evidence and consistent with their constitutional and ethical obligations.

Preventing Fraud Through Accountability

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that government should seek to eliminate the conditions that allow fraud, waste, and abuse to occur by establishing objective accountability for all expenditures of public funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every government grant, contract, subsidy, discretionary expenditure, incentive program, or publicly funded project should include:

1. Clearly defined public objectives.
2. Objective eligibility and selection criteria.
3. Written evaluation criteria used to determine recipients.
4. Measurable performance metrics.
5. Clearly defined deliverables.
6. Required reporting schedules.
7. Written monitoring and compliance plans.
8. Quantifiable outcome measures.
9. Clearly defined financial accountability standards.
10. Objective criteria for continuation, renewal, or termination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all performance measures, evaluation criteria, monitoring reports, audit findings, and performance results should be made publicly available whenever permitted by law so taxpayers may independently determine whether public officials and recipients of taxpayer funds are fulfilling their obligations and producing measurable value.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates should support regular independent audits of government programs and should support eliminating, restructuring, or discontinuing programs, grants, and contracts that fail to demonstrate measurable public benefit.

Candidate Accountability Standards

Candidates seeking endorsement by the Spokane County Republican Party shall be evaluated on the following objective criteria:

1. **Election Integrity**
 - Publicly supports requiring positive voter identification before voting.
 - Opposes weakening voter identification or voter verification requirements.
 - Supports transparent election administration and secure ballot custody.
2. **Transparent Vote Counting**
 - Publicly supports replacing machine ballot tabulation with publicly observable hand counting conducted under procedures established by law.
3. **Fraud Prevention**
 - Has proposed, sponsored, supported, or voted for policies intended to prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and public corruption.
4. **Law Enforcement Commitment**
 - Candidates for law enforcement offices have publicly committed to investigating credible allegations of fraud and public corruption within the authority of their office.
5. **Prosecutorial Commitment**
 - Candidates for prosecutorial office have publicly committed to prosecuting fraud offenses supported by sufficient admissible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

6. Government Accountability

- Supports measurable performance standards, objective evaluation criteria, regular audits, and public reporting for government programs, contracts, grants, and expenditures.

7. Transparency

- Supports making performance metrics, audit findings, monitoring reports, and evaluation results publicly available whenever permitted by law.

8. Fiscal Stewardship

- Demonstrates a consistent commitment to reducing fraud, waste, duplication, inefficiency, and misuse of taxpayer resources.

9. Consistency

- Campaign statements, public actions, endorsements, voting record, and official conduct consistently reflect the principles contained in this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that adherence to this resolution shall be a significant factor in determining whether a candidate receives or retains the endorsement of the Spokane County Republican Party. Candidates who repeatedly fail to uphold these principles without compelling justification may be denied endorsement or future endorsement by the Spokane County Republican Party.

Adopted by the Spokane County Republican Party on _____, 20.