

Spokane County Republican Party Resolution on American Exceptionalism, Constitutional Originalism, Free Enterprise, and Republican Principles

A Resolution of the Spokane County Republican Party Affirming America's Founding Principles, Constitutional Government, Originalism, Individual Liberty, Free Enterprise, and Republican Party Independence

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded upon the self-evident truths that all people are created equal, are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States established the greatest system of self-government and individual liberty in the history of mankind; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party believes the Constitution of the United States is the greatest expression of freedom and limited government ever created, preserving individual liberty while restraining the powers of government through the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party believes that the Constitution should be interpreted according to its original public meaning as understood at the time of its adoption, recognizing that constitutional change should occur through the amendment process established by Article V rather than through judicial, executive, or administrative reinterpretation; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party believes that free-market capitalism, private property, entrepreneurship, limited government, and personal responsibility have produced the greatest prosperity and opportunity in human history; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party honors the courage and sacrifice of our Founding Fathers, the men and women who have defended our nation, our veterans, active-duty military personnel, first responders, and all who have preserved the blessings of liberty for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party believes Americans should proudly honor the Flag of the United States, respectfully recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and preserve the traditions and institutions that unite our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party believes the proper defense of America and its founding principles is accomplished through education, persuasion, civic

engagement, and the free exchange of ideas—not by suppressing speech or restricting the constitutional liberties of our fellow citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party reaffirms its unwavering commitment to constitutional government, constitutional originalism, individual liberty, limited government, free enterprise, the rule of law, and American exceptionalism.

Constitutional Government

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates seeking endorsement shall affirm that the Constitution of the United States shall be interpreted according to its original public meaning and that changes to constitutional rights or governmental powers should occur only through the constitutional amendment process established by the Constitution itself.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates shall oppose efforts to expand governmental authority through judicial activism or administrative reinterpretation of the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates shall actively defend all constitutional liberties, including freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to keep and bear arms, due process of law, equal protection, private property rights, and the right of the people to petition their government.

American Exceptionalism

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates shall actively communicate to the public the principles that have made the United States the freest and most prosperous nation in history, including constitutional government, personal responsibility, equal opportunity, private property, free enterprise, and individual liberty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that candidates shall promote these principles through open dialogue, civic education, and public engagement rather than through censorship or restrictions upon lawful speech.

Free Enterprise

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spokane County Republican Party supports free-market capitalism as the economic system most consistent with human liberty and prosperity and opposes policies that unnecessarily expand government control over private enterprise, markets, or individual economic freedom.

Patriotism

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican candidates shall honor the American Flag, support the respectful recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, recognize the sacrifices of veterans and active-duty military personnel, and support efforts to preserve and teach the history and founding principles of the United States.

Republican Party Independence

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that candidates endorsed by the Spokane County Republican Party are expected to faithfully represent Republican principles and values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that candidates endorsed by the Spokane County Republican Party shall not accept an official endorsement from Democratic Party officials (party, officers, candidates, or elected officials) unless and until that party formally disavows organizations or factions identifying themselves as "Democratic Socialists". This provision expresses the Spokane County Republican Party's endorsement policy and does not seek to restrict the constitutional rights, speech, political advocacy, or association of any individual or organization, merely that we are using our right not to associate with those who hate America and wish to see it's downfall. Candidates may expressly ask for an exception to be granted from the board, though such grant shall be entirely at the board's discretion.

Candidate Accountability Standards

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

1. **Constitutional Originalism** – The candidate has publicly affirmed that the Constitution should be interpreted according to its original public meaning and has demonstrated that commitment through campaign statements, legislative actions, voting record, or official conduct.

2. **Defense of Constitutional Rights** – The candidate has consistently supported policies protecting freedom of speech, religious liberty, due process, the right to keep and bear arms, private property rights, equal protection, and other constitutional liberties.

3. **Support for Free Enterprise** – The candidate has supported policies promoting free-market capitalism, entrepreneurship, private property, limited government, and economic freedom.

4. **American Civic Education** – The candidate has publicly communicated the history, principles, and constitutional foundations of the United States through speeches, writings, public meetings, or other community engagement.

5. **Patriotism** – The candidate has demonstrated respect for the Constitution, the American Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the sacrifices of veterans, active-duty military personnel, and first responders.

6. **Republican Party Loyalty** – The candidate has not sought or accepted official endorsement from Democrat party officials while seeking or holding Spokane County Republican Party endorsement, except as expressly permitted by Party rules.

7. **Public Advocacy** – The candidate has actively defended America's founding principles and constitutional liberties through public communication rather than advocating restrictions on constitutionally protected speech.

8. **Consistency** – The candidate's campaign positions, public statements, voting record, legislative actions, and official conduct consistently reflect the principles contained in this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that adherence to these principles 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 _____, 2026.