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PLATFORM



— Defending Faith, Family and Freedom —



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PREAMBLE:

We, the members of the Spokane County Republican Party, affirm that the United States of America is one nation under God, founded upon the self-evident truths proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence: that “all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

We believe that the Constitution of the United States was established to secure those God-given rights, limit the power of government, preserve individual liberty, and protect the sovereignty of the American people.

We further recognize the principles of the Washington State Constitution, which affirm that all political power is inherent in the people and that government exists by their consent to protect and maintain individual rights.

Guided by faith, family, freedom, and personal responsibility, we embrace an America First vision that places the interests, security, prosperity, and constitutional liberties of American citizens above all other political considerations.

We believe that strong families, vibrant communities, free markets, secure borders, equal justice under the law, and a limited, accountable government are essential to preserving the blessings of liberty for future generations.

We are committed to protecting the sanctity of human life, defending religious freedom, safeguarding private property, supporting the rule of law, strengthening national sovereignty, and preserving the rights guaranteed by our federal and state constitutions.

We believe that government is most effective when it is closest to the people, constrained by constitutional limits, and faithful to its duty of protecting the freedoms bestowed by God.

With gratitude for the sacrifices of those who founded, defended, and sustained our Republic, we dedicate ourselves to advancing policies that strengthen America, uphold our constitutional heritage, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity. Under God, we pledge to preserve and restore the principles that have made America the greatest beacon of freedom and opportunity in the history of the world.

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Be it Resolved, that we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, in convention assembled, in discharge of the duty we owe to our constituents and our county, are united in our efforts to promote the following Spokane County Republican Party Core Values, Principles and Declarations consistent with the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, the **Washington State Constitution**, the **2024 Republican National Committee Platform** and the **Washington State Republican Party Platform**.

Be it Further Resolved, that we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, in convention assembled, in discharge of the duty we owe to our constituents and our county, are united in our expectation that all elected public officials, their staff, employees, and campaigns align to the Core Values, Principles, and Declarations in this Spokane County Republican Party Platform.

Be it Further Resolved, that we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, in convention assembled, in discharge of the duty we owe to our constituents and our county, are united in our expectation that declaring oneself a Republican for political office or otherwise, obligates oneself; through deeds, speech and political associations, to promote the following Spokane County Republican Party Core Values, Principles and Declarations of this Spokane County Republican Party Platform.

Be it Finally Resolved, that we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, in convention assembled, in discharge of the duty we owe to our constituents and our county, collectively authorize and expect the Spokane County Republican Central Committee (SCRCC), its Officers, and Leaders, to take appropriate action and/or measures when an elected public official, their staff, employee(s), or campaigns are misaligned to the Core Values, Principles, and Declarations of this Spokane County Republican Party Platform.

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CORE VALUES

I. Faith

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that Faith in God is essential to the moral foundation of a free and virtuous society. We believe that our rights and liberties originate with our Creator, and that Biblical truth provides enduring principles for justice, personal responsibility, strong families, and good government. We honor the historic influence of the Christian faith on the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, and the **Washington State Constitution**, and we support the free exercise of religion in public and private life. We believe that religious liberty is a God-given right that must be protected so that individuals, families, churches, and communities may freely exercise their faith according to the dictates of conscience.

II. Family

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the family, ordained by God and established as the foundational institution of society, is essential to the strength and prosperity of our nation. We believe that strong families cultivate faith, character, morality, personal responsibility, and respect for the rule of law. Guided by Biblical principles, we support policies that protect the sanctity of marriage, uphold the rights and responsibilities of parents, and foster the well-being of children. Consistent with the vision of ordered liberty reflected in the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we believe that government should strengthen and support families—not replace their vital role in raising future generations and preserving a free society.

III. Freedom

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that God grants each person inherent dignity, rights, and responsibilities, and that *the primary role of government is to protect—not bestow—those freedoms*. We believe that liberty flourishes when government is limited, accountable, and faithful to its duty of securing justice and protecting the rights of its citizens. Consistent with the Biblical principle that governing authorities are established to uphold order and restrain evil, we support a government that respects individual liberty,

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private property, freedom of conscience, and the rule of law. In harmony with the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we affirm that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed and exists to preserve the God-given freedoms of the people.

IV. Life

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that every human life is sacred because every person is created in the image of God. We believe that the right to life is the first and most fundamental of all God-given rights, beginning at natural conception and continuing until natural death. Guided by Biblical truth, we are committed to protecting the innocent, defending the vulnerable, and upholding the inherent dignity and worth of every human being. Consistent with the **Declaration of Independence**, which recognizes the unalienable right to life, and in harmony with the principles of the **United States Constitution** and the **Washington State Constitution**, we believe that the foremost duty of government is to protect and preserve human life and the rights bestowed by our Creator.

V. Liberty

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that liberty is a God-given right bestowed upon every person created in His image. We believe that true freedom is found in the responsible exercise of individual rights under the moral authority of God and the rule of law. Guided by Biblical principles, we support the freedoms of conscience, speech, religion, assembly, and self-governance, recognizing that these liberties are essential to human dignity and flourishing. Consistent with the **Declaration of Independence**, which recognizes liberty as an unalienable right, and in harmony with the **United States Constitution** and the **Washington State Constitution**, we believe that government exists to secure and protect these freedoms—not to grant, restrict, or redefine them. We therefore support limited government, equal justice under the law, and the preservation of liberty for present and future generations.

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VI. The Pursuit of Happiness

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the pursuit of happiness is a God-given right rooted in the freedom to live according to one's faith, convictions, and calling under God. We believe that true happiness and human flourishing are found not in dependence on government, but in the responsible exercise of liberty, productive work, strong families, free enterprise, and faithful stewardship of the blessings entrusted to us by our Creator. Guided by Biblical principles, we support a society in which individuals are free to pursue their God-given purpose and opportunities without unnecessary government interference. Consistent with the **Declaration of Independence**, which recognizes the pursuit of happiness as an unalienable right, and in harmony with the **United States Constitution** and the **Washington State Constitution**, we affirm that the proper role of government is to protect the conditions of freedom that allow every person to pursue a life of purpose, prosperity, and virtue.



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Spokane County Republican Party Principles:

1. Freedom of Speech

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that freedom of speech is a God-given right and an essential safeguard of liberty. We believe that free people must be free to express their beliefs, advocate their convictions, and engage in public debate without fear of censorship, intimidation, or government retaliation. Consistent with the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we support the robust protection of free expression as a cornerstone of self-government and a free society.

2. Freedom of Religion

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that every person has the God-given right to worship, live, and act according to the dictates of conscience. We believe that religious liberty is fundamental to human dignity and that government must neither establish religion nor interfere with its free exercise. Guided by Biblical principles and protected by the **United States Constitution** and the **Washington State Constitution**, we support the full protection of faith in public and private life.

3. The Right to Petition Government Without Retaliation or Retribution

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that citizens have the right and responsibility to hold their government accountable. We believe that individuals must be free to petition elected officials, seek redress of grievances, and participate in public affairs without fear of retaliation, discrimination, or abuse of governmental power. Consistent with constitutional principles, government exists to serve the people, not silence them.

4. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental liberty that protects individual self-defense, family safety, and the security of a free people. We believe that responsible citizens have the God-given right to defend themselves and their communities. Consistent with the **Second Amendment of the United**

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States Constitution and the **Washington State Constitution**, we support the preservation of this right against undue government infringement.

5. The Expectation of Privacy

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that every individual possesses a God-given right to privacy and personal security. We believe that the dignity of each person, created in the image of God, includes the freedom to live, worship, communicate, and conduct personal affairs without unwarranted interference from government or other institutions. Consistent with the principles of limited government embodied in the **Declaration of Independence**, the protections of the **United States Constitution**, and the safeguards of the **Washington State Constitution**, we support the right of citizens to secure their persons, homes, property, papers, and communications from unreasonable searches, seizures, and intrusions. We believe that privacy is essential to liberty, and that government must respect and protect this fundamental right while carrying out its legitimate constitutional responsibilities.

6. Freedom from Unlawful Government Surveillance

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that every citizen has a God-given right to privacy, security, and freedom from unwarranted government intrusion. We believe that government must respect the sanctity of the individual, the home, personal communications, and private property, and that any exercise of investigative authority must be conducted in strict accordance with the Constitution and the rule of law.

Consistent with the protections embodied in the **Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution**, the principles of the **Declaration of Independence**, and the safeguards of the **Washington State Constitution**, we oppose unlawful surveillance, data collection, tracking, or monitoring of law-abiding citizens without due process and proper judicial oversight. We believe that preserving liberty requires vigilance against the misuse of governmental power and unwavering protection of the privacy rights of the people.

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7. The Expectation of Free, Fair, and Secure Elections

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that free, fair, accurate, and secure elections are essential to self-government and the preservation of liberty. We believe that every eligible citizen has the right to vote and to have that lawful vote counted equally and honestly. Public confidence in elections requires transparent procedures, accurate voter registration records, secure ballot handling, and consistent enforcement of election laws.

Consistent with the principles of representative government established in the **Declaration of Independence**, the United States Constitution, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we support the integrity of the electoral process through strict compliance with voter registration requirements, election laws, and measures that prevent fraud, error, and unlawful influence. We believe that election laws should be applied fairly, uniformly, and without partisan favoritism, ensuring that every lawful vote is protected and that the will of the people is faithfully reflected in election outcomes.

We further affirm that public officials entrusted with administering elections must be transparent, accountable, and faithful stewards of the public trust. The legitimacy of constitutional government depends upon elections that are secure, verifiable, and worthy of the confidence of the American people.

8. The Expectation of a Government Free from Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the American people have both the right and the reasonable expectation that their government will operate with integrity, accountability, transparency, and faithful stewardship of public resources. We believe that all public officials are entrusted with authority by the people and are morally and legally obligated to serve the public interest rather than personal, financial, or political gain.

Guided by Biblical principles of honesty, justice, and stewardship, we oppose fraud, waste, corruption, self-dealing, and the misuse of taxpayer funds at every level of government. Consistent with the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we believe that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed and remains accountable to the people it serves.

We support strong oversight, financial transparency, independent audits, and vigorous enforcement of ethics laws to ensure public trust in government institutions. We further believe that elected and appointed officials who abuse their positions, violate the public

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trust, engage in corruption, or use governmental authority for personal or political advantage should be subject to strict investigation, meaningful penalties, full accountability under the law, and removal from office when warranted. A free society cannot endure where corruption is tolerated and equal justice requires that those entrusted with authority be held to the highest standards of conduct.

9. The Right to Own and Maintain Property with Limited Government Intrusion

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that private property rights are essential to liberty, prosperity, and personal independence. We believe that individuals should be secure in the ownership, use, and enjoyment of their property and that government intrusion should be limited to lawful and constitutionally authorized purposes. *Respect for private property is a cornerstone of a free and prosperous nation.*

10. Freedom to Pursue Prosperity with Limited Government Interference

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that every American should have the freedom to pursue economic opportunity through hard work, initiative, innovation, and free enterprise. We believe that prosperity is best achieved through individual responsibility, limited government, low taxes, and open economic opportunity rather than government dependence. We support policies that empower citizens to create wealth, provide for their families, and contribute to their communities.

11. National Sovereignty and Patriotism

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the United States is a sovereign nation whose government must place the interests of its citizens first. We honor the sacrifices of those who founded, defended, and preserved our Republic and believe patriotism strengthens national unity and civic responsibility. We support policies that protect America's sovereignty, constitutional system, and cultural heritage while fostering pride in our nation and its enduring principles.

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12. Limited Legal Immigration in the National Interest

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that legal immigration has contributed to America's success and should be conducted in a manner that serves the national interest. We believe every nation has the right and duty to secure its borders, enforce its laws, and determine its immigration policies. We support legal immigration that strengthens the nation, respects the rule of law, and promotes the successful assimilation of those who seek to become Americans.

13. Strong and Well-Funded National Defense

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the federal government's foremost constitutional responsibility is to provide for the common defense. We support maintaining the strongest military in the world, equipped, trained, and funded to deter aggression and protect American citizens, interests, and allies. Peace is best preserved through strength, preparedness, and unwavering commitment to national security.

14. Public Education Free from Political Agendas and Bias

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that education should equip students with the knowledge, skills, and character necessary for informed citizenship and productive lives. We support academic excellence, parental involvement, local control, and transparency in education. Schools should focus on teaching core subjects, civic understanding, and critical thinking while remaining free from political indoctrination and ideological bias.

15. Affordable Health Care

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that access to quality and affordable health care is important to the well-being of individuals and families. We support patient-centered reforms that increase affordability, transparency, competition, and choice while protecting the relationship between patients and medical professionals. We believe health care decisions should be driven primarily by patients and their families rather than government bureaucracy.

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16. Infrastructure that Drives Economic Growth and Personal Mobility

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that reliable infrastructure is essential to economic opportunity, public safety, and individual freedom. We support responsible investment in roads, bridges, utilities, communications systems, and other critical infrastructure that facilitate commerce, strengthen communities, and enhance personal mobility. Infrastructure policy should prioritize efficiency, accountability, and long-term benefit to taxpayers.

17. Equal Application of the Rule of Law and Accountability for Public Officials

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that justice requires the equal application of the law to every person, regardless of position, wealth, influence, or political affiliation. We believe public officials are entrusted with authority on behalf of the people and must be held to the highest standards of integrity and accountability. Abuse of public office, corruption, and betrayal of the public trust undermine constitutional government and should be met with swift and appropriate legal consequences.

18. Two Co-Equal Sexes: Male and Female

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that human beings are created by God as male and female, equal in dignity, value, and worth. We believe biological sex is an objective reality established at creation and should be recognized in law, public policy, education, athletics, and government administration. We support equal treatment and respect for all people while maintaining that biological distinctions between men and women are real, meaningful, and foundational to society, family, and human flourishing.

19. Strong Families Through Marriage and Child-Rearing

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that strong families are the cornerstone of a free, stable, and prosperous society. We believe that marriage and family were ordained by God and that children thrive when raised in loving, committed, and responsible families. Guided by Biblical principles, we recognize the family as the primary institution for nurturing faith, character, personal responsibility, and good citizenship.

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Consistent with the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Washington State Constitution, we support public policies that encourage and strengthen marriage, family formation, and child-rearing. We believe government should remove barriers that discourage marriage, promote economic conditions that enable families to flourish, and recognize the vital contribution families make to the health and future of our nation.

We affirm the importance of families raising their biological children and celebrate the selfless commitment of adoptive parents who provide loving homes for children in need. We believe that both biological and adopted children deserve the security, stability, guidance, and support of a committed married family. A strong nation depends upon strong families, and we therefore support policies that encourage men and women to marry, raise children, and pass on the values and responsibilities necessary to preserve liberty and strengthen future generations.

20. Fiscal Restraint and Limited Government Spending

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that government is a steward of taxpayer resources and has a duty to spend public funds wisely, responsibly, and transparently. We believe that every dollar collected from taxpayers should be used only for legitimate and essential public purposes authorized by the United States Constitution, the Washington State Constitution, and applicable law.

Guided by the principles of stewardship, accountability, and responsible management, we support fiscal restraint at the local, state, and federal levels of government. We believe government should live within its means, maintain balanced and sustainable budgets whenever possible, reduce unnecessary debt, and protect future generations from the burden of excessive government spending.

We further believe that government should perform only those functions that are fundamentally necessary to protect the rights, safety, and well-being of the people and that cannot be more effectively, efficiently, or economically provided by private individuals, families, businesses, charities, churches, or other private-sector institutions. We oppose wasteful spending, duplicative programs, excessive bureaucracy, and the expansion of government into areas better served by the free market and civil society.

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Consistent with the principles of limited government reflected in the **Declaration of Independence**, the **United States Constitution**, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we support a government that is accountable to taxpayers, focused on essential responsibilities, and committed to preserving economic freedom and prosperity through fiscal discipline.

21. Limiting the Growth of Government

The Spokane County Republican Party affirms that government exists to serve the people, not to grow beyond their needs or ability to support it. We believe that the prosperity and purchasing power of working families should increase faster than the size and cost of government. Government should become more efficient as technology, innovation, and economic growth improve productivity throughout society.

Guided by principles of stewardship, accountability, and responsible management, we support strict limitations on the growth of local, State and Federal government, as well as all publicly funded institutions, agencies, and services.

We believe that annual growth in government budgets and spending should not exceed one-half (50%) of the average increase in the real purchasing power of private-sector citizens. As families and businesses work to manage resources responsibly, government should demonstrate the same discipline and restraint.

Consistent with the principles of limited government embodied in the **Declaration of Independence**, the United States Constitution, and the **Washington State Constitution**, we believe that public spending growth must remain tied to the economic well-being of the citizens who fund it.

Government should grow more slowly than the private economy, ensuring that wealth, opportunity, and decision-making remain in the hands of the people rather than being increasingly concentrated within government institutions.

We further believe that any proposal to exceed these limitations should require clear public justification, full transparency, direct accountability to taxpayers, and for local budget and spending increases, a three-fifths (60%) vote on a general election ballot to authorize.

A free and prosperous society is best preserved when government remains efficient, limited, accountable, and subordinate to the citizens it serves.

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Adopted by we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, assembled in convention on this 22nd day of August 2026.

Signed: Rob Linsbarger,

Chair, Spokane County Republican Party Convention

Signed: John Scherling,

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