



SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

Affirming Elimination of Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Corruption

Executive Summary: This resolution combines fiscal accountability, fraud prevention, and candidate endorsement standards for this resolution topic into one unified statement. It affirms that taxpayer resources must be protected through transparent budgeting, audits, measurable performance standards, lawful oversight, and clear public accountability. It also establishes objective standards for Republican elected officials and candidates including diligent and aggressive prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of fraud, waste, abuse and corruption, and committed stewardship of public funds and trust.

WHEREAS, government possesses no resources of its own and derives all public funds directly or indirectly from the taxpayers whom it serves; and

WHEREAS, government exists to protect individual rights and liberties, and elected and appointed officials are entrusted with the responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, fraud, waste, abuse, favoritism, corruption, and mismanagement undermine public trust, divert resources from essential services, and severely burdens taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, excessive taxation, unchecked spending, chronic deficits, unsustainable debt, and unnecessary fees that feed wasteful and, in some cases, fraudulent government programs or budget items threaten economic prosperity, individual liberty, and the financial security of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers are entitled to transparent, accountable, and efficient government that provides essential public services while minimizing unnecessary costs and administrative expansion; and

WHEREAS, governments should prioritize responsible budgeting, efficient use of existing revenues, spending reductions, operational improvements, and budget reforms before seeking additional taxation; and

WHEREAS, major expenditures of public funds should be justified by clear public necessity, transparent cost analysis, measurable objectives, performance standards, and publicly accountable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, government programs, agencies, grants, contracts, subsidies, and expenditures should be regularly evaluated to determine whether they provide meaningful public benefit consistent with their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, public office is a public trust, and government resources must never be used for personal gain, partisan advantage, political retaliation, favoritism, or any purpose inconsistent with that trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party affirms its commitment to taxpayer protection, fiscal responsibility, transparent government, and the elimination of fraud, waste, abuse, favoritism, corruption, and mismanagement at every level of government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports measurable objectives, performance standards, regular audits, financial reviews, program evaluations, oversight measures, and public reporting for government programs, agencies, grants, contracts, subsidies, and expenditures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that programs, agencies, grants, contracts, subsidies, or expenditures that repeatedly fail to produce meaningful public benefit should be reformed, reduced, consolidated, or discontinued as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports increased transparency in government operations, expenditures, contracting, program performance, audit findings, monitoring reports, and evaluation results whenever disclosure is permitted by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party rejects the use of public resources, government authority, or taxpayer-funded programs for personal enrichment, partisan advantage, political retaliation, favoritism, or any purpose inconsistent with the public trust; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adherence to these principles and accountability standards in-line below shall be a significant factor in determining whether a candidate receives or retains the endorsement of the Spokane County Republican Party. Candidates who repeatedly violate these standards without extraordinary justification may be denied future Party endorsement.

Candidate Accountability Standards

The following criteria shall be considered during endorsement evaluations and when determining whether an incumbent has remained in good standing with the Spokane County Republican Party:

- **Law Enforcement Commitment:** For law enforcement offices, has publicly committed to investigating credible allegations of fraud and public corruption within the lawful authority of the office.
- **Prosecutorial Commitment:** For prosecutorial offices, has publicly committed to prosecuting fraud and public corruption offenses when supported by sufficient admissible evidence and consistent with applicable law.
- **Government Accountability:** Supports measurable performance standards, objective evaluation criteria, regular audits, financial reviews, program evaluations, and public reporting for government programs, contracts, grants, subsidies, and expenditures.
- **Fiscal Stewardship:** Demonstrates a consistent commitment to responsible budgeting, prudent use of existing revenues, spending restraint, tax relief where fiscally practical, and opposition to unnecessary taxes, debt, deficits, fees, and unfunded mandates.
- **Public Trust and Transparency:** Supports making performance metrics, audit findings, monitoring reports, expenditure data, and evaluation results publicly available whenever permitted by law, and rejects the use of public resources for personal gain, partisan advantage, retaliation, or favoritism.
- **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 we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County,
assembled in convention on this 22nd day of August 2026.**

Signed: _____,

Chair, Spokane County Republican Party Convention

Signed: _____,

Secretary, Spokane County Republican Party Convention

