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Resolution #: 2023-3
Title: Resolution Regarding Ranked Choice

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WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party is committed to fair and honest elections, and

WHEREAS, the voting process of “one person, one vote” has proven to be the only fair method of voting and verifying elections, and

WHEREAS, since Idaho’s entrance into the Union, partisan primary elections have allowed fair election of one final candidate for each participating political party, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively eliminate the fair and honest voting method of “one person, one vote,” and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively eliminates the balance of one primary winner from each participating political party on the primary ballot, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively creates a complicated algorithm for tabulating votes, empowering bureaucrats rather than voters, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme can turn a voter’s preferred choice into a vote for a candidate they oppose, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively creates an election results verification impossibility for election authorities since ranked choice tabulation at the precinct level is unworkable and lacks transparency, and

WHEREAS, ranked choice voting schemes are being funded by national liberal groups, including an election group headed by Obama Administration DOJ leader, Eric Holder, and

WHEREAS, ranked choice voting schemes, adopted in far-left jurisdictions in California, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Vermont, are an “electoral tool” of the Radical Left and

WHEREAS, conservative states like Florida, Tennessee, Missouri, and Texas have prohibited the use of ranked choice voting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby opposes any proposals to establish a ranked choice voting scheme for federal, state, or local elections and, because “one person, one vote” is the best method to represent the will of Idaho voters, the Idaho Republican Party is further committed to upholding the longstanding method of voting by “one person, one vote” by amending the Idaho Constitution to declare “one person, one vote” as the only voting method permitted in Idaho.

Resolution 2023-6

Title: Resolution regarding Minor Sex Reassignment

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WHEREAS, biological sex is an objectively defined category that has obvious, immutable, and distinguishable characteristics;

WHEREAS, a small number of children struggle with gender dysphoria, a psychiatric disorder defined as significant distress with one's biological sex and sexual characteristics;

WHEREAS, according to the DSM-V, gender dysphoria among children rarely persists into adulthood, with research revealing that as many as 98% of gender dysphoric boys and 88% of gender dysphoric girls ultimately identify with their biological sex after passing through puberty;

WHEREAS, some healthcare providers now routinely administer puberty blockers to prepubescent and pubescent children, notwithstanding scientific evidence that children who remain on puberty blockers may never recover lost development, and despite sterility and additional concerns about reduced IQ and future osteoporosis;

WHEREAS, some healthcare providers now routinely administer cross-sex hormones to pubescent children, notwithstanding scientific evidence that such therapies cause irreversible sterility likely increase risks of other medical conditions, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, blood clots, osteoporosis, and obesity;

WHEREAS, some healthcare providers now refer pubescent adolescents for sex reassignment surgeries, which permanently maim and mutilate healthy reproductive organs;

WHEREAS, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (the international body that sets standards of care for treating gender dysphoria) has altogether removed its age recommendations for adolescent sex reassignment surgeries, including but not limited to surgical castration, mastectomies, hysterectomies and genital reconstruction;

WHEREAS, recent science suggests that medical interventions like surgeries and cross-sex hormones do not significantly improve long-term health outcomes for patients struggling with gender dysphoria;

WHEREAS, these experimental, irreversible, and medically unnecessary pharmaceutical and surgical interventions violate the Hippocratic Oath, taken by physicians for millennia, to "do no harm";

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a compelling government interest in protecting the health and safety of its citizens, especially minor children;

WHEREAS, Idaho state law has prohibited female genital mutilation since 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho State Republican Party affirm our support for legislation that would protect gender-confused minors from procuring puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex reassignment surgeries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairwoman of the Idaho State Republican Party directs the appointed legislative liaisons to communicate the position of the Party on this issue to fellow Republican members of the Idaho Legislature,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairwoman of the Idaho State Republican Party, or her designee, shall testify in favor of any legislative proposals seeking to codify this position in Idaho law.

Resolution #: 2023-28

Title: A Resolution asking for the practice of holding bills in the drawer by Committee Chairman, in the Idaho legislature, be stopped and every bill should be heard and voted on by committee. ~~to stop the practice of holding bills in the drawer by Committee Chairman, in the Idaho legislature.~~

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WHEREAS the legislators are voted in by the people of Idaho and are expected to represent the people.

WHEREAS there is growing concern from the people that they are not being heard or represented by some committee chairman. ~~representatives.~~

WHEREAS there are bills written that would benefit the Idaho people but these bills are held in the drawers by the committee chairman, never to be seen by committee members, so the people are not being represented, and this practice must be ended and every bill should be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all bills in committees must be heard and voted upon by such committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IDGOP send this resolution to all members of the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives.

Resolution #: 2023-22**Title: Opposition to a four lane freeway in the Island Park Caldera**

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WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Central Committee adamantly opposes a four-lane, high-speed, limited access freeway in the Island Park Caldera: and

WHEREAS the Island Park Caldera is an extremely sensitive ecological due to its high elevation and northern latitude: and

WHEREAS numerous wetlands will be damaged or destroyed during construction; and

WHEREAS the construction of up to five bridges will endanger the ecology of the pristine streams that feed the Snake River; and

WHEREAS the construction of new bridges could compromise the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Fishery; and

WHEREAS the Island Park Caldera is a scenic recreational area; and

WHEREAS recreational crossings and access will be reduced and compromised along the freeway; and

WHEREAS access to the Targhee Forest will be compromised, and

WHEREAS a large open pit aggregate mine will be required, which could lead to groundwater contamination and forestland damage, and

WHEREAS an extremely expensive Environmental Impact Statement will be required, and Whereas costly lawsuits are anticipated, and

WHEREAS a four-lane freeway will impact wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS a four-lane, high-speed freeway will increase the incidence of wildlife-vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS 4 of 5 Fremont County voters opposed wildlife overpasses, underpasses, and fencing in an advisory vote, and

WHEREAS the Idaho Legislature passed a Legislative Memorial opposing wildlife overpasses, underpasses, and fencing on U.S. 20 in Fremont County; and

WHEREAS private and business access will be reduced along the freeway; and

WHEREAS a four-lane freeway could compromise the Harriman State Park deed; and

WHEREAS the currently used traffic study is woefully inadequate and outdated, and

WHEREAS the purpose and need statements are not qualified and do not address the purpose and need for the highway segment upgrade; and

WHEREAS the primary purpose of this highway segment is to serve Montana freight transport and Yellowstone National Park/West Yellowstone, Montana, and

WHEREAS the benefit of a four-lane freeway in the Island Park Caldera is minimal to Idaho and the citizens of Idaho, and

WHEREAS, the accident rate on U.S. Highway 20 in the Island Park Caldera is below average for a road of this type in Idaho, and about one-third of the national average; and

WHEREAS ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) may have to purchase private land and invoke eminent domain to take the land; and

WHEREAS ITD will require the acquisition of new forestland right of way, necessitating the creation of a new Targhee Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS new frontage roads will affect the road density allowed on the Targhee National Forest, requiring a forest plan revision; and

WHEREAS the “Longest Main Street In America,” a unique historical recognition, would cease to exist;

WHEREAS the City of Island Park would be physically divided by a four-lane freeway; and

WHEREAS the footprint of an expansive four-lane freeway may require expanding the right of way on both sides of the existing highway and will potentially destroy the existence of The City of Island Park; and

WHEREAS the historical features of the Island Park Caldera will be compromised or destroyed, and

WHEREAS, U.S. 20, Ashton, Idaho to State Highway 87, has a higher traffic volume of about 5% of the hours in a year, and

WHEREAS ITD estimates the cost of the four land freeways at \$700,000,000 in 2021 dollars; and

WHEREAS the community of Island Park does not support a four-lane freeway; and

WHEREAS the community supports building more passing lanes (Super 2 concept) on the existing road; and

WHEREAS a Super 2 design concept reduces accidents by 45%; and

WHEREAS the current safety pull-out along the existing highway will be removed, and Whereas a Super 2 design would cost about \$100M in 2020 dollars; and

WHEREAS studies performed by the Idaho Transportation Department show that a Super 2 highway design meets the required level of service for at least 20+ years into the future, and

WHEREAS the City of Island Park, as Idaho knows it, would be lost forever;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Central Committee expresses opposition to the construction of a four-lane, high-speed, limited access freeway in Fremont County through the Island Park Caldera and supports the construction of the Super 2 highway proposed by the community.