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Resolution 2024-1
Title: Calling for a ⅔ Majority Vote on Initiatives

Submitted by: Lisa Keller

To be presented by: Nicholas Contos, Bonneville County Chairman; Lisa Keller, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; Anthony Tirino, Bonneville County State Committeeman; Jonathan Cook, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Doyle Beck, LD 32 Chairman; Jilee Burger, LD 33 Chairwoman; or Doug Toomer, LD 35 Chairman

Passed by: Bonneville County Central Committee November 9, 2023

WHEREAS, 26 states, including Idaho, provide for an initiative or referendum; and

WHEREAS, leftist organizations, in recent years, have used the initiative to enact policies that grow government, dictate behavior in the free market, or rig elections; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution guarantees every state a republican form of government; and

WHEREAS, the initiative is a form of "direct democracy;" and

WHEREAS, of all the forms of government our Founders feared or criticized most, direct democracy was at the top of the list; and

WHEREAS, when the initiative in Idaho requires a simple majority for passage, which requirement is set in statute; and

WHEREAS, because the initiative bypasses the state House of Representatives, the state Senate, and the Governor, it is only reasonable that the threshold for passage be higher; and

WHEREAS, some states, including Nebraska, Massachusetts, Mississippi, and Wyoming condition passage of an initiative according to the number of votes cast in excess of votes cast in other statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, in Nevada an initiated constitutional amendment requires a majority vote in two successive general elections; and

WHEREAS, Washington state requires 60% approval for initiatives dealing with gambling; and

WHEREAS, Utah requires a two-thirds vote for initiatives involving the taking of wildlife;

WHEREAS, while the Idaho Supreme Court has ruled on and blocked changes to Idaho's signature gathering, it has never ruled on changes to Idaho's statutes regarding the threshold for passage, and this remains in the purview of the Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BONNEVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, that the committee recommends the Legislature amend Idaho Code 34-1811, to provide that an initiative require two-thirds majority for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as an alternative, that the Legislature require a two-thirds majority for initiatives proposing a tax increase, the creation of a new government program, changes to the state's drugs laws, or changes to the manner and conduct of elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the ID GOP for consideration at the upcoming Winter Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the Legislature or the Governor are unwilling to enact these changes as a means of safeguarding our republican form of government, the initiative enacting statutes should be stricken in their entirety as antithetical and a danger to our republic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented for consideration by the Idaho Republican Party at its winter meeting and that the party's leadership work with the Legislature to see to it that amendments to statute to protect our republican form of government are considered and passed in the 2024 legislative session.

Resolution 2024-2

Title: Amend Idaho Code Requirement for Passage of an Initiative

Submitted by: Linda Yergler, Shoshone County Chair

To be presented by: Linda Yergler

Passed by: Shoshone County Republican Central Committee – November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, 26 states, including Idaho, provide for an initiative or referendum; and

WHEREAS, leftist organizations, in recent years, have used the initiative to enact policies that grow government, dictate behavior in the free market, or rig elections; and

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WHEREAS, the initiative is a form of "direct democracy;" and

WHEREAS, of all the forms of government our Founders feared or criticized most, direct democracy was at the top of the list; and

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WHEREAS, Washington state requires 60% approval for initiatives dealing with gambling; and

WHEREAS, Utah requires a two-thirds vote for initiatives involving the taking of wildlife;

WHEREAS, while the Idaho Supreme Court has ruled on and blocked changes to Idaho's signature gathering, it has never ruled on changes to Idaho's statutes regarding the threshold for passage, and this remains in the purview of the Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHOSHONE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, that the committee recommends the Legislature amend Idaho Code 34-1811, to provide that an initiative require sixty percent majority for approval.

Resolution 2024-3

Title: Rejection of Article V Constitution Convention for any future Consideration

Submitted by: Ronalee Linsenmann, Canyon County State Committeewoman

To be presented by: Ronalee Linsenmann CCRCC Committeewoman, Dominic Brandon, CCRCC Committeeman, Dale Pearce, Kirsten Lucas, Greg Ferch, or Brian Merrell

Passed by: Canyon County Central Committee November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, there has been a sustained effort to convene a constitutional convention by both Left and Right proponents of making changes to the Constitution.

WHEREAS, a constitutional convention creates a risk of unintended changes being formalized and declared legal by an activist Judiciary.

WHEREAS, our fundamental rights are protected in the constitution as currently written and amended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Idaho GOP will oppose a constitutional convention and will recommend to the State Legislature and the Idaho Congressional Delegation that they oppose a constitutional convention.

Resolution 2024-4
Title: School Choice – Parents Choose the Curriculum

Submitted by: Forrest Tomlin, Gem County Chairman

To be presented by: Forrest Tomlin

Passed by: Gem County Republican Central Committee October 25, 2023

WHEREAS, most parents want a good education for their children; and

WHEREAS, it is a natural right of parents to oversee the education and choose the curriculum for their children; and

WHEREAS, Orestus Brownson, in 1839, warned of the danger of allowing the state to control the curriculum in the emerging public school movement by those such as Horace Mann stating “to entrust government with the power of determining the education our children shall receive is entrusting our servant (government) with the power of the master (free citizens).”[i]

WHEREAS, parents are becoming increasingly concerned with the underperformance of public education and lack of student discipline, lack of uplifting literature, and lack of moral instruction; and

WHEREAS, many of the curriculum concerns parents have had over the past three generations including: lack of phonics, new math, common core math, emotional social learning, weak history, civics, and government curricula have all come from education experts, none of them have come from parents; and,

WHEREAS, many good curricula exist which has been developed for use by home school parents, charter schools, Barney Schools, and others which parents have access to and could be used within the public schools system; and,

WHEREAS, the quickest way to change the direction of public education is to create a structure where parents can unite together to form independent classrooms or micro schools to teach these curricula; and,

WHEREAS, the legislature can create legal structures to allow parents to choose the curricula.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Republican party at their winter meeting to adopt a resolution that states:

The Idaho Republican party supports legislation that makes it possible for parents

- a. to work with school districts in choosing alternative curricula for the parents’ children
- b. if the school district does not wish to sponsor such an alternative curriculum that the parents have access to funds to start micro schools

with minimal regulation but with learning outcomes instead of regulations

[i] The Underground History of American Education by John Taylor Gatto, The Oxford Village Press, 2006

Resolution 2024-5

Title: Stop the Political Weaponization of Labels and Government

Submitted by: Jordan Marques

To be presented by: Jordan Marques,

Passed by: Legislative District 9 Central Committee, November 8, 2023

WHEREAS; throughout history, the political weaponization of labels and government has led to sad and tragic outcomes, and

WHEREAS; during the 1600s in Massachusetts, men, women, and children were persecuted for their religion and labeled by social-political opponents as Heretics and Witches without due process and murdered, and

WHEREAS; under Executive Order 9066 and in the name of National Security and Public Safety, the United States government was weaponized against Japanese American citizens who were labeled as potentially dangerous enemy aliens, resulting in the freezing of assets and imprisonment, and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, the National School Boards Association asked President Joe Biden to label parents 'domestic terrorists' for questioning local school board policies and Attorney General Merrick Garland mobilized the FBI to investigate parents attending school board meetings, and

WHEREAS; on November 16, 2021, a whistleblower disclosed documents showing the FBI is using counterterrorism tools to investigate parents, and

WHEREAS; President Joe Biden gave a speech on September 1, 2022, in which he said "MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic..." and that this same group "is a threat to this country...", setting the stage for some Republicans to be targeted as individual threats. His statements can be construed by some as encouragement to eliminate any "threat to this country" by violent means.

WHEREAS; labeling of political groups as "extremist" may have created a climate of fear so that by September 18, 2022, a North Dakota man ran over and killed an 18-year-old man whom he described as being part of "a Republican extremist group", stating that he felt threatened by the teen. This climate of fear is fomented by inflammatory speech and rhetoric, fanning the flames of fear and leading to contempt and dehumanizing behavior against those individuals being labeled.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislative District 09 Republican Central Committee rejects, ALL forms of racial, religious, sexual, and political supremacy; and

ALL political violence; and

ALL political weaponization of labels; and

ALL political weaponization of government against any Idahoan.

1) <https://www.dailywire.com/news/grandma-two-parents-arrested-at-school-board-meeting-following-release-of-alleged-pedophile-principal>

- 2) <https://www.inquisitr.com/3550182/parents-in-texas-town-could-be-arrested-for-trespassing-if-they-walk-their-children-to-school/>
- 3) <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>
- 4) <https://mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/1098/salem-witch-trials%C2%A0>
- 5) <https://www.neh.gov/article/records-salem-witch-trials>
- 6) <https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/education/presidential-inquiries/japanese-american-internment>,
- 7) <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/executive-order-8832-freezing-japanese-and-chinese-assets-the-united-states>
- 8) <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/21094557-national-school-boards-association-letter-to-biden>
- 9) <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11248745/Cops-slap-drivers-claims-18-year-old-ran-killed-Republican-extremist.html>,
- 10) <https://lawandcrime.com/crime/north-dakota-man-who-allegedly-claimed-to-run-over-republican-extremist-teenager-out-of-fear-is-now-charged-with-murder/>
- 11) <https://www.inforum.com/news/north-dakota/listen-entire-911-call-shannon-brandt-made-after-allegedly-running-over-and-killing-cayler-ellingson>
- 12) <https://www.kfyrtv.com/2022/12/22/9-1-1-transcript-released-mchenry-teen-death/>
- 13) <https://twitter.com/JudiciaryGOP/status/1460702250238726145/photo/1>
- 14) <https://embed.documentcloud.org/documents/23116078-shannon-brandt-cayler-ellingson-affidavit-of-probable-cause/?embed=1&responsive=1&title=1>
- 15) <https://judiciary.house.gov/media/press-releases/us-house-judiciary-republicans-doj-labeled-dozens-of-parents-as-terrorist>
- 16) <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2023/03/15/idaho-lawmaker-tammy-nichols-pals-extremists>
- 17) https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/hjc_staff_fbi_report.pdf
- 18) <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

Resolution 2024-6

Title: Only United States Citizens Recognized As Peace Officers

Submitted by: Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Chair

To be presented by: Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Chair

Passed by: Owyhee County Republican Central Committee October 10, 2023

WHEREAS, historically, peace officers in this great nation have been required by federal law to be citizens of the United States.

WHEREAS, per Idaho Code 19-5109(f), illegal aliens, criminals, and non-citizens cannot be peace officers in the State of Idaho.

WHEREAS, on July 28th 2023, Governor J. B. Pritzker of Illinois signed a bill into law allowing non-citizens to become police officers in Illinois.

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2023, California Senate Bill 960 went into effect, allowing non-citizens to become police officers in California.

WHEREAS, the states of California and Illinois blurred the line between law enforcement and breaking the law by their respective jurisdictions' promotion of non-citizens to peace officers or law enforcement officials.

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2023, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, reported that a record breaking number of 2,860,1271 non-citizens (aliens) entered the U.S. so far in FFY 2023. For comparison, that is over a 499% increase over the same eleven month period in FFY 2020, when the U.S. reported a total of 572,961 non-citizens (aliens) crossed U.S. borders.

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights, Amendment XIV, Section 1, states, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges...". Aliens or non-citizens are not U.S. citizens, therefore, are not entitled to the rights and privileges constitutionally guaranteed to law abiding U.S. citizens.

WHEREAS, the constitutional rights and privileges of U.S. citizens have been undermined by the Biden Administration's unprecedented open border policy and its tolerance and encouragement of non-citizens overwhelming the United States. Effectively, and blatantly, the Biden Administration has failed to "repel invasions" on the U.S., as provided for under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Platform, ARTICLE XVII. NATIONAL DEFENSE. Section 4: Securing the Border; states, "we believe that securing the national border must be a priority for our country".

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Idaho Republican Party Platform states, "We believe the most effective, responsible, responsive government is government closest to the people, and the sovereignty of the state must be protected."

WHEREAS, allowing non-citizens to enforce U.S. and/or state laws on U.S. soil actually breaks the law, and, erodes Idaho's state sovereignty, the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens and national security.

1 <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/nationwide-encounters>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party take an official position that peace officers or law enforcement officials entering Idaho from jurisdictions outside Idaho, for the purpose of engaging in law enforcement duties and activities, must be a U.S. citizen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party forward this resolution to Governor Brad Little, Attorney General Raul Labrador and the Idaho State Legislature, requesting their united enforcement of Idaho law, and, for the respective branches of Idaho government to issue statements, and/or legislation, stating, “Idaho does not and will not recognize peace officers or law enforcement officials who are non-citizens”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully asks that the Idaho Republican Party request the Idaho Legislature enact law and rules that establish the requirement that peace officers or law enforcement officials, from jurisdictions from outside Idaho, must be U.S. citizens to be recognized in Idaho. Furthermore, state or federal jurisdictions known to enlist non-citizens for law enforcement jobs shall be required to notify the Idaho State Police and the Sheriff of the county they plan to enter as to whether or not the police officer or law enforcement official from the outside jurisdiction is a U.S. citizen.

Resolution 2024-7

Title: Give Parents More Control Over Children's Digital Access to Pornography

Submitted by: Trent Clark

To be presented by: Trent Clark, Caribou State Committeeman

Passed by: Caribou County Republican Central Committee November 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the Idaho Senate in 2023 came within one vote of passing legislation giving parents control over whether the child's internet-capable device can access pornography, (S. 1163, <https://blog.idahoreports.idahoptv.org/2023/03/23/porn-filter-bill-narrowly-rejected-by-senate/>)

WHEREAS, pornography has been found harmful to children in the following ways:

- (1) It harms a child's brain development, changing neural pathways,
- (2) it harms a child's view of sex, warping it with images not reflective of real life,
- (3) It harms a child's view of people, leading to objectification,
- (4) It harms a child's quality of life, having many of the same effects as addictive drugs, and
- (5) It causes children to harm other children, often portraying acts that are questionable for adults, but clearly abusive when acted out by children. (<https://protectyoungeyes.com/5-ways-pornography-harms-children-teens/>)

WHEREAS, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) has made its top priority giving parents more control over the digital devices increasingly available to underage children:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Idaho State Republican Central Committee to support legislation in 2024 endorsed by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation to enhance parental control over internet pornography accessible through the digital devices of dependent minors.

Resolution 2024-8
Title: Governor Appointment of County Commissioners

Submitted by: Howard Rynearson, Payette County Chairman

To be presented by: Howard Rynearson, Payette County Chairman

Passed by: Legislative District 9 Central Committee, November 8, 2023

WHEREAS, in the case of a vacancy of a County Commissioner, before their term has expired, the County Central Committee convenes to interview candidates for a replacement,

WHEREAS, typically, candidates are better known by their county peers than by the Governor, i.e.; their community involvement, overall reputation, performance of duties stated on resume, their potential to perform in the office of Commissioner,

WHEREAS, the results of interviews reveal one candidate being the obvious best choice by the majority of the Central Committee,

WHEREAS, the Central Committee submits three names to the Governor for consideration for interim appointment as required by state statute,

WHEREAS, according to Republican Party rules, the three names submitted to the Governor should be in preferential order,

WHEREAS, Idaho State Statute 59 chapter 9, on filling County Commissioners vacancies, does not require the three names in preferential order,

WHEREAS, historically, the Governor very seldom appoints the County Central Committee's preferred choice for Interim County Commissioner,

WHEREAS, this inevitably results in State jurisdiction taking control away from the County jurisdiction,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party opposes the current statute allowing the Governor to consistently override the County Central Committee's preferred choice. The power of the people should be returned to the local government jurisdiction where it belongs, therefore; we resolve that the Governor shall, by law, appoint the county's preferred choice unless that candidate is found to be lawfully unqualified.

Resolution 2024-9

Title: Protecting the Identity and Brand of the Idaho Republican Party

Submitted by: Matthew Jensen, Ada County Precinct Committeeman

To be presented by: Matthew Jensen, Ada County Precinct Committeeman

Passed by: Legislative District 17 Republican Central Committee November 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the press does not dictate what happens in the Idaho Republican Party; and,

WHEREAS, in order for our message, our philosophy, and our efforts to be maximally effective, the "R" next to a name must mean something; and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party owes nothing, either legally or morally, to those who would exploit the good name of the party for their own ends; and,

WHEREAS, when we, the Idaho Republican Party, see elements of the Idaho Democrats openly brag about influencing Republican officials away from Republican philosophy and the Republican Platform, as well as switching their own voter registration to Republican for the express purposes of interfering with internal Republican Party business and primaries, it would behoove us to use any and all available and legal means to stop the perfidy; and,

WHEREAS, there have been "Republican" candidates in the State of Idaho, that for whatever reason immediately abandon Republican principles and the party platform upon election, and then pretend to be Republican again during primary and general election seasons; and,

WHEREAS, it has been upheld many times, both in legislation and in the courts, that the Idaho Republican Party has both the right and duty to take care of its own business, and all matters under its purview;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party promulgates the following principle for all of its business: "If you run as a Republican, you must serve as a Republican"; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party reserves the right to withhold any resources it sees fit to any official elected but not serving as a Republican, and does so under the inherent and constitutionally-recognized freedom of association, as well as the freedom to protect its own identity and brand; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party requires its candidates to read the Idaho Republican Platform, and state where they agree or disagree; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby puts out a call to its committees across the Gem State to formally draft a more concrete rule in the same purposes and spirit of this Resolution.

Resolution 2024-10

Title: Authority Of Counties And Cities To Regulate Rental Housing

Submitted by: Legislative District 19 Central Committee

To be presented by: Blair Moss LD 19 Vice Chair, Lynn Bradescu LD 19 Chair

Passed by: Legislative District 19, November 20, 2023

WHEREAS the State of Idaho is a place where individual property rights are highly cherished, and;

WHEREAS the City of Boise has adopted an ordinance that violates these cherished rights by *requiring* that any property owner within the city who wishes to lease their investment property is required to accept Section 8 rental assistance from potential tenants, and;

WHEREAS the bureaucratic red tape and regulations associated with such a requirement has the potential to be overly burdensome to individuals who are choosing to lease limited investment properties, and;

WHEREAS the original intent of the program was that it be only an option available to landlords and not a requirement, and;

WHEREAS the State of Iowa has already enacted model legislation to prohibit localities from adopting such mandates; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican Party condemns the adoption of any local ordinance that mandates Idaho property owners be forced to participate in an optional Federal Housing Assistance program, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican Party calls on the State Legislature to introduce and adopt legislation similar to the model legislation adopted by the State of Iowa, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party calls on the Governor to sign such legislation when it is presented to him

Resolution 2024-11
Title: Balance of Power

Submitted by: Legislative District 14 Central Committee

To be presented by: Steven Thayn, Legislative District 14 Chairman

Passed by: Legislative District 14 Central Committee November 9, 2023

WHEREAS, Republicans support limited government;

WHEREAS, limited government is a state of being where the power of the government and the power of the people are in balance;

WHEREAS, when the powers of the people and of government are in balance, the main purpose of government is to protect the rights and possession of the people from threat of external invasion and internal violence;

WHEREAS, government gains power by taking and centralizing responsibilities, power, and resources from the people;

WHEREAS, when a government gains too much power, taxes increase, national debt soars, and the rights and liberty of the people are threatened;

WHEREAS, responsibility is the carrier of power;

WHEREAS, as government accumulates and centralizes responsibilities; especially in the areas of education, health care, and poverty programs; the liberty of the people and of their institution, the family, is undermined;

WHEREAS, the United States government is out of balance and has centralized too much responsibility granting itself power to “take care of” people in a manner never intended by our Founding Fathers;

WHEREAS, a need exists to decentralize the power of the American government by transferring powers, resources, and responsibilities back to the people.

WHEREAS, this excess power of the government can be transferred back to the people by creating legal structures that facilitate the transfer of responsibility back to willing citizens in their institution the family,

WHEREAS, responsibility-transfer-structures will have the most positive impact in the areas of education, health care, and poverty programs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Idaho Republican Party, support and encourage the Idaho legislature to create legal structures that encourage the transfer of responsibility and its accompanying power and resources back to willing and responsible families and individuals especially in the areas of education, health care, and poverty.

Resolution 2024-12

Title: Asserting Limits To Partisanship In Municipal Elections

Submitted by: Todd Thomas, Franklin County Chairman

To be presented by: Todd Thomas, Franklin County Chairman

Passed by: Franklin County Republican Central Committee October 27, 2023

WHEREAS the Platform of the Idaho Republican Party supports no partisan decision-making with regard to contracting for construction and maintenance of infrastructure, provision of youth recreation programs, delivery of dependable utility service, enforcement of codes and statutes, or promotion of good will among community residents;

WHEREAS the best local governance in towns and cities comes from individuals motivated by altruistic love of community, as such positions rarely pay lucrative salaries and do not financially support expensive partisan electioneering and campaigning;

WHEREAS political parties are tools for achieving good government, but the power of a party is not an end goal itself superior to responsive and efficient governance;

WHEREAS, in an environment with scarce volunteer leadership, selecting persons of good character may be a higher priority than partisanship in the composition of local boards, councils and committees;

WHEREAS building consensus within small towns and cities frequently requires statesmanship more than political loyalty, and single-minded partisanship can become an obstacle to such statesmanship; and

WHEREAS it is only in larger communities where decision-making often defaults to overarching political philosophies that partisan elections yield any benefit to voters:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IDGOP state central committee actively advocate and urge that any conversion of Idaho's currently non-partisan elected leadership to partisan office be limited to jurisdictions of 50,000 population and larger.

Resolution 2024-13

Title: Prohibition of Discrimination by Race in Hiring Decisions for Public Institutions

Submitted by: Faye Thompson, Valley County Chair

To be presented by: Faye Thompson

Passed by: Valley County Republican Central Committee October 18, 2023

WHEREAS, the Valley County Republican Central Committee believes that all individuals should be treated equally and with dignity, and that every person should have the right to be considered for employment based on merit, qualifications, and abilities, without regard to race, color, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, practices that prioritize race, also known as affirmative action, in hiring decisions for public institutions may inadvertently lead to reverse discrimination and undermine the principle of equality; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in its recent ruling in the case of Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard, has affirmed that the use of race in college admissions is discriminatory, unconstitutional, and is inconsistent with the principle of equal protection under the law; and **WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Platform, in alignment with the principles of individual rights, free markets, limited government, and equal opportunity, supports policies that treat all Idaho citizens equitably, irrespective of their race; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Platform stands for the principle that government should treat all individuals impartially, without regard to race, color, ethnicity, or national origin; and **WHEREAS**, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction "the equal protection of the laws"; and

WHEREAS, we call upon our state lawmakers and Governor Brad Little to uphold the principles of the Idaho Republican Platform, the United States Constitution, and the core American value of equality under the law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Valley County Republican Central Committee:

1. Formally calls upon the Idaho State Legislature and Governor Brad Little to enact legislation that bans discrimination by race, also known as affirmative action, in hiring decisions for public institutions, thus ensuring that all individuals are considered for employment based on their individual merit, qualifications, and abilities;
2. Urges all lawmakers to support legislation and regulations that uphold the principles of individual rights and equality under the law as outlined in the Idaho Republican Platform and the United States Constitution;
3. Expresses its commitment to the principle of equal opportunity and urges all elected officials within the Idaho Republican Party to uphold this principle and act in accordance with the values the Idaho Republican Party represents;
4. Directs the Valley County Republican Central Committee Secretary to transmit an official copy of this Resolution to Governor Brad Little, the Idaho State Legislature, and other relevant parties.
5. Asks the Idaho Republican Party to pass a similar resolution demanding our legislative and executive branches pass legislation to prohibit all of our government agencies from discriminating based on race or national origin.

Resolution 2024-14

Title: Condemning Dark Money in Idaho Campaign Finance

Submitted by: Lucas Baumbach

To be presented by: Lucas Baumbach

Passed by: Canyon County Central Committee November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, Idaho has laws, called Sunshine laws, which are intended to curb the influence of “dark”, or unattributed money in political campaigns.

WHEREAS, in October 2023 the Idaho Liberty PAC sponsored attack ads totaling \$45,000 against 3 Republican senators in Canyon County and the source of that money was obscured by indirect contributions through other PACs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IDGOP reaffirms Idaho’s Sunshine Laws and condemns use of dark money in campaigning, and calls for further reforms of campaign finance to prohibit funneling money through PACs,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IDGOP will investigate and report the use of dark money in political advertising as follows:

- a. Establish facts: determine funding source of advertisements as closely as possible.
- b. Raise awareness when large sums of money are funneled through PACS
 1. By issuing press release(s) to relevant media outlets.
 2. By notifying all relevant parties:
 - a. Secretary of State
 - b. County party organizations
 - d. District party organizations
 - e. Attorney General
 - f. Voters

Resolution 2024-15

Title: Protection of Idaho Public Lands and Adjacent Idaho Private Property Owners

Submitted by: Rachel Hatton, Fremont County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Terry DeLong

Passed by:

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly supports the lease of Idaho public lands for traditional uses (i.e. grazing and logging).

WHEREAS, the Idaho Admissions Bill states: “(b) Lease. – Land granted under this Act for educational purposes may be leased in accordance with State law.”

WHEREAS, Idaho “Land Board policy allows for public recreation on endowment lands provided those activities do not degrade the lands, interfere with management activities, or otherwise negatively affect the long-term financial return to beneficiaries.”

WHEREAS, the Endowment Land and Recreation mission statement is: “to professionally and prudently manage Idaho’s endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to the public schools and other trust beneficiaries and to provide professional assistance to the citizens of Idaho to use, protect, and sustain their natural resources.

WHEREAS, The State of Idaho supports the spirit of good neighboring on public lands and has committed to transparency in government.

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands does not provide oversight and/or compliance officers who regularly provide onsite inventory and/or inspection of glamping operations, or implement, or enforce environmental laws or regulations related to glamping operations.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in South Eastern Idaho have significantly and fundamentally violated their operating permits.

WHEREAS, “glamping” businesses across Idaho are very clearly causing significant environmental damage on Idaho public lands.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have a negative impact on Idaho wildlife and their free movement.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have significantly and fundamentally interfered with wildlife habitat and quiet/serene ecosystems.

WHEREAS, the IDL public information officers will ensure compliance with Department Policy No. 6—Public Information. 3. As appropriate, IDL will work collaboratively with local communities, recreation groups, stakeholders, and adjacent landowners concerning the development and management of recreational use on endowment lands.

WHEREAS, Idaho communities in affected county and local jurisdictions that neighbor public lands have not been consulted with or informed about IDL issuing glamping permits/leases on these public lands prior to IDL issuing glamping permits/leases.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have significantly and fundamentally violated rules and regulations from the Fire Marshall.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have significantly and fundamentally violated rules and regulations from the Department of Environmental Quality.

WHEREAS, glamping operations do not comply with city or county laws and/or ordinances and permitting.

WHEREAS, glamping operations conflict with County comprehensive plans and County zoning regulations.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho interfere with The Public's use of Idaho public lands.

WHEREAS, glamping operations on public lands reserve a recreational right of use for commercial clients and prohibit non-client campers who wish to enjoy the same public land freely.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho do not pay property taxes in Idaho and therefore compete unfairly with Idaho businesses.

WHEREAS, commercial glamping businesses in Southeast Idaho and potentially statewide do not remove their operational infrastructure and materials from public lands at the end of their permit/ lease term, they leave these facilities in Connex storage containers and on site to facilitate future/returning operations which in effect reserves public land for their continuing and exclusive use.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Southeast Idaho have imposed negative impacts to neighboring private homes and landowners including trespass, noise, loss of privacy and serene livability environment, and these private land and home owners fear diminished property values and suffer the commercial environment that neighbors them including noise, trespass, and other concentrated glamping activities.

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly opposes the lease of any Idaho Public Land that results in the degradation of the land environmentally.

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly opposes the lease of any Idaho public land that results in unfair competition with private business.

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly opposes commercial glamping operations that negatively impact neighboring property and land owners, their private property rights, and community values, i.e. speaking specifically to livability environments and private property on adjacent lands as defined in the Fremont County Comprehensive Plan: "Fremont County delivers a strong sense of place to its residents, containing an appreciation of heritage and a feeling of spiritual sanctuary. We value peace and quiet, and an easy going life style. Our community pride is evident in our support of community events and our attention to community appearance. Our small communities are like extended families. Our appreciation and concern for others is demonstrated by being and having good neighbors. We value the spiritual dimension of our lives, no matter how we define God. We maintain respect for the law and respect for everyone who makes up our community. The results of these values are safe and clean communities." Glamping operations in South East Idaho and potentially statewide violate every aspect of this definition.

WHEREAS, IDL Department Policy #6 ensures that IDL will work COLLABORATIVELY with local communities, recreation groups, stakeholders, and adjacent landowners regarding the development and management of public endowment lands The Fremont County Republican Central Committee requests that such policy should include public notice, meetings with and approval of, glamping operations through county land use commission/board, local groups,

taxpayers, neighboring property owners, businesses, and effected communities in county jurisdictions. Any glamping permits/leases should require collaborative approval of glamping permits/leases in addition to IDL review and issuance of permit/leases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Central Committee expresses opposition to glamping operations on Idaho Public Lands until such time as the Idaho Department of Lands generates detailed rules and regulations regarding glamping operations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all IDL permit/lease holders shall comply with City and County comprehensive plans, County zoning regulations, laws and ordinances when operating on or occupying as a commercial user Idaho Public Lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IDL shall coordinate with Puthe development of these rules and regulations with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Idaho State Fire Marshall, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the local impact population and/or jurisdictional land commissions as a minimum,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IDL shall implement a “NEPA like” process for the review and approval of any glamping permit or lease to ensure land preservation practices that are consistent with Idaho State Land Board Endowment Land and Recreation mission statement that manages Idaho Endowment land assets for appropriate uses, that protect, and sustain their natural resources.

Resolution 2024-16

Title: Establish Standards and Procedures for Hiring Educators and School Personnel

Submitted by: Lucas Baumbach

To be presented by: Lucas Baumbach

Passed by: Canyon County Central Committee November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, schools are significant influencers of children's worldviews and moral character,

WHEREAS, teachers and other school personnel are entrusted to interact with children without constant oversight and must be trustworthy,

WHEREAS, school districts have recently considered accepting policies which would normalize gender theory in schools, and this is not moral,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that standards and procedures for hiring educators and other school personnel be developed with a goal of hiring professional staff of high moral character who reject gender theory, which is an agenda of Marxism.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such standards and procedures, once approved by the Idaho State GOP, be provided to the State legislature and to all Idaho school districts as recommended hiring practices.

Resolution 2024-17
Title: Order of Hearing County Submitted Resolutions

Submitted by: Todd Thomas, Franklin County Chairman

To be presented by: Todd Thomas, Franklin County Chairman

Passed by: Franklin County Central Committee November 9, 2023

WHEREAS county central committees of Idaho pay annual dues to the IDGOP in order to earn voting rights at meetings and conventions;

WHEREAS paid dues status should also earn the privilege and right to be represented and heard in regards to rules and resolutions;

WHEREAS Article II of the Idaho Republican Party Platform encourages citizen involvement in government with full participation in the political process;

WHEREAS the semi-annual meetings and bi-annual convention are public opportunities for said participation of the individual counties of Idaho;

WHEREAS in previous meetings and conventions, many submitted resolutions were not considered before the resolutions or rules committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IDGOP central committee advocate for a rule to allow each county submitted resolution and/or rule be granted presentation before the appropriate committees for debate and voting for approval or denial, in an alphabetical order, repeated until all submissions have been fairly heard.

Resolution 2024-18
Title: Rejecting Wind/Solar Agenda

Submitted by: Lucas Baumbach

To be presented by: Lucas Baumbach

Passed by: Canyon County Central Committee November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, the Wind/Solar agenda promotes a goal of 100% replacement of fossil fuels with wind and solar.

WHEREAS, wind and solar cannot provide enough reliable energy to replace fossil fuels.

WHEREAS, nuclear energy can provide non-polluting and plentiful electricity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that IDGOP shall recommend reliable sources of energy, including fossil fuels and nuclear power to the State Legislature with a goal of such recommendations being incorporated into Idaho law.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IDGOP shall recommend reliable sources of energy, including fossil fuels and nuclear power to the Idaho Congressional Delegation with a goal of such recommendations being incorporated into Federal law.

Resolution 2024-19

Title: Opposition to the Availability of Marijuana to Youth in Idaho

Submitted by: Christin Clark

To be presented by: Christin Clark, Caribou Youth Committee Chair

Passed by: Caribou County Republican Central Committee November 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the Colorado Bureau of Cannabis Control has determined that youth routinely exposed to marijuana are "more likely to have a hard time learning, problems remembering, and lower math and reading scores."
(<https://cannabis.colorado.gov/health-effects/effects-on-youth>)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has determined that "marijuana use beginning in teen years or younger may affect brain development which may impair thinking, memory, and learning,"
(<https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/featured-topics/marijuana-youth.html#>) and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Controls has found "marijuana use has been linked to depression and social anxiety in adults" and that people who "use marijuana are more likely to develop temporary psychosis (hallucinations, not knowing what is real, and paranoia) and long-lasting mental disorders, including schizophrenia"
(<https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/health-effects/mental-health.html#>):"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Idaho State Republican Central Committee that we oppose any changes to Idaho law having the effect of making marijuana more available to youth in Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party liaisons to the Idaho Legislature convey this position to Republican members of the Idaho House and Senate by way of correspondence copied to the Legislative District central committees of each member.

Resolution 2024-20

Title: Establishing Processes to Ensure Fair and Open Debate

Submitted by: Darryl Ford

To be presented by: Darryl Ford

Passed by: Canyon County Central Committee November 21, 2023

WHEREAS, the IDGOP platform, Article II, encourages citizens to participate in government, including open debate.

WHEREAS, the screening of questions in open debate hinders citizen participation.

WHEREAS, the “Delphi Technique” as contained in the book “Push Back” by Beverly Eakman is defined as a Marxist technique for controlling debate,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Republicans should prohibit and condemn the use of the Delphi Technique in public forums.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in any Idaho GOP approved or sanctioned debates or forums (District, County or State), moderators will promote debate by not screening questions for content and by allowing time for Citizens to ask questions.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all GOP meetings be open meetings, to include the public, Precinct Committeemen and GOP officers.

Resolution 2024-21

Title: Mandatory Minimum Sentence for Fentanyl Trafficking

Submitted by: Trent Clark

To be presented by: Trent Clark, Caribou State Committeeman

Passed by: Caribou County Republican Central Committee November 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reports "an increase in fentanyl-related overdoses and overdose deaths," and that "from 2020 to 2022 the rate of fentanyl-related overdose deaths tripled in Idaho—with approximately 49% overdose deaths involving fentanyl."

(<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/dhw-voice/dhw-director-dave-jeppesen-lets-gather-recognize-lives-idahoans-who-have-died-overdose#>)

WHEREAS, Idaho has mandatory minimum sentences for heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine and even heroin, and yet none of those drugs are as dangerous as fentanyl, which is estimated to be able to kill someone with a dose as small as 2 milligrams — the equivalent of a few grains of salt

(https://www.postregister.com/news/crime_courts/law-enforcement-frustrated-as-debate-on-mandatory-minimums-ends-with-tabled-bill/article_008ff0de-ace9-11ed-ac17-471f4a38763e.html) ,

WHEREAS, Bonneville County Sheriff Samuel Hulse testified that "it's a matter of common sense that sentencings involving fentanyl would use a similar criteria [to other drugs]" and that "We need to send a message to all the drug traffickers that Idaho is not the place to traffic in fentanyl,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Idaho State Republican Central Committee that we support the establishment of a mandatory minimum sentence for fentanyl.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party liaisons to the Idaho Legislature convey this position to the chairs of the relevant committees of jurisdiction in the Idaho House of Representatives and the Idaho Senate.