

## Klickitat County Republican 2024 Platform

### **Purpose of KCRP**

#### **Elect**

Elect Republicans for local, state and national positions.

#### **Educate**

Promote excellence in our government, educate party members and the general public about issues and to provide a forum within Klickitat County for Republicans.

#### **Engage**

Attract Republican and independent voters and volunteers to the Republican Party and encourage grassroots participation.

### **Beliefs and Philosophy**

America's unparalleled progress is based on the freedom and dignity of the individual, sustained by basic moral and religious concepts. Freedom to the individual versus concentration of power, which destroys freedom, is central in all societies.

Economic progress, cultural advancement, and ethical and religious principles flourish best when people are free, responsible individuals. Free will over force is consistent with maintaining liberty. We should never sacrifice individual freedom and opportunity in attempts for guaranteed "security."

### **The Constitution**

With strong emphasis on the Bill of Rights, we support the Constitution as the supreme law of the land. Changes should be made only through constitutional amendments, not by bureaucratic policy or judicial activism. Therefore, we support the republican form of government. The Constitution provides governmental limits, equal opportunity, freedom to worship as choice dictates, and freedom of speech, press, peaceful assembly and right to petition for change

### **Private Property**

We believe that America's system of private ownership of property and the means of production has been, and is, one of the prominent keystones of our republic. This element of our economic system and the personal rights attendant to private property must be maintained and protected. We believe in the power of the elected constitutional sheriff to protect our rights of property and liberty. Ownership of property and property rights are among the human rights essential to preserving individual freedom.

### **State's Rights and Sovereignty**

We support the protection and defense of states' rights and state sovereignty over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government as specified in the 10th amendment to the Constitution.

All lands within State boundaries, excluding those lands as authorized by the U.S. Constitution and ceded to the federal government by the State Legislature, shall be subject solely to the jurisdiction of the state.

### **Religious Life**

Our nation was founded on spiritual faith and belief in God. Whereas the Constitution of the United States was founded on moral and Judeo-Christian religious principles, moral, ethical, and traditional family values should have support and place in the public schools.

## **Family Values**

We believe God has ordained the traditional family as the foundational institution of human society.

We believe in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

We must protect the right to life to preserve the rights to liberty and property.

## **Capitalism - Private Competitive Enterprise**

We believe in the American capitalistic, private, competitive enterprise system in which property is privately owned, privately managed, operated for profit, individual satisfaction and responsible stewardship.

We believe individuals have the right to choose their occupation and receive the rewards for their contribution to society. Individuals have the right to save, invest, spend and convey their earnings to their heirs.

We believe in a competitive business environment in which supply and demand are the primary forces of market prices.

## **Education**

We believe that locally controlled education is critical in creating and maintaining a strong and viable society.

We believe education starts with the parents and is extended to the schools as a directed partnership.

We believe parents have the right to choose the values and education of their children.

## **Political Parties**

Strong, responsive political parties are essential to the United States system of elective government.

We believe that government should not be involved directly in the political process but should lay down certain laws to assure election integrity.

## **Fiscal policies**

- Rejection of state income tax.
- Abolish inheritance taxes.
- Simplifying the federal tax system and limiting IRS powers.
- Requiring a balanced budget.
- Ending unfunded mandates.

## **Citizenship**

We support legislation to clearly define birthright citizenship is only accorded to those children whose parent(s) is/are citizens of the United States or that the parents are permanent legal residents present in the United States at the time of the child's birth.

## **Border Security**

For all aspects of national security, we support a secured border impervious to illegal entry.

As a means of discouraging illegal entry, no social programs being available to those here illegally.

## **Energy**

Abolish the New Green Deal.

Fully utilize our natural resources of energy.

Promote modern design nuclear and hydroelectric.