

ALASKA REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM 2018

MISSION STATEMENT

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- 1) The mission statement of the Alaska Republican Party is to promote the principles upon which our country and State were founded; advocate fiscally-sound, common sense solutions to the unique challenges facing Alaska; defend the family; and serve as Alaska's leading grassroots political organization. We also seek to elect and appoint to public office Alaskans with integrity committed to enacting solutions consistent with these principles.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

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- 2) The United States of America and the State of Alaska were founded on the fundamental principles of life, liberty and freedom. Our government must preserve individual freedom by protecting constitutional rights and observing constitutional limitations. Our country, people and constitutions must be honored, respected and defended.
- 3) We are strengthened by family, faith, and personal responsibility and accountability. We honor the sanctity of human life. Our national defense must be second to none. Our education system must be competitive, accessible and accountable. We support the primary right of parents to control and direct their children's education.
- 4) Free enterprise is the best system to deliver economic opportunity and prosperity. It should not be burdened by excessive regulation and taxation. Government must practice fiscal responsibility, so citizens can keep more of the money they earn.
- 5) We expect ethical conduct, transparency and accountability from our elected and appointed officials.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Agree y

- 6) We believe that a strong, diversified economy is based on the free market system, unburdened by excessive government regulation and spending.
- 7) We support balanced budgets.

- 8) We support business development and the entrepreneurial spirit while reducing the economic and regulatory barriers that limit business growth and responsible resource development.
- 9) We support a simplified tax system that does not produce the effect of government directed redistribution of wealth.
- 10) We support establishing a mechanism allowing for project certainty between private investment and the State, locking in the terms of the initial agreement.
- 11) We support Alaska as a right-to-work state, allowing equal access to jobs for all qualified workers and equal access for contractors to all State and municipal contracts.
- 12) We support the responsible expansion and improvement of Alaska's transportation infrastructure to encourage development and better access to more areas of the State.
- 13) We support legal immigration.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Agree y

- 14) We support and recognize that hunting, fishing, recreation and tourism are important to Alaskans, our communities, and to our economy; we support and defend access to Alaska's public lands and waters for those purposes.
- 15) We support holding the Federal Government accountable under its contractual obligations of the Alaska Statehood Act.
- 16) We support the transfer of public lands into private ownership without restricting access to public lands.
- 17) We support and defend active management, access to , and reasonable incentives for the responsible development and utilization of Alaska's natural resources as guaranteed in the Alaska Constitution.
- 18) We support bringing natural resource development decision-making back to Alaska.
- 19) We support the responsible development of all of Alaska's resources, and the equitable sharing of federal royalties with the State, for the maximum benefit of all Alaskans.

- 20) We support cultivating a robust agriculture industry.
- 21) We support and defend access by all user groups to Alaska's fish and game resources and active management on the sustained yield principle.
- 22) We support the rights of all Alaskans to hunt and fish. We support and defend access to Alaska's fish and game resources, including subsistence harvesting for Alaskans, and their management on the sustained yield principle.
- 23) We support and defend the management and protection of public fish and wildlife resources, and their habitats, under the sustained yield principle for the benefit of all Alaskans as guaranteed in Alaska's constitution.
- 24) Recognizing that Alaskans have a strong connection to our land, fish, wildlife, and recreational resources, we believe in effective and fair management and protection that balances harvest opportunities with resource stock production.
- 25) We support reducing state and federal regulatory burdens, streamlining permitting processes, and expediting timelines for resource development.

EDUCATION

Agree _____

- 26) We support access to a quality education based on the principles of parental choice with the objective of providing multiple education and career options for our youth.
- 27) We support local control of public education provided these do not limit parental choices.
- 28) We support active promotion of patriotism in our schools, the teaching of the JudeoChristian foundation of our country with the emphasis on the Constitution of the United States. We also support the teaching of American and Alaska history, cultures and geography.
- 29) We support the elimination of "Common Core".
- 30) We support the abolition of the Federal Department of Education. We support the State in refusing Federal Funds and policies for education.

31) We support the repeal of the Blaine Amendment and support the Base Student Allocation following the student.

32) We support educators' rights to refuse membership dues, and union rules without penalties.

HEALTH AND FAMILY

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33) Man is made in the image of God; therefore, we embrace the sanctity of life from the moment of conception until natural death and will defend the sanctity of life.

34) We affirm the family, defined as people living together related by blood, marriage or adoption, as the foundational unit of society. We embrace the definition of marriage in our State constitution as the union of one man and one woman and support reserving marriage benefits to this union alone.

35) We support policies that minimize government intervention and control of the family. Parents have primary responsibility for their children. They have the right and duty to appropriately discipline, and require active, informed prior consent for all medical care, including access to abortion, psychological testing and counseling.

36) Recognizing that Alaska law already protects all Alaskans, we oppose the insertion of "sexual orientation" and "transgender identity" in the list of protected classes under anti-discrimination laws for the State and its political subdivisions.

37) We support actively reducing social dysfunctions in Alaska. Social dysfunction includes, but is not limited to, fetal drug and alcohol poisoning, abuse, domestic violence, promiscuity, suicide, substance abuse, gambling addictions, pornography and sex trafficking.

38) We emphatically support the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare. We support health care reforms to address spiraling costs, quality, availability and the number of uninsured people. Our solutions are consumer choice, personal responsibility, health savings accounts, reduction of unnecessary regulation, and requiring upon patient request cost estimates from healthcare providers and limits on defensive medicine and liability costs through tort reform.

39) We support that all Alaska welfare recipients be drug tested and be found free of illicit drugs as part of the application approval and be subject to random drug testing while receiving benefits.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Agree y

40) The right to life, liberty and property is bestowed by our Creator. Every human being deserves protection under the law from the moment of conception until natural death. We support the right of due process of law before any execution or incarceration of US citizens. We affirm and support the first amendment to the US Constitution and the dignity and the respect of all persons and oppose efforts to restrict the rights guaranteed within.

41) The Second Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The Alaska Constitution does the same, underscoring this as an individual right. We oppose, federal, State and local laws that infringe upon this right for law-abiding citizens, including the registration or licensing of firearms or firearm owners.

42) The Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the US Constitution reserve to the States and to the People all rights not expressly granted to the federal government. This reservation gives the State of Alaska sovereignty and management authority over all land, navigable waters and resources within its boundaries. We oppose all federal laws, regulations, mandates, actions, and executive orders that infringe on the rights reserved to the People and the States.

43) We support and defend equal access to development and utilization of natural resources for the maximum benefit of all Alaskans, as guaranteed in Alaska's constitution.

44) We support the state legislatures utilizing Article V power to propose amendments to the US Constitution in a convention of the states, limited to restoring federalism.

45) We support the preservation of private property rights, including the right of owners to access their property.

46) Statutes should not refer to Constitutional rights as privileges; likewise, statutory privileges should not be referred to as rights.

47) We support the right of Alaska's citizens to own subsurface mineral rights.

- 48) We believe in a judicial system that supports a strict, literal interpretation of the US and AK Constitutions and recognizes the sovereignty of our laws and state's rights without references to foreign precedent or authority.
- 49) We support capital punishment for heinous crimes. We further support strong mandatory minimum prison sentences for all persons, including minors, convicted of committing crimes with deadly weapons or force.
- 50) We support strong mandatory minimum penalties for all violent felony crimes, including sex offences. We support public registration of persons convicted of child molestation, and vigorous enforcement of laws to prohibit production, sale, and distribution of child pornography.
- 51) We support the principle that criminals, regardless of age, make restitution to their victims. We support sentencing convicted criminals to work as part of their obligation to provide restitution.
- 52) We believe and support that the people of Alaska are subject to the jurisdiction of the constitutions of the US and AK, statutes, and courts.
- 53) We support the separation of all ties that bind AK to the 9th circuit court of appeals and support the creation of a new circuit court of appeals to include AK.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agree y

- 50) We support peace through strength, believing that a strong military helps ensure a free United States. The focus of the military should be for combat readiness. We support all who serve or have served our country and commit to support them and their families.
- 51) It is the policy of the United States of America to immediately design and implement an aggressive, innovative substantive, effective, and multi-lateral hemispheric defense of Alaska and the Arctic in cooperation with other Arctic nations. To accomplish this, we must take immediate state, federal and allied action due to the ongoing and growing danger to Alaska and the Arctic from Russian, Chinese, North Korean and other international threats.
- 52) Our immediate focus must be the funding, development, training, equipping, employment and readiness of our intelligence infrastructure, our early warning systems, our missile defense capacity, our air defense capacity and placement, our naval defense capacity and placement, and our land defense competence and mobility.

- 53) We strongly support the restoration and the rearming of the Alaska State Defense force to full strength as part of the organized militia. We also support the restoration of scout units in rural Alaska.
- 54) We support installation of a North American terrestrial eLoran system to expand timing (UTC) and navigation coverage to back up the space based GPS system that is vulnerable to attack, jamming, and global or localized natural disasters.
- 55) We support an active, aggressive war against those terrorists or other groups directly responsible for the planning and/or attacks on the United States, her citizens, or her interests.
- 56) We recognize Alaska's strategic military location and unparalleled training opportunities and welcome the expansion of forces in Alaska. This includes our Active Duty, Reserves, Alaska National Guard, naval Militia, Coast Guard and Alaska State Defense Force.
- 57) We support the operation and further development of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System in Alaska as part of a layered ballistic missile defense that protects all 50 states and Canada.
- 58) We strongly believe in the readiness of our homeland defense and recognize that every citizen has the responsibility to support and defend our liberties. We support securing our national borders as an essential component of our national defense.
- 59) We support developing, producing, deploying and using weapons and equipment advanced through active research and development so our military forces will be properly equipped and protected.
- 60) We believe compensation and conditions for our armed forces in place at the time military service is initiated should be sufficient to attract and retain quality men and women as we honor our promises and commitments to veterans, retirees, and their families. These shall continue and not be reduced or otherwise diminished while in service or upon separation or retirement.
- 61) We believe the United States should no longer engage in foreign conflicts under the policy (rules of engagement) of "proportional response," but rather the policy of the U.S. in these conflicts shall be left to the discretion of the theater commander.

- 62) We oppose granting the same legal protections to non-U.S. citizens committing acts of war as are inherent to U.S. citizens.
- 63) We request the Department of Defense use existing world-class facilities, infrastructure, and workforce readily available in Alaska before expanding to other locations.
- 64) We believe the Department of Defense should permit active, guard, reserve, and retired military members who have obtained the approval of the installation commander to carry handguns on military installations, openly or concealed, according to the laws of the state where each military installation is located.