

Our Platform

The Platform of the Idaho Republican Party aligns with the Constitution of the United States, in which we believe that the Republican Party is the most appropriate representative to demonstrate these ideals into successful principles of the government.

The Party Platform enumerates our core beliefs and the policies we support. This platform was updated and adapted on July 16, 2022 in Twin Falls, Idaho



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PREAMBLE

WE ARE REPUBLICANS BECAUSE:

We believe the strength of our nation lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator, the individual, and the family; and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

We believe we are inheritors of a distinct Western Civilization and that our traditional culture safeguards our identity as a free people.

We believe in American Exceptionalism.

We believe the United States of America is unlike any other country on earth.

We believe the United States Constitution is the greatest and most inspired document to govern a nation, and the republican form of government it gives us, (U.S. Const. Art. IV §4), is the best guarantor of freedom in history.

We believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

We believe human life begins at conception and is protected by the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator along with the fundamental right to life and shall not be infringed upon.

We believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this Nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

We believe government must practice fiscal responsibility, and that taxpayers shall allow the government only the money necessary to provide appropriate functions.

We believe that our Founding Fathers gave us a government that is a servant of the people, not our master. The proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions, which individuals or private organizations cannot perform.

We believe the most effective, responsible, responsive government is government closest to the people, and the sovereignty of the state must be protected. That government is best that governs least.

We believe Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong.

We believe Idahoans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to promote peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

We believe the protection of individual rights is upheld when personal responsibility for behavior is exercised.

We believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

We therefore adopt the following Platform:

effort to impose National Popular Vote would be a grave threat to our federal system and a guarantee of corruption, as every ballot box in every state would offer a chance to steal the United States presidency. We urge the Idaho State Legislature to oppose any attempts to modify the Electoral College or adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

ARTICLE II. CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT

The Idaho Republican Party believes that government works best when its citizens become actively involved. The Party encourages all citizens to engage in healthy debate on all issues that will increase citizen control of government.

Section 1: We encourage all citizens to educate themselves in constitutional government and to be full participants in the political process.

Section 2: We seek to heighten the level of discourse by encouraging all office holders, candidates and citizens to be civil, dignified, honest and forthright in their discussions, actions, statements and political processes. This includes the actions of special interest groups who provide support for or against any Idaho candidate.

Section 3: We believe Primary elections in the Idaho Republican Party should be open to all people who have affiliated as Republicans at least one year prior to the primary election and who support a vast majority of the Idaho Republican Platform. To allow those who have no loyalty or allegiance to the Idaho Republican Party or its platform and Resolutions to select our candidates is simply not proper.

ARTICLE III. EDUCATION

The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that the future of this great state lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator, in our strong efforts to uphold family values, and in the quality of education provided for its citizens. We believe that successful education is a joint responsibility of the individual, the family, and the community. As with government in general, we believe the most effective, responsible and responsive educational system is that system closest to the people.

Section 1: We recognize the importance of early childhood education. We also believe individuals, families and private sector best meet the needs of early childhood education. Only in the rarest of situations should government assume the responsibilities reserved to parents.

- A. **Our Nation's Founding Documentation in Public Education** - The United States of America was founded on legal, political and economic systems based on Judeo-Christian principles. We support curricula whose foundation, text and supplemental documentation are the original founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and Founders' writings.

ARTICLE XIII: INTEGRITY IN AFFILIATION

Section 1: We, as Idaho Republicans, expect all individuals in government at all levels, including elected officials, to conduct themselves within the highest and strictest standards of personal conduct in carrying out their duties.

Section 2: The people of Idaho demand leaders who will uphold their oath of office and the Constitution and are accountable to the people who elect them.

Section 3: The State Chairman shall prepare and send to each Republican candidate for any federal office, statewide office, and any legislative office a request to sign and return the following statement within 30 days of mailing:

Candidate Disclosure:

(1) "I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party."

Or,

(2) "I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party."

Section 4: The candidate disclosure statements, and any exceptions noted therein shall be posted on the Idaho Republican Party internet site at least 30 days prior to the state primary election and shall be made available to anyone making a request. Should any candidate refuse or fail to submit the Disclosure Statement, the State Party Chairman will announce this failure no later than 25 days prior to the primary election. In such case, in such Legislative District the following actions will be taken by the Legislative District Chair:

(a) The Legislative District Chairman may issue a press release stating that the candidate has refused or failed to submit the Candidate Disclosure Statement and that the Idaho Republican Party cannot endorse said candidacy.

(b) This press release may be provided by the Legislative District Chairman for publication in all newspapers within that District within 10 days of receipt, at no cost to the Party or Legislative District

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What Office Are you running for?

State Representative Seat B

What LD are you Running for?

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Please Select One

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Signature

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What Office Are you running for?

State Representative Seat A

What LD are you Running for?

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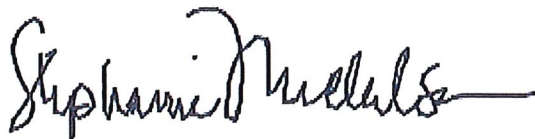
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Please Briefly describe your Exceptions.

I don't support Article I sec 4 on the federal reserve and currency.

Signature



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What Office Are you running for?

State Senator

What LD are you Running for?

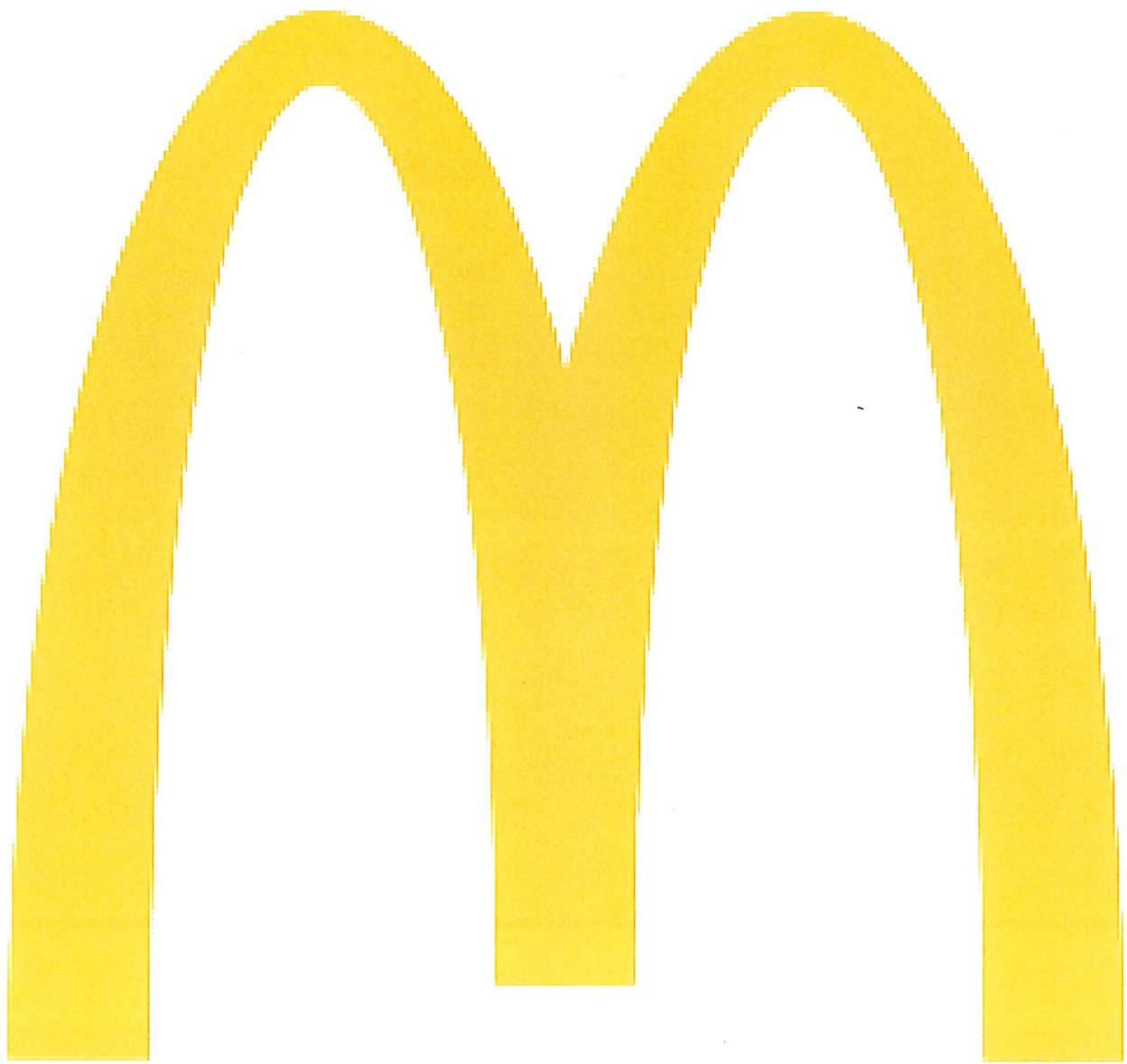
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Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "C".



ARTICLE XX: IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM ENFORCEMENT

Section 1: The Idaho Republican Party is a private organization dedicated to the promotion of certain political ideals, primarily by supporting candidates who pledge to support the United States and Idaho Constitutions and the Idaho Republican Party Platform under Article XIII of these Rules. The support from this Party is very beneficial to those who make such a pledge and once elected, keeping that pledge is paramount to the integrity of the Party and the confidence of the voters who elected them.

Section 2: Without enforcement, the expressed principles of the Party are nothing more than ideals and philosophy. Republican legislators have, at times, defied their pledge and oath, voting on legislative matters substantially contrary to the Party's expressed platform and constitutional principles. Republican Constitutional officers also have, at times, conducted their offices contrary to Republican and constitutional principles.

Section 3: The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, Legislative District Committees, and County Central Committees are hereby empowered to call into question the conduct of a Republican elected official; give fair consideration to alleged violations and provide a meaningful opportunity for the official to be heard; determine if substantive violations of Party Platform or Constitutions have occurred; provide censure and/or guidance upon the first determination of substantive violations; and for any substantive violations by the same elected official occurring after the first determination has issued and following the same procedures outlined

below, may remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during their current term and any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years.

a) The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, by petition to the State Chair from at least 20% of Central Committee members from at least 5 counties, shall call a US Senator for Idaho, a US Representative for Idaho, or an Idaho State constitutional officer to a Republican State Central Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the State Chair shall notify the elected official of the petition and set a date for a meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the State Central Committee or at a Special Meeting.

b) An Idaho Legislative District Committee, by petition to the Legislative District Chair from at least 20% of its Legislative District Committee members, shall call an Idaho State Legislator representing that District to a Legislative District Committee meeting to answer alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the Legislative District Chair shall notify the legislator of the petition and set a date for the meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Legislative District Committee or at a Special Meeting.

c) A County Central Committee, by petition to the County Chair of at least 20% of County Central Committee members, shall call an elected county official of that county to a County Central Committee meeting to answer the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, the County

Chair shall notify the elected official of the petition and set a date for the meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition. The meeting may be in conjunction with a regular meeting of the County Central Committee or at a Special Meeting.

Section 4: The elected official called to answer the alleged violations may, at their discretion, appear in person or by video, if the video system provides two-way communication between the official and the committee and video conferencing is available at the venue where the meeting is to be held.

Section 5: At the meeting, one or more of the petitioners will present the alleged Party Platform or constitutional violation(s). The responding elected official shall be afforded adequate time and opportunity to answer the alleged violations.

Section 6: The State or County Central Committee or the Legislative District Committee, after fair consideration of the merits of the petition and the response, if any, by the elected official, shall make a determination of the merits of the petition. If this is the first time the elected official has been called to answer for violation(s) a simple majority vote of the Committee members present is required to provide censure and guidance to the elected official. If this is a subsequent time the elected official has been called to answer for violation(s) which occurred after the first determination of censure, a super majority vote of sixty (60) percent of the Committee members present is required to remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during their current term and any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years.

Section 7: If a Committee determines to censure an elected official, or upon subsequent determination, remove Party support and prohibit the use of Republican Party identifiers on campaign information and advertising from the elected official during their current term and any subsequent campaign for political office for a period of five (5) years, the State Party shall publish the same on the State Party website. It shall be the duty of the State Party to maintain a website page, publicly accessible, of any such determinations made by the respective Committees.

Pledge *noun* 1.a solemn promise or undertaking.