

## **Amendment #1—Proposed Amendment to National Security Plank of the Salt Lake County Republican Party Platform**

Platform Committee Notes: This proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the Platform Committee. Eighty-two percent of voting Executive Committee members also recommended it for approval by the delegates.

This is the existing platform plank:

### NATIONAL SECURITY

We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness to deter any threat to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens. We support the Constitutional mandate to protect and secure our national borders. We oppose placement of United States troops under any foreign command, including the United Nations. We support lawful efforts of local law enforcement agencies to protect citizens in their homes and in their communities. We urge reform of the legal system to accomplish a swift and balanced administration of justice, including consideration of rights of the victim. We support capital punishment when appropriate.

These are the modifications proposed by the Platform Committee:

### NATIONAL SECURITY

We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness including a robust nuclear deterrent to deter any threat to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens. We strongly support and honor the selfless service and sacrifices of Utah’s military service members and veterans along with their families. We also strongly support legislation at the state and national levels to protect our electrical power grid against Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) attack. We support the Constitutional mandate to protect and secure our national borders. We oppose placement of United States troops under any foreign command, including the United Nations. We support lawful efforts of local law enforcement agencies to protect citizens in their homes and in their communities. We urge reform of the legal system to accomplish a swift and balanced administration of justice, including consideration of rights of the victim. We support capital punishment when appropriate.

Platform Committee Rationale: The purpose of this proposed amendment is to further the Reagan Republican ideal of “peace thru strength.” We wanted to both express our support for and honor our military servicemen and veterans for their service to our country as well as to highlight the importance of protecting our citizens against the existential threats of both nuclear missile Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP attack) which has been estimated by the Congressional EMP Commission would result in 90% of America’s citizens within a year. Please see [www.utahemptaskforce.org](http://www.utahemptaskforce.org) for more educational articles and videos regarding this existential threat. The Committee notes that hardening our power grid against EMP attack has had very strong bi-partisan support given that the U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of hardening the grid against EMP attack in 2010 and that both houses of the Utah State legislature voted unanimously to do so as well when they passed JHR-14 “Joint Resolution to Harden the Utah and United States Electrical Grids” in February 2019.

## **Amendment #2 Proposed Amendment to Family Values Plank of the Salt Lake County Republican Party Platform**

Platform Committee Notes: This proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the Platform Committee. Eighty-two percent of voting Executive Committee members also recommended it for approval by the delegates with the exception of the second sentence of the proposed amendment which received the support of fifty-five percent.

This is the existing platform plank:

### FAMILY VALUES

We recognize the traditional family as the fundamental unit of society. We agree with the Utah State Constitution, Article 2, Section 29, where it affirms that “Marriage consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman.” We affirm that parents have the fundamental right and primary responsibility to direct the upbringing of their children and to provide nurturing care, discipline and training in moral values.

These are the modifications proposed by the Platform Committee:

### FAMILY VALUES

We recognize the traditional family as the fundamental unit of society. We agree with the Utah State Constitution, Article 12, Section 29, where it affirms that “Marriage consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman.” We affirm that parents have the fundamental right and primary responsibility to direct the upbringing of their children and to provide nurturing care, discipline and training in moral values. We believe pornography is a public health crisis and support efforts by our state and national leaders to oppose it. We oppose any efforts that seek to undermine a strong family unit, as we believe the American family is the foundation of a civil society. We support current Utah law which requires that sex education in the classroom stress abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage.

Platform Committee Rationale: The purpose of this proposed amendment is to correct an error in the second sentence of the plank as well as to reiterate our support for Utah’s families using the same language in the Republican National Committee Platform in a way that is inclusive to all of our Party members by not specifically defining what constitutes a ‘family’. In addition, we wanted to express the Party’s support of current Utah law, which mandates teaching our children about the risks of engaging in pre-marital sex. Finally the Utah State Legislature and the Governor have declared pornography to be a public health crisis in 2016 and we wanted to declare our support for their stand on this important issue as well as our support for them opposing pornography without specifying how they should do so.

### **Amendment #3—Proposed Amendment to Taxation Plank of the Salt Lake County Republican Party Platform**

Platform Committee Notes: This proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the Platform Committee. Eighty-two percent of voting Executive Committee members also recommended it for approval by the delegates.

This is the existing platform plank:

#### TAXATION

We accept the necessity for limited taxation in order for government to perform and administer those services which meet essential public needs. However, we recognize that the power to tax is also the power to control, and believe that the best way to control government is to strictly control the amount of taxes imposed on the people. We encourage further simplification of tax systems, the elimination of the estate tax, and broad-based rate reduction where possible.

These are the modifications proposed by the Platform Committee:

#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TAXATION

We are committed to fiscal responsibility and oppose any legislation which does not promote a balanced budget. We believe that deficit spending on the state and national level is unethical and we support cutting wasteful programs wherever possible. We accept the necessity for limited taxation in order for government to perform and administer those services which meet essential public needs. However, we recognize that the power to tax is also the power to control, and believe that the best way to control government is to strictly limit ~~control~~ the amount of taxes imposed on the people. We encourage further simplification of tax systems, the elimination of the estate tax, and broad-based rate reduction where possible.

Platform Committee Rationale: We believe that fiscal conservatism is a core principle of our Party. The purpose of this proposed amendment is to reiterate our Party's support for balanced budgets and both reducing and eliminating deficit spending particularly at the national level which reached nearly \$900 billion this past year. One of the best ways to reduce the deficit and balance the budget is to cut programs deemed wasteful by our elected representatives. Finally, we opted to change the phrase "believe that the best way to strictly control the amount of taxes imposed on the people" to "believe that the best way to control government is to strictly limit the amount of taxes imposed on the people" because we believe that limiting taxes imposed on our citizens better articulates what we as a Party support.

## **Amendment #4—Proposed Amendment to Economic Development Plank of the Salt Lake County Republican Party Platform**

Platform Committee Notes: This proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the Platform Committee. Eighty-two percent of voting Executive Committee members also recommended it for approval by the delegates.

This is the existing platform plank:

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We believe that a strong, diversified economy based on a positive work ethic, a well trained and well educated work force, a business-friendly environment, and safe work place will help Utah compete in a world market place. Deregulation and privatization promote a healthy economy. Government should not influence or compete in private markets. We are in servitude to the state when the state usurps the power to determine the value of our labor or our property. We believe that developing our human resources is essential to the future of Utah. We support the Utah Right to Work Law.

These are the modifications proposed by the Platform Committee:

We believe that a strong, diversified economy based on a positive work ethic, a well-trained and well-educated workforce, a business-friendly environment, and safe workplace will help Utah compete in a world global market place. We believe ~~D~~deregulation and privatization promote a healthy economy and that. ~~G~~overnment should not influence or compete in private markets. ~~We are in servitude to the state when the state usurps the power to determine the value of our labor or our property. We believe that developing our human resources is essential to the future of Utah.~~ We believe that America's free enterprise system is the best economic system ever devised to ensure equal opportunity and increased prosperity for all of our citizens. We support efforts by our elected national leaders to put our country first, eliminate our massive trade deficit and support free and fair trade. We oppose federal subsidies and bailouts to large corporations and small businesses. We support the Utah Right to Work law.

Platform Committee Rationale: The purpose of this proposed amendment is to clean up a few minor grammatical errors, to remove a couple of existing sentences that we thought were too general or too nebulous and to add a few sentences which serve to reiterate our Party's strong support for America's free-enterprise system. We also wanted to underscore our Party's support for free and fair trade, reducing and/or eliminating our trade deficit and opposing federal subsidies and bailouts, all of which are time-honored, core Republican principles of fiscal conservatism.