

Kossuth County GOP Platform March 12th, 2022

LIFE

1. We believe human life is a sacred gift beginning at conception and ending at natural death. No human life should ever be diminished or arbitrarily taken. We support return to the states of authority to regulate abortion and oppose funding of abortion through taxes. We support bringing of life to full term and support adoption as an alternative to abortion.

LIBERTY

1. Liberty and education are interdependent. We support the state and local entities being the primary determiners and financial supporters of public education. Accordingly, the role of the US Department of Education must be examined and limited to activities of demonstrable value. The judicial branches of Federal and State governments are less subject to the direct influence of the will of the people than the other branches. The judiciary has by many measures assumed unintended powers and failed to uphold the people's constitutional rights, particularly first amendment rights, without opposition from the other branches. We encourage our legislators and executives to stand up to the judiciary. Tyranny can thrive when the people are defenseless. We support the second amendment. We oppose mandatory union membership, believing that unions should provide sufficient value to members to earn their voluntary membership.
2. We stand for medical freedom. There should be absolutely no discrimination based on masking or vaccination status.
3. We strongly believe the right for an individual or parent to decline a vaccination or any other medical treatment for themselves or their minor children as an inalienable right. WE oppose medical treatment requirements and mandates and believe medical decisions should remain private between an individual and their doctor.

COMMERCE

1. We support a balanced budget amendment and believe that the State of Iowa and the Federal Government should maintain a balanced budget. Spending that promotes crony capitalism, abuses "earmarks", or distorts free markets should not occur. The Federal Reserve system should be audited. We support actions thus far to reduce economically damaging regulations, realizing that much remains to be done through legislation. The Federal Government has an appropriate role in research on energy sources, including renewables, but otherwise should not interfere in subsidizing energy sources.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. The Federal Government now exercises power far beyond the original intent of Federalism with the resulting loss of influence for local and state governments. We support reversal of this trend by adherence to the 10th amendment. Within Iowa, local governments should take on more responsibility wherever feasible. Actions of governments at all levels should be open to closer inspection by citizens. If government passes legislation or regulations, it must be funded by the same level of government.
2. We support making Iowa into a sanctuary state for the 2nd Amendment
3. We require that the knowledge of the constitution be taught to all K-12 students for one day during the week of constitution day.
4. We believe the opportunity for recall of elected officials.
5. We believe the original intent of the US constitution.

PROPERTY

1. We support private property rights as a fundamental liberty. Regulations of land, water, and air resources through the EPA, Corps of Engineers, and other Federal and state agencies has been excessive at times. We also recognize that actions that reduce property values through air, water, or land pollution are detrimental to property rights. Lawful standards must promote the wise development and use resources and not serve the agenda of environmental extremists. Use of eminent domain must be strictly limited, and not allowed for projects such as shopping centers or whereby private investors profit or for increased tax revenue, which represent the worst abuse.
2. We call for legislation requiring the public notification of and allowing the right of initiative to legal residents of townships in matters of non-agricultural development of industrial wind, solar, and bio-fuel energy systems.

NATIONAL SOVREIGNTY AND DEFENSE

1. The first duty and top priority of the Federal Government must be defense of both out territorial integrity and political sovereignty, following the US Constitution and adhering to its principles. Good citizenship is an essential foundation for accomplishing these ends. However, that foundation has eroded in large measure due to more than a half century of neglect by political and business forces that have led to the current ugly immigration situation. We support a wall on the southern border. We support English as the official language of the United States and all states while recognizing that awareness and fluency in other languages is essential in today's world for economic and diplomatic reasons.
2. Proof of official photo identification and citizenship when voting

TERM LIMITS

1. We believe in term limits, 6 terms for US house and 4 for US senate.

EDUCATION

1. We believe American history and constitution be taught to all K-12 students
2. Funding should not be tied to curriculum and school boards should be able to have control over curriculum.
3. We believe gun safety and hunters education is important and schools should be allowed to offer curriculum to support it.

ADDITIONS: