

Whatcom County Republican Party - 2024 Platform Summary

MY VOICE MY VOTE OUR FUTURE

1. Self-Government & Liberty

- Return to limited government and defend the U. S. and Washington State Constitutions
- Stop government persecution, unjustified censoring, and surveillance of citizens
- Remove corrupt officials; work for term limits at all levels of government
- Protect religious freedom, free speech, and the right to assemble peaceably

2. Elections

- Defend each citizen's right to a free and fair vote
- Conduct accurate elections; unmanipulated, transparent, auditable, free from federal interference
- Clean voter rolls, reject electronic vote counting, accept only justified absentee mail-in ballot exceptions

3. Public Safety

- Support law and order necessary for a civilized, safe society
- Stop attempts to criminalize law-abiding gun owners
- Secure U.S. borders and prepare our military under a policy of Peace through Strength to defend our national security
- Defend constitutional rights that protect the people, including military, government staff, and contractors from government and employer abuse; Support regular external audits and legislative oversight of agencies

4. Life & Family

- Value ALL human life, from conception to natural death
- Legislate for common sense abortion restrictions, respecting parental wishes in exceptions of rape, incest and life of mother
- Reject birth-control abortion, sale of fetal tissue and late-term abortions
- Demand protection of parental rights in raising and educating our children
- Remove Critical Race Theory, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion propaganda and sexually explicit material in K-12 education
- Grant parents K-12 school choice, with tax dollars following the child

5. Economy

- Support clear and reasonable regulations, and defend property rights
- Call for reduced government budgets; agency accountability; reduced taxes, simplified tax codes; and reject tax spending and regulation based on unjustified climate fears

6. Environment

- Support wise use of natural resources and protection of environment as essential to overall quality of life and economic well-being.
- Restore our nation's energy independence using our own resources
- Respect property values and water rights in any water adjudication process
- Create a scientifically sound, long term plan to mitigate flood damage to private property and public infrastructure

2024 WHATCOM COUNTY PLATFORM - MY VOICE, MY VOTE, OUR FUTURE

We, the Republican Party of Whatcom County, standing on the shoulders of our nation's Founders, affirm each person's God-given unalienable rights, including Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness and that all are created equal. These rights are outlined and protected by the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and the Washington State Constitution. We affirm these institutions that have created the greatest nation on earth, built on the Judeo-Christian heritage of the founding fathers.

1. Self-Government and Liberty

Whatcom County is stronger, richer and more productive under a limited government. The Constitution must be defended as written. We must stop government persecution, censoring and over-reach. We must stop the administrative state from weaponizing departments for political purpose and work to remove irresponsible and unelected bureaucrats. Religious freedom, ability to give opinion and our exceptionalism must remain.

2. Elections: Our Voice, Our Vote

We defend each citizen's right to a free and fair vote as our most important civil right that protects all of our other freedoms. Our elections must be transparent, unmanipulated, easily audited and free from federal, foreign and domestic interference. The sanctity of our vote demands a process that is beyond reproach. Since election machines are known targets for hacking and vote count manipulation and mail-in-ballot systems can be used for fraud, we reject the continued use of machines to count our sacred vote. We reject the mass mailing of ballots (mail-in exceptions approved upon application for military, elderly, handicapped and other case-based individuals) and call for Whatcom County to return to in person, same-day voting at a local level, with proper ID and hand-counted paper ballots. We ask that the Washington State Republican Party support the same, county by county, statewide.

3. Public Safety

Law and order support a civilized, safe society. We encourage and support law enforcement officers to do their job. We expect city, county, and state authorities to enforce and prosecute existing laws against public intoxication, illegal drug use, violence, theft, trespassing, sidewalk camping, and property vandalism to reduce the mounting dangers to all citizens of the County. Chronic offenders must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We oppose legislative attempts to criminalize law-abiding gun owners for exercising their rights under the constitutions of both our state and nation. The sheriff must remain an elected county position.

The United States faces near and long-term security threats from our adversaries: the spread of terrorism, growing cybersecurity and espionage threats, illegal border crossings, and the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons. America's national policy of peace through strength coupled with enhanced border security are essential to safeguarding public safety and national security. Constraints and Audits must be in place and enforced to protect the people, those serving in the military and other government staff from abuse by governmental tyranny and wasteful, political [eg DEI etc] use of taxpayer dollars.

4. Life, Family & Education

We value ALL human life, from conception to natural death, including our elderly, special needs and homeless. We denounce abortion and call for our legislators to work together to pass clear abortion restrictions. Passing restrictions on abortion is a non-partisan issue supported by the majority. Divisive focus on the labels "Life vs Choice" stymies forward progress on abolishing abortion as birth control. Focusing instead on valuing ALL life and restricting abortion would immediately save lives, swiftly shut down the incentive for the horrific sale of aborted baby parts and turn our vision towards life services of protection and provision. In the three most cited examples: life of the mother, rape and incest, parental wishes should be respected.

We call for the protection of Parental Rights in raising and educating our children and strongly call for school choice and that tax dollars follow the child. Federal, state and union political agendas should be removed from our state education programs. We call for the abolishment of CRT, DEI and sexually explicit content from our public schools. The basics of reading, writing, arithmetic, civics and classical learning must be top priority.

5. Economy

Our economy is the foundation of our American well-being and survival as a free people. We support clear and sensible regulations needed to protect our Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness but strongly oppose over-regulation. Government at all three levels has created a labyrinth of rules in our county, state and country, increasing costs, hindering good jobs, successful businesses, affordable housing and efficient provisions of public services. We call for unneeded/excessive rules to be reformed or appealed [*sic* repealed]; reduced government budgets; agency accountability in spending of tax dollars; reduced taxes and simplified tax codes; and reject spending any tax dollars on unjustified climate goals.

6. Natural Resources and Environmental Quality

Wise use of our natural resources and protection of our environment are essential to our overall quality of life and economic well-being. We have adequate resources to restore our nation's energy independence for the foreseeable future, while also protecting the environment. We prefer free market solutions. The building or dismantling of major infrastructure must consider all significant costs and benefits. Property rights must be protected and water rights use for agriculture must be respected in any adjudication process.

The county requires a scientifically rigorous, long-term strategy for disaster mitigation that addresses both private property and public infrastructure. Permitting sediment removal in critical areas is essential to reducing the risk of flooding disasters in Whatcom County.

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