

# 2024 REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM <u>A "Contract with Minnesota"</u>

- **1. Promote Economic Prosperity** Private enterprise drives economic prosperity, not government. We must lower taxes, reduce regulatory burdens and rein-in government spending.
- 2. Uphold Our Rights We cherish and defend our Constitutional rights, applied equally to all citizens.
- **3. Strengthen Our Health Care** Genuine market competition and reduced government interference strengthen our healthcare system and uphold medical freedom.
- **4. Educate Our Children** All children deserve the opportunity to succeed, and the goal of education is to develop a foundational base of practical and academic knowledge preparing students to become productive citizens.
- **5. Strengthen Families and Communities** The family is the foundational building block of society, and we must protect the fundamental right and responsibility of parents to direct the upbringing of their children.
- **6. Protect Public Safety and the Rule of Law** Government's first job is protecting the safety and security of all citizens and communities by upholding our laws.
- **7. Preserve Our Natural Resources** Stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands is everyone's responsibility, and economic development must be balanced with environmental stewardship.
- **8.** Limited, Accountable, Efficient Government We support limited government and local control that is transparent, accountable and cost-effective.
- **9. Assure Election Integrity** We advocate fair, transparent, honest and secure elections.
- **10. Defend America** America must first defend itself by securing and defending our own borders.
- **11. Abolish Racism** All people are created equal, and we condemn all forms of racial hatred, violence, division and oppression.

### **2024 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA**

- **1. Promote Economic Prosperity** Private enterprise drives economic prosperity; not government. We must lower taxes, reduce regulatory burdens and rein-in government spending, and maintain a fair, honest and competitive business environment.
  - Lower Tax Burden on Families and Businesses We support comprehensive tax reform, promoting a simpler, fairer tax system.
  - Exercise spending restraint. Reduce the size of the national debt by cutting federal spending. Dedicate all taxes, fees, and licenses from their revenue streams to their appropriate program funding.
  - Ensure the majority of any tax surplus is returned to Minnesota tax payers.
  - Oppose the overuse of omnibus bills.
  - Reduce regulations on small businesses.
  - Encourage market-driven affordable workforce housing.
  - Defend the right of homeowners to maintain, repair or remodel their own home without becoming or having to hire a licensed contractor.
  - Support a more proportional distribution of state funds and grants to rural Minnesota.
- **2. Uphold Our Rights** We cherish and defend our Constitutional rights, applied equally to all citizens.
  - Defend the Right to Life: Support respecting and protecting every innocent human life, from conception to natural death, including support for pregnancy resource centers.
  - We support amending the U.S. and Minnesota constitutions to restore legal protection of human life.
  - Protect Religious and Political Liberties: Protect the right to religious freedom, expression, and rights of conscience for all people and organizations.
  - Respect the Right to Personal Privacy and Property: Protect personal privacy, personal property, and the 4th Amendment.
  - Protect the Second Amendment, including the right to Stand Your Ground.
  - Support Minnesotans' right to work and their right to unionize.
  - Reinstate the previous Minnesota state flag and seal, and require that any future changes be passed by a supermajority of the legislature.
  - Uphold policies that respect the essential difference between the two biological sexes.
  - Oppose the divisive and dangerous "Equal Rights Amendment" to the Minnesota Constitution.
- **3. Strengthen Our Health Care** Support genuine market competition, reduced government interference, and uphold medical freedom to strengthen our health care system.
  - Limit government regulation and mandates in health care.
  - Protect patient bodily autonomy and emphasize the doctor and informed patient relationship.
  - Respect the sanctity of life.
  - Protect the safety of all medical settings and facilities
  - Increase funding for long-term, senior, and veteran care.
  - Preserve the right of all patients to access and maintain privacy of their medical data, and treat medical records as the sole property of the patient.
- **4. Educate Our Children** All children deserve the opportunity to succeed. The goal of education is to develop a foundational base of practical and academic knowledge preparing

students to become productive citizens.

- Protect parental choice by maximizing school choice and student-driven funding as necessary prerequisites to improving educational outcomes. Uphold the primary right and responsibility of parents to guide their children's education.
- Focus on education and preparedness by emphasizing a well-rounded, knowledge-based curriculum to prepare students to be positive, productive citizens.
- Support education in the context of traditional values including respect, integrity, hard work, teamwork, citizenship, home, and family.
- Oppose government-mandated political and ideological indoctrination in our schools.
- Ensure effective school administration by prioritizing teachers, students, and student achievement. Limit federal and state regulatory intervention and support local school district accountability, funding, and curriculum decisions.
- Emphasize traditional American values by allowing classrooms to display the U.S. flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and include information about the role faith played in our nation's founding.
- Uphold the primary right and role of parents to convey to their children information about sexuality.
- **5. Strengthen Families and Communities** The family is the foundational building block of society, and we uphold the institution of marriage. We must protect the fundamental right and responsibility of parents to direct the upbringing of their children and encourage two-parent families through public policies (welfare reform, tax rules, and health insurance).
  - Protect the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and healthcare of their children.
  - Support policies that protect minors from pornography in publicly funded institutions and increase resources to combat human sex trafficking.
  - Support welfare reform that incentivizes work over public assistance for working-age citizens.
  - Eliminate state-sponsored gambling and oppose overregulation of gambling permits.

#### 6. Protect Public Safety and Uphold the Rule of Law

- Enforce our laws impartially.
- Strengthen support and respect for law enforcement and first responders.
- Enact stricter penalties for serious crimes and repeat offenders, and for those who assault law enforcement and first responders.
- Require restitution to victims of crimes.
- Enact effective regulation of legal drug use.
- Support legal immigration. Oppose providing sanctuary to illegal immigrants.
- Oppose legislation by executive order, judicial rulings, or unelected regulatory agencies.
- Oppose the implementation of foreign law on American soil.
- Preserve judicial elections and strengthen judicial accountability and transparency.
- Uphold states' rights.
- **7. Preserve Our Natural Resources** Stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands is everyone's responsibility. Economic development must be balanced with environmental stewardship.
  - Endorse energy policies and technologies that practically respond to energy needs in the market.
  - Oppose government mandates and subsidies for electric vehicles and appliances.
  - Support development and construction of nuclear power stations.

- Reduce government ownership of land.
- Support responsible natural resource extraction and the many jobs it creates.
- Allow management of the wolf population through controlled hunting seasons.

## **8. Limited, Accountable, Efficient Government** We support limited government and local control that is transparent, accountable, and cost-effective.

- Further limit the governor's emergency powers.
- Eliminate the Metropolitan Council.
- All new government regulations must be approved by the elected, legislative body.
- Reduce state spending and taxation.
- Require any new government program include the program's purpose, cost, scope, goals, and measurable outcomes.

#### **9. Assure Election Integrity** We advocate fair, transparent, honest, and secure elections.

- Support local control of election data and processes.
- Support the Electoral College and oppose National Popular Vote.
- Eliminate state participation in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).
- Support one day of voting, limited use of absentee ballots; and no ballot received after election day shall be counted.
- Ban ballot harvesting.
- Conduct school district elections and referenda with general elections.
- Oppose Non-Government Organization (NGO) involvement in funding election processes and reporting.
- Oppose Rank Choice Voting.
- Ensure more accurate, transparent, secure, and verifiable counting of ballots.
- Support election integrity including secure chain of custody for all ballots.
- Require that party-balanced election judges be present at all voting and counting locations.
- Call on the Minnesota Secretary of State to implement state of the art ballot verification and security procedures.
- Voters must present a government issued photo identification showing U.S. citizenship and Minnesota residency. A free option paid for by the state should be available.
- Require voters to either register at least 30 days prior to an election or cast a provisional ballot.
- Prohibit using public school district resources for promoting political causes.

## **10. Defend America** American must first defend itself by securing and defending our own borders.

- Increase border patrol funding and complete the border wall.
- Support comprehensive immigration reform.
- Prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars in the economies of governments of foreign adversaries.
   Fortify our electrical grid against EMP attack.
- Support comprehensive immigration reform.
- Prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars to assist people entering our country illegally.
- Support legal immigration.
- Prohibit investment of taxpayer dollars in the economies or governments of foreign adversaries.
- Oppose a central bank digital currency (CBDC) issued by the Federal Reserve or used by the Federal Reserve to implement monetary policy.
- Support a strong national defense. America's military must be well-supplied and well-prepared.

- Support our troops, including active-duty members, Reserves, National Guard, and veterans.
- Deny foreign aid to any country that protects or supports terrorists.
- Maintain commercial, cultural, and diplomatic ties with other nations while also promoting American industry, commercy, and free market economies.
- Uphold U.S. sovereignty in all international relations.
- Support the right of the State of Israel to exist and to defend itself.
- Prohibit hostile foreign entities from owning stretegic resources on American soil.

**11. Abolish Racism** Americans are created equal, and we condemn all forms of racial hatred, violence, division, and oppression.

- Eliminate from every aspect of government "affirmative action" policies imposing racial or gender quotas. This includes public hiring, admissions criteria, and contracting.
- Ensure Civil Rights statutes and policies apply equally to all citizens.
- Prohibit government agencies from collecting data for the purpose of discriminating among Americans.
- Prohibit the use of racist curricula or methods of any kind in public schools, including Critical Race Theory (CRT); Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); Social and Emotional Learning (SEL); Ethnic Studies; and Culturally Responsive Teaching.