

Section I

Preserving American Freedom

Voter Registration – We support needed legislation to restore integrity to the voter registration rolls and to reduce voter fraud.

Furthermore, we support:

1. repeal of all Motor Voter laws;
2. re-registering voters every four years;
3. requiring first time registrants to produce photo identification;
4. proof of residency and citizenship, along with voter registration application;
5. retention of the 30-day registration deadline; and
6. provide a federal or state government issued photo ID at the time of in person voting.
7. Jurors who are rejected on the grounds of non-citizenship should immediately be removed from voter rolls.
8. Be it resolved that we fully support a return to the paper ballot in all elections, including early voting, which enables accurate recounts, and restores integrity to the voting process.

Boy Scouts of America

(New plank to be added under Honoring the Symbols of Our American Heritage)

Be it resolved that the Republican Party condemns any attempt by any organization to undermine, fundamentally change, or force secular ideals on the Boy Scouts of America.

Affirmative Action – ~~We believe every form of government discrimination based on race, color, creed, or national origin should be eliminated. We oppose affirmative action because it demotes merit to a position of bigotry by portraying those who believe in the principle of merit as being against minority advancement.~~

Inasmuch as the Civil Rights Movement argued against using race as a factor in American life, we believe that affirmative action reintroduces race as a powerful force in American life. The Republican Party of Texas believes in equal opportunity for all American citizens without regard to race or gender. We agree with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that people should be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. To that end, we oppose affirmative action because:

1. We believe it is simply racism disguised as a social virtue.
2. We believe that policies that lower standards on the basis of race or gender create a disincentive to excellence and thereby encourage mediocrity.
3. We reject the notion of group-rights and policies that grant extra rights or preferences based on race or gender.
4. We reject racial preferences that promote group identity over the individual and thereby dehumanize the very people such policies claim to help. Policies of this type apply a blanket remedy before specific acts of discrimination are proven; thus, such policies compound one injustice by adding another.
5. It is our view that affirmative action reduces merit to a position of bigotry by portraying those who believe in the principle of merit as individuals being against minority advancement.
6. Affirmative action cast doubt on minority achievement thereby rendering such achievement as seemingly unearned. We believe that true minority advancement will come from a demand for personal responsibility, accountability and competitive excellence.

Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act

(new plank to be added under Limiting the Expanse of Government Power)

Let it be resolved that the Republican Party of Texas does not support the Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007.

Opposing Sustainable Development

(new plank to be added under Limiting the Expanse of Government Power)

The Party should call for the United States House and the Senate to revoke the 1993 President's Council on Sustainable Development Executive Order 12852 and to restore the security of our unalienable rights which protect landowners from the caprice of public officials seeking to expand their tax revenue base at the expense of the people's constitutionally protected rights and liberties,

Be it further resolved that the Party calls for the Texas Legislature to protect our Unalienable rights, private property rights, and the teaching of traditional education curriculum for Texas citizens, by revoking all laws that facilitate the UN Agenda 21 influence.

(Biodiversity Treaty)

Challenging Global Warming

(New plank to be added under Environment, Property Ownership, and Natural Resources which is under Limiting the Expanse of Government Power)

We resolve that

- No legislation supporting a CO2 cap and trade program be enacted without a cost-benefit analysis showing the effects on the economy, and
- unless it can be proven that Global Warming, if it exists, can be controlled, and that the effects are actually harmful and not beneficial.
- Any public company doing business in Texas that purchases Carbon Credits cannot pass the cost of those credits along to their customers.
- Any public company doing business in Texas that sells carbon credits must pass the profits along to their customers.

Local Control of Liquor Permits

(new plank to be added under Limiting the Expanse of Government Power)

Be it resolved that the Republican Party hereby advocates that citizens who protest alcoholic beverage permits shall have the right to be heard by local elected officials, as provided for in the license process; and

Be it further resolved that the Republican Party calls on legislators to draft laws providing those citizens with the same rights as applicants to appeal an adverse decision to the district or appellate courts of the State of Texas.

Campaign Finance Reform – We call for the immediate repeal of the McCain-Feingold Act. We oppose any so-called “campaign finance reform” that restricts free speech, the right to publicize the voting records or positions of public officials, and the amount of individual or Political Action Committee campaign contributions. We support full disclosure of the amounts and sources of these funds. **Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Texas opposes all Federal matching funds for presidential candidates.**

Religious Freedom From Rendering

(new plank to be added under Limiting the Expanse of Government Power)

Be it resolved that, according to Article I Section 6 and Article 1 Section 29 of the Texas State Constitution, by filing an affidavit with the tax office that a church uses a property, the church is immune from any form of rendering against their conscience.

Section II

Strengthening Families and Promoting a Freer Society

Amending the platform to substitute Preborn for Unborn

The term “unborn” will be replaced with the term “preborn” in ALL places in the “Protecting Innocent Human Life” section of the Republican Party Platform.

Resolution Against Planned Parenthood

(New plank to be added under Protecting Our Children)

We urge all federal, state, and local elected officials and other community leaders to oppose any public funding for Planned Parenthood, their activities in our schools and communities, and the expansion of their facilities in our neighborhoods.

Parental Rights

(New plank to be added under Protecting Our Children)

Be it resolved, that the Republican Party of Texas supports the Texas Parental Rights Restoration Act (TPRRA) (similar to HB 3971 by Hughes in the 80th Texas Legislative Session) to amend this statute and restore the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children.

Parental Rights & Family Planning

(New plank to be added under Protecting Our Children)

The Republican Party of Texas hereby respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to remove confidentiality mandates for minors from family planning services programs operating under Title X of the Public Health Services and Medicaid.

Medical Treatment of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

(New plank to be added under Empowering Families to Direct Their Healthcare)

Be it resolved that the Republican Party advocate that insurance companies should be mandated to pay for the treatment of children with autism, such as:

1. **Treatment for allergies and immune dysfunction,**
2. **Treatment for malnutrition and digestive disorders,**
3. **Treatment for environmental toxins,**
4. **Treatment for sensory disorders (hearing, speech, vision, kinesthetic, movement),**
5. **Treatment for hormonal dysfunctions, and**
6. **Treatment for automatic dysfunctions.**

Due Process of Law for Medical and Osteopathic Doctors

(New plank to be added under Empowering Families to Direct Their Healthcare)

Be it resolved that the Republican Party advocates the elimination of practices by the State Medical Board of not allowing physicians to face their accusers. This is a direct violation of the 5th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Party recommends the creation of an independent and public Medical Board Oversight Committee in each state, appointed by the legislatures, and charged with a range of duties and authority to ensure the enactment and enforcement of the general policy advocated above, including the ability to receive and evaluate complaints from patients and medical professionals against the Boards and their members.

Parental School Choice – ~~We encourage the Governor and the Texas Legislature to enact child-centered school funding options— which fund the student, not schools or districts— to allow maximum freedom of choice in public, private or parochial education for all children. This measure could only be considered upon passage of a state constitutional amendment that prohibits imposition of state regulations on private and parochial schools.~~

The Party encourages the Governor and the Texas Legislature to enact legislation, which establishes child-centered public school funding options to bring about the maximum freedom of choice in public education. The Party also strongly supports private school and home school autonomy, and recommends vouchers not be crafted for private schools and home schools. Government vouchers will result in the loss of private school and home school autonomy by bringing them under the jurisdiction of the government, effectively making them public schools. This will diminish parents' freedom to determine the content and goals of their children's education it will also diminish the choices public school children have, because all schools will be mandated to meet government standards.

Section III

Promoting Individual Freedom and Personal Safety

Right to Keep and Bear Arms

The Republican Party of Texas affirms that the Second Amendment secures the rights of individuals who are not affiliated with any state-regulated militia but who wish to keep handguns and other firearms for private use in their homes. The Republican Party of Texas calls upon the Legislature and Governor of the great State of Texas to defend the gun ownership and self-protection rights of all Texans from any Federal attempts to infringe on those rights. The Party calls on the Legislature and the Congress to repeal the “Brady Law” and all other laws under their jurisdiction that infringe on the right to bear arms and to reject any monitoring of gun ownership, excessive taxation or regulation of making and selling of guns and ammunition. We support a ten year minimum mandatory sentence without parole for felonies, other than state jail felonies, committed with firearms. Stiff penalties should be enacted for frivolous lawsuits against legitimate firearms manufacturers. We believe it is the responsibility of all gun owners to safely store and operate their firearms. We support the Right-To-Carry Reciprocity Act. We urge the Legislature to amend state law to ensure that the Castle Doctrine is fully implemented.

Abolition of Gun Free Zones

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom)

The Republican Party of Texas resolves to protect Second Amendment rights at all levels of government and seeks the abolition of all gun free zones for licensed gunholders.

Concealed Handguns

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom)

We support permitting professors and/or teachers at state colleges and universities, with proper state licenses, to carry concealed weapons.

Concealed Handguns

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom, Please note this would be added to the previous resolution if both passed)

Believing that an effective deterrent to multiple victim, public shootings is the lawful, concealed-carry of firearms by law-abiding citizens, the Republican Party of Texas is dedicated to the removal of federal restraints on the carrying of firearms on all public-school grounds.

Resolution Against Restrictions on Gun Ownership

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom)

The Republican Party of Texas asks legislators and judges to support the constitutional right of individuals to keep and bear arms and the Republican Party of Texas calls on judges to enforce that right as a matter of law.

Support Right of Licensed Individuals to Keep Firearms in Lock Vehicles on Employer's Parking Lots

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom)

The Republican Party of Texas asks legislators to commit to support the right of licensed individuals to keep firearms within their locked vehicles while at the workplace.

~~Christian Nation~~ Nation founded on Judeo-Christian Principles –

America is a ~~Christian~~ nation, founded on Judeo-Christian principles. We affirm the constitutional right of all individuals to worship in the religion of their choice. **Additionally, we encourage our leaders to use terminology referring to our nation as being founded upon Judeo-Christian principles.**

Opposition of The REAL ID Act

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom)

The Republican Party of Texas opposes any government effort to implement a national ID program, including federalization of driver's licenses. The Republican Party further opposes the REAL ID Act for reason that it intrudes on Sovereign States' rights to determine licensing and identification policies, for reason that it is an unacceptable invasion of personal privacy rights, and for reason that the costs to liberty are greater than any potential benefits. The Republican Party calls on the Legislative and Executive branches of the State of Texas and of the United States to pass legislation to block the implementation of the REAL ID Act, and to repeal the same, respectively.

Punishment for DUI Offenders

(New plank to be added under Protecting Citizens from Crime)

We support laws that would create stiffer penalties for repeat DUI offenders.

Eliminating Statute of Limitations in Violent Offenses

(New plank to be added under Protecting Citizens from Crime)

We support the elimination of statute of limitations in all cases involving a violent offense.

Juvenile Daytime Curfew

(New plank to be added under Individual Freedom)

The Republican Party of Texas rejects a juvenile daytime curfew ordinance.

3. Child Predators—

- a. ~~We call on the Legislature to enact a Jessica's Law similar to those passed in Louisiana, Florida and Arizona to ensure that Texas statutes meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the original Jessica's Law.~~

Sentencing Reform –

- a. We urge parole boards to administer punishment according to the intent of the sentencing courts. We also call for disclosure:
 1. to juries of their rights and powers;
 2. of prior convictions of the defendant.
 3. About “truth in sentencing” by instructing juries on the actual time likely to be served before parole.

We believe punishment should be assessed in proportion to the crime and should be a deterrent. We support imprisonment for life without parole for habitual **violent** felons. We believe courts should be able to minimize sentences and that any such minimum should not be altered by parole procedures. We believe convicted criminals should make restitution to their victims. ~~We believe a minimum education level be established by law for all parolees.~~ No inmate with a history of drug abuse should be eligible for parole until he has successfully completed a treatment program. We encourage law enforcement to root out sources of drug supply in addition to focusing on street dealings.

Minority Report – Disagree with the inclusion of “violent” because it reduces application to all felons. **Minority Report passed the convention – word violent is not to be included.**

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Prison Reform –

- a. We believe our prison systems should emphasize protection of society and punishment of offenders, ever mindful of their human rights. The state should assist offenders who desire reform. Prisoners should be required to perform meaningful work. Prisoners should not have access to private information of any citizen. We support alternative methods of prison administration. We support legislation prohibiting prisoners from initiating frivolous lawsuits. No **elective or cosmetic** extraordinary medical care, ~~including organ transplants or body part replacement,~~ should be performed on prisoners at taxpayer expense; nor should convicts be given preference over other people in medical care.

Section IV

Strengthening the Economy of Texas and America

Fiscal Responsibility – The State Legislature has consistently spent surplus revenues on new programs and services rather than returning excess tax revenues back to the taxpayers. The Party urges our state and federal legislators to exercise fiscal responsibility by reducing spending. We endorse the appointment of a commission comprised of Texas citizens and business owners to identify cost savings and reductions in state government. The Party also supports a “cap” on government spending at all levels (local, state, and federal), adjustable based only on average family income and population growth or decreases. **A responsible monetary policy should be of fundamental importance.**

Downsizing the Federal Government – We support the downsizing of the federal government in order to re-establish states' rights guaranteed by the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. We further support the abolition of federal agencies involved in activities not delegated to the federal government under the original intent of the Constitution, **especially the Federal Reserve system, Federal Drug Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, and Department of Energy.**

Furthermore, any bill or joint resolution that is passed by Congress that provides for the establishment of a new Federal program should contain a provision that eliminates one or more current Federal programs of equal or greater cost.

Balanced Budget – We support full disclosure of all “on” and “off” budget spending. We demand that our federal legislators vote only for balanced budgets, and that the Social Security Fund never be used to balance the budget. In case of a budget surplus, it should never be used to increase spending. We also support zero-based budgeting. **To ensure this result, we support a constitutional amendment to prohibit the adoption of a deficit budget except in cases of a severe national emergency.**

Federal Tax Reform – Federal tax reform is required and any reform should support free enterprise, economic growth, be simple and fair and support job retention in the United States. The Internal Revenue Service is unacceptable to U. S. taxpayers! We urge that the IRS be abolished and the Sixteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution be repealed. We further urge that the personal income tax, inheritance (death) tax, gift tax, capital gains, corporate income tax, and payroll tax be eliminated. We recommend the implementation of a national retail sales tax, **flat tax, or fair tax based upon a simple system capped at 9.9% of gross income, and** with the provision that a two-thirds majority of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate is required to raise the rate. Such reforms will encourage investment and economic growth. Such a sales tax plan must ensure that no one in America pays taxes of any kind on the necessities of life, ensuring opportunity and quality of life for low- and fixed-income Americans. We believe every tax at every level should be a separate and clearly visible billing to the taxpayer, regardless of type of tax, and of calculation method, so we support tax visibility in all forms.

Sales Tax and Tax Visibility – We believe every tax at every level should be a separate and clearly visible billing to the taxpayer regardless of the tax type or calculation method. We believe that a sales tax is the most visible, the most stable, the most equitable and the most simple for the taxpayer. **As a first step for government transparency, we resolve that the gasoline tax paid should be itemized separately when paying for gasoline.**

Fee/Fine Index Value

(New plank to be added under Domestic Energy)

The Texas State Comptroller should be empowered to set a biannual Fee/Fine index value for the use of legislators to reduce time needed to revisit state statues when making fee/fine changes to reflect current market values.

Support of the Domestic Energy Industry – Recognizing the importance of energy to the national security of the United States of America, the foundation of our National Energy Strategy must be a competitive domestic oil and gas industry. Federal tax and regulatory policies are destroying the independent sector of this industry. Regulation and rule making must be done on a cooperative, rather than an adversarial basis, preserving jobs and the economy while promoting environmental preservation. We encourage the Congress to:

1. repeal all provisions of the alternative minimum tax that treat intangible drilling costs as a tax preference item;
2. repeal the crude oil and gas severance and production taxes to help stimulate the Texas economy and enhance Texas production;
3. stop the promulgation of unnecessary environmental legislation or regulation that causes domestic oil production to be economically not feasible or disrespects private property rights;
4. support technological development of environmentally safe uses of nuclear, coal, and biomass, and hydrogen fuels for our national energy needs; and
5. promote all forms of domestic energy production including ANWAR, offshore California, and the East Coast, while minimizing environmental impact.

Energy vs. Radical Environmentalism – We support cooperative regulation and rule making that preserves jobs and the economy while promoting responsible conservation of our natural resources. We support policies that will clean the air and water of Texas, using technology that provides smarter and cheaper pollution control. ***As there is no consensus among the general scientific community, the Republican Party supports the full and open investigation into all scientific opinions on “Global Warming” to include discussions involving both sides of the debate, pro and con.***

Incentives for Retention of Domestic Operations – We support, incentives and deregulation with the goal of encouraging capital investment to spur retention and creation of jobs in America.

- 1. Corporate subsidies should be ended to pave the way for returning to America's free market roots.***
- 2. Companies and corporations that outsource jobs to other countries should not receive grants, tax breaks and monetary compensation from the U.S. Government. Likewise, corporations, companies, foundations, tax-exempt organizations or other groups that donate gifts to companies that outsource jobs to other countries shall not qualify for U.S. Government grants, tax breaks, monetary compensation, and tax-free status.***

Social Security Fairness for Public Employees

(New plank under Business and the Economy)

The Texas Republican Party supports prompt passage of the Social Security Fairness Act by the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 82) and U.S. Senate (S. 206).

Healthcare

(New plank under Business and the Economy)

Free market solutions should be provided to resolve the healthcare problem.

Limiting Credit

(new plank under Business and the Economy)

Credit should not be issued to individuals who cannot demonstrate the ability to repay.

Repeal Sarbanes-Oxley

(New plank to be added under Business and the Economy)

Let it be resolved, that the 2008 Texas State Republican Party Platform include a plank that calls for the repeal of the Sarbanes-Oxley act.

Section V

Restoring American Sovereignty and Leadership

Border Security – We agree with the overwhelming majority of the American people who support “order on the border” as the primary principle in tackling the complex issues created by illegal immigration. We believe that all necessary physical, financial, legal, and technological means must be deployed immediately to stop the flow of illegal aliens, organized crime and potential terrorists across our borders.

The Texas Office of Homeland Security and Federal Drug Enforcement officials report Texas has become the number one drug trans-shipment center in the nation and that powerful and ruthless Mexican organized crime groups now dominate the lucrative US drug and human smuggling market. In at least one documented instance the Mexican military entered Texas in support of organized drug trafficking operations. Therefore, we urge immediate and substantial increase of staffing and funding of the United States Border Patrol to secure our borders and protect our citizens. We encourage the expansion of Operations Strong Safety and Linebacker to reduce crime and increase security along the Texas border, and Operation Rio Grande which increases and coordinates law enforcement assets along the forty-five border counties.

We further urge the President to:

1. build a physical barrier along the entire length of our country’s border with Mexico, beginning with urban interface locations and appropriate monitoring
2. deploy the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (I.C.E.) within the U.S. to locate and secure all illegal aliens who have previously entered our country and expedite their return to their source country and
3. expand the use of the National Guard to secure our border.

Should the federal government fail to uphold its constitutionally mandated obligation to protect the border of Texas, we call upon the Governor and Legislature of Texas to take action. **We also believe that in securing our borders, we should not cede our land to other countries.**

Foreign Control of US Interests – We oppose the sale, transfer, management and/or ownership of critical U.S. interests by foreign or international entities such as our: ports, **highways, toll roads,** transportation facilities, defense industries, utilities, generating facilities, and/or mineral interests on public lands. Foreign owned properties and the income they generate should be subject to current US tax laws and rates.

Homeland Security – We urge the Homeland Security Department to:

1. revitalize and adequately fund our national intelligence gathering capabilities;
2. continue to enhance the coordination of information and intelligence between various local, state, and federal agencies;
3. pass the information on to the local or state agency(s) to prepare to deter and defend against a risk once identified;
4. not violate the constitutional rights of the citizens of the United States;
5. provide for the adequate protection of high profile targets, such as refineries, nuclear power plants and national monuments;
6. enhance the security in use at our airports, navigable ports of entry, and other transportation terminals to prevent the use of transportation vehicles as a weapon against the United States;
7. use random selection and terrorist profiling as a criteria for determining persons to be searched at U.S. airports; and
8. establish and maintain the presence of armed guards and armed pilots on all commercial aircraft and the immediate authorization of the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard to board and search all vessels entering U.S. waters from foreign ports. We urge Congress to order the immediate training of airline pilots by qualified firearms instructors at reasonable fees for the protection of their aircraft against terrorist attack.
9. continue to use: Criminal Law Enforcement Investigators, Texas Highway Patrol strike teams, SWAT teams, aviation assets, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Criminal Justice tracking teams, Texas Rangers, Department of Public Safety strike teams, Game Wardens, local law enforcement, Civil Air Patrol wherever needed to conduct air and ground operations in support of Homeland Security; We commend Governor Perry for his initiative in utilizing these resources.
10. thoroughly inspect the contents of vehicles and containers coming across our borders using rapid and accurate technology.
11. increased funding for the Federal Air Marshal Program. We urge the Department of Homeland Security to offer incentives for pilots to enroll in the Federal Flight Deck Officers Program, which is currently a voluntary program, and decrease the onerous paperwork requirements currently established. We also support incentives for encouraging airlines to support this program.

The Republican Party of Texas affirms its support for the core Conservative Republican Principles of a Free Society that made America great, including, but not limited to, Freedom of Speech, Religion, Expression, and Petition; Freedom against Self-Incrimination and Prohibition of Torture; Habeas Corpus and Due Process; and the necessity of valid, specific, public Warrants for all searches and seizures executed against the citizens or lawfully present people in the U.S. by the Government.

Legal Immigration – We believe that America has greatly benefited from immigrants who have legally come to this country to work and begin a new life reflecting American values and traditions.

We support:

1. systematic assimilation of legal immigrants into the American culture; baseline requirements for citizenship to include proficiency in the English language, study of American history and of the American form of government;
2. development of a practical, limited, and temporary worker program that does not serve as an automatic path to citizenship;
3. firm and consistent enforcement of all existing immigration laws;
4. an immediate end to the practice of “chain migration”;
5. aggressive locating and deporting of aliens who have overstayed their visas, **and in particular, the overstayed H-1B visas, which displace American workers;**
6. establishing immigration quotas at levels that are sufficient to meet America’s needs;
7. an immediate end to the practice of allowing aliens “adjust status” by requiring them to “adjust” in the U.S. Embassy of their home country; and further, a waiver of the unlawful presence inadmissibility for those illegal aliens who register on their return trip to their home country while they legally wait for an immigrant visa.
8. the cessation of the issuance of visas to individuals from foreign countries that sponsor terrorism;
9. screening potential immigrants for communicable diseases;
10. withholding federal funds from universities that give lower in-state tuition rates to immigrants on student visas, or refuse to cooperate with the foreign student tracking system;
11. designating Non-Citizens as such on their driver’s license to prevent voter fraud and that their driver’s licenses expire on the same date of any visa;
12. requiring naturalized citizens to renounce their native citizenship and surrender their foreign passport; and
13. a tamper-proof identification and tracking system for all aliens, i.e. non-citizens and their dependents that would protect Hispanic, and other naturalized US citizens from job discrimination and unburden American businesses from the job of verification.
14. **Reform and enforce our immigration system and laws to create an efficient and safe system for those who are willing to enter our country legally and work for the American Dream.**
15. **Apply the necessary Memorandum of Understanding which effectively deputizes members of the State and local enforcement agencies to perform functions of immigration officers to solve this problem.**

Illegal Immigration – No amnesty! No how. No way.

With growing impatience, the American people in overwhelming numbers have asked our government to secure our borders. They now demand it and we as a party agree with the American people. Illegal aliens have, by definition, committed a criminal act. We oppose illegal immigration, amnesty in any form, or legal status for illegal immigrants. The American people remember the broken promises of 1986 and will not be misled again.

We support:

1. an immediate end to the current “catch and release” policy of Homeland Security;
2. stiffer fines, criminal penalties, and an aggressive enforcement policy for those who knowingly employ illegal workers; and
3. expeditious hearings on deporting non-violent illegal immigrants held in prisons or jails;
4. clarify that Section 1 of the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution does not grant citizenship by birth to those born to illegal immigrants present in the United States, thereby suspending automatic citizenship to children born to illegal immigrant parents;
5. elimination of federal funding to cities that have “sanctuary” laws prohibiting local police from identifying and reporting illegal immigrants to federal authorities;
6. empowering state and local law enforcement agencies with the authority, responsibility and resources needed to detain illegal immigrants within the course of their regular duties;
7. the rejection of non-verifiable foreign-issued cards, such as *matricula consular* as valid identification for official documentation purposes;
8. investigation and strict prosecution of agencies, businesses or persons involved in the production, distribution or acceptance of phony identification documents;
9. elimination of day labor work centers;
10. elimination of all laws requiring hospitals to give non-emergency medical care to illegal immigrants;
11. elimination of social security benefits, or government funding, and any welfare and/or entitlements to illegal immigrants for education, housing and business loans.
12. legislation to prevent any foreign country and/or its citizens from using the judicial system of the United States to gain entrance to the U.S.;
13. strong document verification prior to the issuance of a Texas drivers license to anyone;
14. the withholding of federal highway funds from any state that issues drivers licenses to illegal aliens;
15. aggressive prosecution of persons involved in smuggling humans across our borders.

Support of Our Armed Forces – We salute those who serve in all branches of our armed forces, in particular those who have and are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and encourage all Americans to support these brave and patriotic men and women. Our armed forces should be paid a sufficient wage to prevent them from ever being eligible for, or in need of, food stamp assistance. Our armed forces should be paid a reasonable wage that encourages retention of these highly trained personnel. In support of our armed forces, we recommend:

1. that all United States forces remain under the command and control of only the Commander-in-Chief and American officers and commanders;
2. the disqualification of homosexuals from military service;
3. the immediate discharge of HIV positive individuals from service;
4. the exclusion of women from combat roles;
5. members of our armed forces retain their freedom to refuse vaccines not certified as safe by the FDA and the Surgeon General;
6. the open admission to the military of citizens with a General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
7. restoration of full military honors for the burial of deceased veterans;
8. restoration of all veteran benefits including retirement pay and disability pay, without an offset for disability pay, as well as, appropriate medical and dental care;
9. health and disability benefits equal to active military for national guard and military reserves if injured while on active duty;
10. restoration of promised full lifetime medical health benefits to retired military personnel and their families;
11. separation of men and women in basic training, as is the practice of the Marine Corps;
12. not requiring members of United States forces to swear allegiance to or wear any item of uniform, other than that of the United States, or being required to serve in any capacity under an officer of the United Nations or other foreign state;
13. upgrading, modernizing and maintaining the equipment, weapons and vehicles for the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of our armed forces;
14. military and civilian citizens displaced by service to our country be afforded the opportunity and given special consideration and ample time for their vote to be counted in the election day results;
15. the continuation of the all volunteer armed forces, the recruitment and advancement of military personnel based on the needs of the military and the qualifications of the person, and not for the purpose of social engineering; and
16. the expeditious construction of a Veterans Museum in Texas.
17. support of our troops with packages from home and call upon Congress to greatly reduce the cost or completely waive the cost of mailing packages to APO/FPO addresses.
18. that the reviews of the Commanders in the field be given more weight than that of insurgent families paid by our government to accuse our troops, an obviously hostile media, and political wants of Pentagon Commanders, and that the Service bringing charges be liable for the legal costs for the defense of the charges, when they are proven to be unsubstantiated.

International Trade – We favor fair and reciprocal trade and competition in the international market place. We oppose excessive regulation of American industry which makes American products uncompetitive in world markets. We oppose the expansion of free trade at the expense of national security and national sovereignty of the United States, and calls for the immediate withdrawal of the United States from any agreements that compromise national sovereignty, independence, self-sufficiency, and national security, **including, but not limited to, the North American Union (NAU), the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), and the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC), etc.** We also strongly oppose allowing **foreign trucks unfettered access into our country, and believe imported cargo should be inspected by U.S. Customs and transferred to U. S. trucks within a maximum of 25 miles of the U.S. border.** Likewise, we urge sanctions against nations that:

1. disrupt free trade by subsidizing agricultural exports or other goods to the United States;
2. bar or excessively tax American products or services;
3. enslave their own citizens, or violate human rights; and
4. engage in technological espionage.

We urge the repeal of any international trade agreements that do not promote free trade, withdrawal from membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO), and cessation of further negotiations of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) agreement.

We urge Congress to authorize fund expenditures and audit measures on research and development of alternative fuels to reduce the United States dependency on foreign oil producers and ensure no financial support of terrorist sponsoring nations.

We urge the use and purchase of finished goods and materials with parts made and assembled in the United States.

We require that all trucks entering and operating on American roads meet all current American standards for safety and operations.

We urge Congress to investigate the issue of outsourcing jobs overseas and U.S. corporations moving their corporate headquarters overseas to avoid taxation, and make corrections to address any identified issues. Additionally, we demand that all government entities be banned from overseas job outsourcing, and that all personal information pertaining to U.S. citizens only be handled by U.S. citizens.

China – We strongly recommend the removal of Permanent Normal Trade Relations with Communist China (formerly “Most Favored Nation” status) until such time when:

1. there is a formal peace treaty between North and South Korea;
2. there is significant improvement in their government policies on human rights;
3. there is freedom of religion, specifically that China ceases their persecution of Christians.
4. China ceases its aggressive behavior toward its neighbors, particularly Taiwan; and
5. China ceases transferring nuclear, biological, and chemical technology to Iran, Pakistan, North Korea, etc.

We further urge the imposition of trade sanctions against communist China for interfering in United States political campaigns.

We call for more stringent inspections and quality control of imports from China to protect our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness---*not theirs!* We additionally call for stiff, enforced fines on both the importer and exporter of hazardous goods brought in to the American market which have passed through such inspections yet are found to be dangerous or hazardous in the end.

Cuba – We support strengthening the Cuban embargo. We urge Congress to defend human rights for Cubans and to not prop up the legacy of former Dictator Fidel Castro or any communist dictator.

Iraq – We commend President George W. Bush, his administration, and the U.S. Armed Forces in their strategy and execution of the War in Iraq. We support the **continued** establishment of a representative form of government for the people of Iraq to protect them from the tyranny of dictatorial regimes and as a stabilizing force in the Middle East in the greater war against terrorism. We support the continuation of economic and security assistance to Iraq as it rebuilds its country, establishes its government, secures its country from terrorism, and solidifies its new found economic and individual freedoms.

We support the return home of our troops from Iraq as soon as practical, but that such a decision be based on sound military and safety concerns for our troops and our homeland, not political expediency.

One World Government Organizations – We oppose a one world government which is in direct opposition to the basic principles of the United States of America eroding our sovereignty and our goals for leadership in world affairs.

Be it resolved that we withdraw from any organizations and trade deals that infringe upon the freedom and independence of the United States of America.