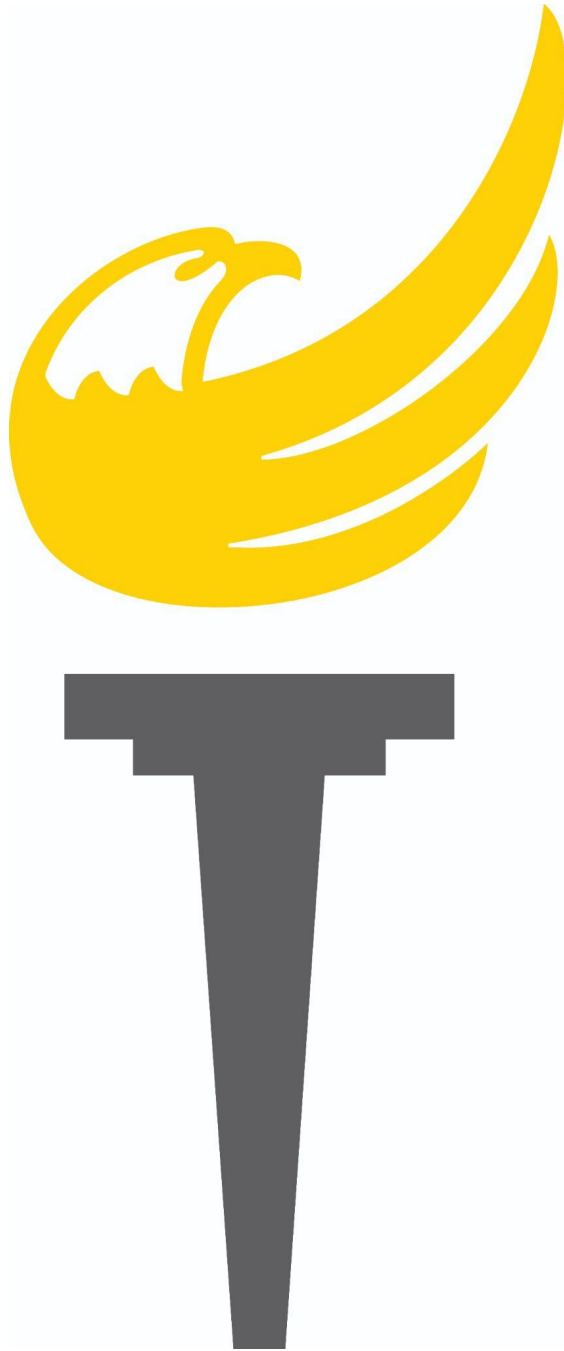


LPTexas Platform

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PREAMBLE

As the Libertarian Party of Texas (LPTexas), we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their lives and no individuals are forced to sacrifice their values for the benefit of others.

We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be eliminated from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized. Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest.

The following pages set forth our basic principles and some of the policies derived from them. Our goal is a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We, the Libertarian Party of Texas (LPTexas), seek the maximum protection for the rights of all people against any violation, be it by other people, other nations, or our own government. We oppose the initiation of force, threat of harm, coercion, or fraud as a means of achieving personal, political, or social goals.

Every human being is born sole owner of body and mind, free to live and act as each individual sees fit. It is our principle that a person who does not violate the rights of others should be left free and unrestrained.

LPTexas opposes coercion of peaceful individuals. Governments may only exist for the sole purpose of defending the freedoms of people.

Government is, essentially, raw concentrated force, and thus, prone to abuse. It is established and tolerated only as the agent and servant of the people—not their master. The force of government must be used only in response to an attack, fraud, or other initiation of force against an individual, group or government by another individual, group or government.

Governments have no business interfering in voluntary and contractual relations amongst individuals. All people should be equal before the law, free to deal with one another in a free market, the only system compatible with the principle of individual rights.

Government should reflect the consent of the governed and not subject individuals to tyranny of the majority. Where it exists, government must be kept to the minimum necessary to protect the rights of individuals. LPTexas holds that all human interaction should be voluntary and consensual, in accordance with the Non-Aggression Principle.

I. PERSONAL LIBERTY

I.1. RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES

I.1.a. Word and Thought

LPTexas upholds the ideal that government should not interfere nor discriminate in matters of personal conscience, such as religion, speech, creativity, or political activity.

We encourage citizens to practice their freedom of speech liberally in an open marketplace of ideas. Likewise, freedom of thought and belief is essential to a free society. No one may force their own beliefs on others through use of government power or support.

I.1.b. Second Amendment - Right to Keep and Bear Arms

LPTexas supports the inalienable right of individuals to purchase, possess, manufacture, trade, own, and carry arms, including body armor, for the defense of person and property in a manner consistent with the Non-Aggression Principle and the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I.1.c. Individual Equality and the Law

LPTexas supports the full and complete protection of all people from biased legislation that violates individual rights. Government should not discriminate based on individual characteristics or personal choices.

I.1.d. Marriage, Partnerships, and Relationships

LPTexas affirms that voluntary relationships between consenting adults are a private matter that need not be defined, licensed, or restricted by the state. The government shall not discriminate in areas such as child custody, adoption, taxation, or public employment based on relationship structure, number of participants, gender, or marital status.

I.1.e. Rights of the Family

LPTexas seeks to abolish legislation and policies that define what a family is.

LPTexas holds that legal rights of parents/guardians must not be infringed by the state based upon unsubstantiated claims and not without due process.

I.2. PROPERTY RIGHTS

LPTexas stands firm with an individual's inherent right to own property; examples include land, buildings, belongings, and ownership of one's body and personhood. Property rights are subject to neither infringement nor interference by any individual or governmental entity.

I.2.a. Eminent Domain

LPTexas completely opposes the use of eminent domain in any form.

I.2.b. Civil Asset Forfeiture

LPTexas calls for the abolition of civil asset forfeiture in Texas. This practice allows the state to seize property based solely on suspicion, without charging or convicting the owner of a crime. These forfeitures are pursued against the property itself bypassing the due process rights guaranteed to individuals.

We reject the legal fiction that property can be guilty of a crime. No asset should be forfeited without a final criminal conviction. Texas law must protect the presumption of innocence and the rights of property owners.

I.2.c. Criminal Asset Forfeiture

LPTexas opposes the continued use of civil procedures to forfeit property even after a criminal conviction. We call for statutory reform to ensure that forfeiture can occur only after conviction, with full due process protections. No asset should be forfeited without a final criminal judgment.

All proceeds from any post-conviction forfeiture must go solely to victim restitution. We oppose any system that allows government agencies to profit from seized property.

I.3. GOVERNMENT AND HEALTH

I.3.a. Medical Freedom

LPTexas supports the right of individuals to seek medical and healthcare of their choice. We support a free market, in which government does not restrict access to care. We oppose the use of government to force a medical procedure without the individual's consent.

I.3.b. Health Care

LPTexas affirms that healthcare decisions should be personal, voluntary, and free from government mandates or monopolies. We oppose taxpayer-funded healthcare systems that compel individuals to subsidize the care of others. Compassion is best delivered by people, not imposed by policy.

Texas' current healthcare system is over-regulated and hostile to innovation. We call for legislation to remove legal barriers that prevent private, charitable, and community-based alternatives from emerging and competing freely.

I.3.c. Drug Policy

LPTexas opposes the War on Drugs. Consistent with the principles of self-ownership, consenting adults ought not be restricted from partaking in activities that harm no one else. This includes possession,

consumption and/or market transactions of substances for medicinal, recreational, or other purposes. Individuals seeking or providing medical treatment should not be subject to prosecution. Individuals seeking or providing treatment for addiction or offering Good Samaritan aid should not be subject to prosecution.

I.3.d. End of Life Choice

LPTexas believes in self-ownership. LPTexas supports the inherent right of individuals to end their lives with dignity. LPTexas opposes the prosecution of physicians and loved ones who participate in consensual assisted suicide.

I.3.e. Reproductive Rights

Recognizing that reproductive rights are a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, LPTexas believes that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration. LPTexas does not condone that tax dollars be spent for any such medical cost.

I.3.f. Healthcare Mandates

LPTexas believes that any government mandate requiring an individual to wear particular protective equipment or receive any specific medical treatment is a violation of that individual's personal liberties. LPTexas also respects the decision of private property owners to establish requirements to enter said property.

I.4. PRIVACY AND UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION

I.4.a. Privacy

LPTexas believes in an inherent right to privacy. As such, we oppose any legislation that restricts an individual's ownership and use of property or conduct of consenting adults. We also oppose any requirement to register property with a government entity as a condition of ownership except where it is reasonably necessary to document the holder of a clear title to said property. We hold that the only legitimate purpose of government is to protect our rights and property; it should never become a threat to the very things it was established to protect.

I.4.b. Family Welfare and Government

LPTexas asserts that supporting families and individuals in need is the rightful role of communities, charities, and voluntary associations, not the state. Government welfare programs are often inefficient, coercively funded, and prone to abuse, but many Texans depend on them due to legal barriers that restrict private alternatives.

We call on the Texas Legislature to repeal laws and regulations that block free-market, mutual aid, and charitable solutions from meeting public needs. Taxpayer-funded programs should be phased out after those barriers are removed and private alternatives are free to operate.

I.4.c. Police Powers - Searches

LPTexas stands firmly against all warrantless surveillance which violates a person's Fourth Amendment rights.

LPTexas supports legislation or judicial rules that forbid the execution of "no-knock" warrants unless there is substantial probable cause with supportive evidence that they are necessary to avoid death or serious injury to an innocent person. We require that all warrants be presented to the subject for examination, with an original signature and a copy of the affidavit attached, and that the subject have an immediate opportunity to contact the court that issued the warrant to verify its validity.

I.5. ELECTIONS

I.5.a. Verifiable Balloting

LPTexas supports transparency in all publicly funded elections through verifiable ballot receipts and/or electronic tracking. We oppose any efforts to count the votes outside of public view.

I.5.b. Party Affiliation

LPTexas opposes mandatory party affiliation. We support voting as a voluntary expression of the right to freedom of association. LPTexas opposes partisan labels on the ballot and straight-ticket voting.

I.5.c. Primary Screen-out

LPTexas supports the right of voters to decide who will be on the ballot. As such we support legislative efforts which would remove restrictions regarding eligibility to sign candidate and party petitions to appear on a ballot. All eligible voters should have the opportunity to voice their opinion. Their voice should not be silenced due to their participation in a primary election or their decision to sign an alternative candidate's petition.

I.5.d. Election Reform

LPTexas supports election reform that encourages many political viewpoints and does away with party favoritism. LPTexas believes the method each party uses to select its candidates should not be mandated by the state but rather managed and funded according to each organization's own rules. We also believe that all elections should be decided by a more representative election process that includes a choice for None of The Above (NOTA). We support transparency in candidate and campaign funding.

I.6. CRIME AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

I.6.a. Judicial Reform (Informed Juries)

LPTexas supports a juror's right to be fully informed of the potential sentence of a guilty verdict. Each juror should judge the facts in each case, as well as the merits of the law itself. Therefore, we support an amendment to the Oath of Jury reflecting the right, and duty, to nullify.

I.6.b. Vice and Morality Based Laws

LPTexas supports the repeal of all Vice and Morality based laws that are against consenting adults and that do no harm to others. The State has no right to either criminalize or legalize the morality of adult individuals and their interaction with other consenting adults.

I.6.c. Capital Punishment

LPTexas opposes the death penalty as a form of punishment by the state, as well as any other unnecessary use of force by state agents in response to criminal action.

I.6.d. Qualified Immunity

LPTexas supports the abolition of every legal doctrine that shields government employees from liability.

I.6.e. Restoration of Rights

LPTexas advocates for the complete restoration of rights lost by offenders upon the completion of their sentence. By restoring rights to former offenders, we aim to foster a more just and compassionate society that values rehabilitation, reduces recidivism, and rewards reintegration.

II. ECONOMIC LIBERTY

II.1. TAXATION

LPTexas believes the individual is entitled to the entire fruits of their labor. Therefore, every tax established by the government is theft.

LPTexas believes that regardless of their basis, taxes are inherently oppressive and destined to be misused and misappropriated. Private goodwill and charity are far more efficient than coerced wealth redistribution schemes. A voluntary society will solve more problems than government.

Therefore, LPTexas calls for an end to all taxation. Where taxes cannot be eliminated, they should be minimized or replaced with user fees.

II.1.a. Occupational Licensing

The exercise of an occupation or profession should be regarded as a natural right, not subject to regulation or taxation by the government. Government's role in professional practices, if any, should be limited to protection against fraud or abuse. Therefore, LPTexas advocates for the repeal of all statutes regarding licensing occupations or professional practices.

II.1.b. Government Debt

LPTexas supports a moratorium on bond issuance, Certificates of Obligation, and all other forms of government borrowing. Additionally, government-owned assets should be liquidated for the repayment of outstanding debt.

II.1.c. Sound Money and Free Exchange

LPTexas champions the right of individuals, businesses, and communities to create, adopt, and trade in any sound money of their choosing, including but not limited to precious metals such as gold and silver, in physical, tokenized, or digital forms, decentralized cryptocurrencies and blockchain-based assets, community-issued notes, mutual credit systems, or local exchange trading arrangements, direct barter of goods, services, or label, and any other privately developed, fraud-resistant medium of value transfer.

To unleash the full potential of free markets, LPTexas calls for the immediate repeal of all legal tender laws that force acceptance of fiat currency and restrains competition in money, Elimination of all taxes - including capital gains, sales, income, and property taxes - on the creation, holding, or exchange of alternative currencies, legal recognition of private mints, digital exchanges, voluntary clearing network, central banking privileges, and government interference in the money supply.

The state's role is strictly limited to enforcing contracts, prosecuting fraud, and protecting against aggression - never to endorse, prohibit, or tax any form of voluntary money. In a free Texas, individuals will be empowered to build wealth without the dead hand of the state.

II.2. EDUCATION

II.2.a. General Education

LPTexas seeks to eliminate truancy laws and other barriers to school choice, and supports competition in education, in accordance with community standards. We believe that parents/guardians should have the authority to decide where and how their children are educated. We support measures to restore decision-making regarding education to parents, guardians, teachers, and/or local education boards.

LPTexas rejects any involvement of the federal government in our local school systems, including funding.

LPTexas seeks a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory education funding policy that would provide equitable use of state funds to eliminate waste and decrease bureaucracy, with the ultimate goal of voluntary funding.

II.3. TRANSPORTATION

LPTexas supports eliminating barriers to free market construction and maintenance of infrastructure. Let market demand and willingness to fund dictate which routes are developed. LPTexas supports legislation that would forbid tolls on any highway right-of-way which was obtained with tax dollars, or through the use of eminent domain, or condemnation. LPTexas upholds the right of private enterprise to construct and operate private toll roads, provided that such private toll roads are established through free market transactions and private negotiation for purchase or lease of property.

II.4. ENERGY EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION

On behalf of the Platform Committee, Nolan Schmidt moved to adopt proposal 21 as reflected below. LPTexas supports a reliable and innovative energy future led by voluntary markets, not political mandates. Texas should expand its energy leadership in oil, gas, wind, solar, and also recognize modern nuclear power as a clean and dependable option.

We call for the roll back of regulatory barriers that prevent innovation in energy generation, storage, and distribution, while preserving protections for human safety, property rights, and imminent threats to the environment.

We support reforms that open the grid to competition, expand sources for energy, reduce government interference, and allow private investment and new technologies to thrive.

III. LIBERTY TO IMMIGRATE AND FREELY TRADE

LPTexas advocates for the freedom of individuals to live, work, study, and travel, with respect for others' rights and freedoms, without government impediment.

LPTexas supports the free, fair, and voluntary exchange of currency, goods, labor, services, and ideas, whereby all may prosper through free market principles and individual responsibility.

IV. UNCATEGORIZED

IV.1. PERPETUITIES AND MONOPOLIES

LPTexas supports the abolition of all existing government enforced monopolies, whether government or private corporations.

IV.2. NULLIFICATION

LPTexas supports nullification of any laws at any level that violate the Non-Aggression Principle. Those who can and should engage in nullification or interposition include juries, elected officials, and law enforcement, at all levels. Further, LPTexas supports the right of individuals to engage in peaceful civil disobedience as that is often a first step toward nullification.

IV.3. TEXAS INDEPENDENCE

LPTexas supports the rights of Texans to peacefully discuss and consider changes to our form of government, including independence, without fear of federal retaliation or criminalization. While we do not currently advocate for secession, we affirm the right of the people to explore such questions through open, democratic, and constitutionally protected processes.

IV.4. DEFEND THE GUARD

LPTexas opposes the mobilization of the Texas National Guard outside of the United States of America except upon Congressional declaration of war. LPTexas supports legislation that would make this restriction enforceable and protect any individual who opposes deployment lacking the previously mentioned requirements.

LPTexas calls for prohibiting the National Guard from acting in a law-enforcement capacity without explicit authorization from the Texas legislature.

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IV.6. U.S. CONGRESSIONAL POWERS ON WAR

LPTexas calls on members of the U.S. Congress to reassert their sole authority to declare war and initiate military action.

V. OMISSIONS

Our silence about any other government law, rule, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, machination, or any other matter, should not be construed to imply approval, disapproval, or indifference.