

Platform Committee Plank Report  
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Hello Members of LPTexas,

After many months of meetings and hard work, we, the members of the Platform Committee present to you the complete list of planks to be presented at this year's convention.

### **Sunsetting Planks**

Starting off, the members of the Platform committee approved revising five of the planks set to sunset while allowing two to sunset.

To get it out of the way, I will report on the two planks that we have decided to allow to sunset.

### **Letting It Sunset**

#### **I.6.a. Federal Prosecution Limitation**

Federal authority to prosecute crime is limited to only a few subjects: Treason; Counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States; Piracy and Felonies committed on the high Seas; Offenses against the Law of Nations; and violations of rights by state agents. We find no authority in the U.S. Constitution for extraterritorial criminal jurisdiction, including drug trafficking.

#### **I.6.b. Judicial Reform (Grand Juries)**

LPTexas supports reviving direct citizen access to grand juries for presentation of public complaints and for private criminal prosecutions, in which the grand jury authorizes private prosecution by issuing the indictment to the complainant. An adequate number of grand juries should be impaneled to provide sufficient time to investigate and deliberate on each complaint. LPTexas supports making grand juries independent from public prosecutors and encouraging them to exercise oversight on governmental operations within their district. We also support enabling grand juries to decide whether an official has acted within his jurisdiction, and remove immunity from suit for any who has not.

### **Revised Bundled Noncontroversial Planks**

Here are the planks that were scheduled to sunset which were revised, starting with our uncontroversial bundled planks.

#### **III. LIBERTY TO IMMIGRATE AND FREELY TRADE (LIFT)**

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.

Revised Text:

#### **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.

**Reason for Revision:**

**Though there was no problem with the text itself as we agreed that it was fine the way it was, it was decided that the acronym is unnecessary.**

#### **V. OMISSIONS**

Our silence about any other particular 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.

Revised Text:

#### **V. OMISSIONS**

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

**Reason for Revision:**

**We felt that a grammar edit was needed on this one.**

**I.6.e. 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.**

Revised Text:

**I.6.e. Capital Punishment**

LPTexas opposes the administration of the death penalty by the government. Lethal force is only acceptable where it is justified on grounds of self-defense.

**Reason for Revision:**

**We decided to condense yet clarify the party's stance for this plank**

### **Revised Individual Controversial Planks**

Out of the planks that were scheduled to sunset but approved by the committee to present to the convention body, there were two in particular that we felt would be controversial to bundle, so they will be presented individually to the convention body.

#### **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.

Revised Text:

#### **Rights of the Family**

LPTexas affirms the rights of parents and legal guardians to direct the upbringing, education, and medical care of their children consistent with the Non-Aggression Principle. These rights must not be violated without due process, including timely notice, legal counsel, and a presumption of innocence.

We call for full accountability for Child Protective Services and related agencies. State officials who violate family rights or due process must face legal consequences and public transparency.

#### **Reason for Revision:**

**We felt that much needed to be added for further clarification.**

#### **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.

Revised Text:

Medical Freedom and Healthcare (I.3.a)

LPTexas affirms that medical decisions must be made by individuals, not the government. We oppose all mandates that force medical treatments without voluntary, informed consent. LPTexas opposes all mandates that forbid medical treatments for consenting adults.

We support transitioning away from taxpayer-funded healthcare programs, but only after removing the legal barriers that prevent private and charitable alternatives from meeting public needs. No program should be ended without notice or without viable free-market options in place.

Texans must be free to seek the care they choose.

**Reason for revision:**

**We as a committee felt that the original wording was a bit too vague, so we wanted to add context for an ideal, realistic solution and path to a free-market system for medical needs and programs.**

## **Revised Planks**

With the sunseting planks out of the way, we went through the entire platform and decided to update and revise a few of the existing planks not scheduled to sunset based on either clarifying or modernizing these planks. We worked on revising a total of 13 existing planks.

## **Bundled Noncontroversial Planks**

I will start with the planks that we decided to bundle as we believe that none of these should be controversial.

### **I.1.b. Second Amendment — Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

LPTexas supports the unalienable 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.

Revised Text:

#### **Self-Defense and the Right to Bear Arms**

LPTexas affirms the inalienable right of individuals to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, and property, as recognized in Article I, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution. This natural right exists independently of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions and must not be infringed by state or federal regulation.

We support the right of individuals to purchase, possess, manufacture, trade, and carry arms - including firearms, body armor, and other defensive tools - provided they are used defensively and not to coerce or initiate force against others. Government has no legitimate authority to

impose arbitrary restrictions, registration schemes, or licensing requirements on peaceful citizens exercising this right.

**Reason for revision:**

**We felt it was necessary to mention the fact that the right to bear arms is also in the Texas Constitution as well as add a bit more context to our stance as the original was also a bit vague.**

**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.**

**Revised Text:**

LPTexas supports the protection of all people from biased legislation that violates individual rights and discriminates against traits, characteristics, identities, disabilities, peaceful personal choices, and religious and political views of individuals.

**Reason for revision:**

**It was felt that the text needed to be both clarified and updated to show that we as a party are supportive against any bill or law that violates the rights of the people and discriminates against views, identities, disabilities, traits, or characteristics.**

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

**LPTexas recognizes the state does not have the privilege to define or regulate marriages, domestic partnerships, or personal relationships. Relationships between consenting adults, regardless of the number of participants, should have no impact on the government's treatment**

of individuals in child custody, adoption, or other legal proceedings or government employment practices.

Revised Text:

### Marriage, Partnerships, and Relationships

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

### **Reason for Revision:**

**There were problems seen in the original text that needed to be corrected and updated on the topic of marriage, partnerships, and relationships as some facts and elements were left out of the original.**

### I.3.b. Health Care

Government should neither provide, control, nor require health care. LPTexas does not believe that people have a right to be provided with healthcare at other peoples' expense. We advocate the phasing out of Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIPS programs. LPTexas supports free market based healthcare systems and health insurance. We oppose a "single payer" concept and the federal legislation known as the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Obama Care). LPTexas opposes any and all forms of unearned tax credits, tax subsidies, and tax penalties that are directed under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or "Obama Care."

Revised Text:

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, but we also recognize the moral responsibility to ensure alternatives exist before withdrawing public support. Compassion is best delivered by people, not imposed by policy.

Texas's 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.

**Reason for revision:**

**This one, we strongly believed, was too heavily wordy in its original text. We felt it was better to condense the heaviness of the original while making sure our stance within the party was able to be understood.**

**I.4.b. Police Powers - Searches**

LPTexas calls for the complete repeal of the USA-PATRIOT Act. We also call for the repeal of any and all laws which authorize the wiretapping or other search and seizure of private communications or property without a warrant issued in a free and independent court of law including, but not limited to, utilization of drones, NSA eavesdropping, internet data interception, etc.

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.

Revised text:

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

LP Texas holds that the use of "no-knock" warrants should be strictly limited to cases where it may endanger the lives of innocent persons. All warrants must be presented to a judge or magistrate for review and that all parties be held accountable for the validity of the information contained within, and that all those serving the warrant be held accountable for their actions.

**Reason for revision:**

**We felt it was better to condense the original text down to include all types of warrantless surveillance as well as clarifying the no-knock part of the plank more.**

#### **I.5.d. Election Reform**

**LPTexas supports election reform that does away with a two-party duopoly and the uncontrolled corporate and PAC influence that exists today. LPTexas believes that party primaries are not a function of the state, and rather are processes which should be self-funded. We also believe that all races should be decided by a more representative election process that includes a choice for None of The Above (NOTA). We support transparency of all monies utilized by or on behalf of any campaign or elected official.**

Revised Text:

#### 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.

**Reason for revision:**

**We felt this one needed to be modernized and updated as well as focus on supporting election reform that does away with party favoritism.**

#### **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 education funding policy that would provide equitable use of state funds to eliminate waste and decrease bureaucracy, with the ultimate goal of voluntary funding.

Revised Text:

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**Reason for revision:**

**We felt that the language of this plank needed to be refreshed a bit while having the deciding factor of education be more on the parents.**

#### IV.2. Nullification

LPTexas supports nullification of unconstitutional federal acts by all sworn to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America from all enemies foreign and domestic. Those who can and should engage in nullification and interposition include our Texas governor, legislature, and law enforcement officials, and especially our constitutional county sheriffs.

Revised Text:

#### IV.2. Nullification

LPTexas supports nullification of federal acts inconsistent with this platform. Those who can and should engage in nullification and intervene include our Texas governor, legislature, and law enforcement officials, and especially our county sheriffs.

#### **Reason for revision:**

**This one we wanted to not just clarify, but to also shorten it as well to make it short, sweet, and to the point.**

## **Individual Controversial Planks**

Now, to the revised planks that will be presented to the convention body individually.

### **I.2.b. Civil Asset Forfeiture**

LPTexas calls for the elimination of civil asset forfeiture, which allows for the unjust seizure of property from the accused without due process, with the exception of criminal conviction, in which such property may only be used in restitution to the victims.

Revised Proposal:

### **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.

**Reason for revision and proposal:**

**We wanted to explain the difference between Civil and Criminal Asset Forfeiture as situations are different between civil and criminal matters, and clarify our stances with having Civil and Criminal be their own separate planks. We also believe that these two particular planks would be better fit within our crime section of the platform.**

### 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.

Revised Text:

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 domestic law-enforcement capacity within the United States or mobilization for overseas deployment without explicit authorization from the Texas legislature.

### **Reason for Revision:**

**We wanted to put in more clarification on this plank as we felt the original was too vague and missing protections for individuals.**

### I.1.f. Family Welfare and Government

LPTexas views government welfare programs as unnecessary as they drive out private charity organizations and replace the role of the family and of the community. As such, we generally oppose government charity programs. These programs can be better served by the local/private sector of society in the form of private charity.

LPTexas believes there is a great amount of wasted tax dollars in government programs due to mismanagement, fraud, and waste. We would seek to replace, where possible, all welfare programs by private charity organizations.

Revised Text:

### 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.

**Reason for Revision:**

**Members of the committee found the text of the plank to be redundant, so we decided to modernize and clarify our party's position for this particular plank.**

**IV.3. Texas Independence**

**LPTexas fully supports the rights of the people to alter their form of government. As the U.S. federal government is increasingly expanding its influence well beyond its Constitutional authority and clearly violating citizens' rights as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, the right of the people of Texas to alter their form of government, as stated in Article I Section 2 of the Texas Constitution, must be acknowledged by allowing Texans to have an honest and frank discussion on the merits of independence and being allowed to vote accordingly to reassert Texas' Independence.**

**Revised Text:**

LPTexas supports the right 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.

**Reason for revision:**

**We wanted our stance on Texas independence to be short, sweet, and to the point as well as add that despite LPTexas does not openly advocate secession, we do believe in the**

**right for open dialogue and decisions by the people in an democratic and constitutionally protected way.**

### 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.

Revised Text:

### I.3.e. Reproductive Rights

LPTexas upholds the right of individuals to make personal medical decisions. We recognize that people of good faith hold differing views on this issue. Government should not impose a singular moral standard, but should protect individual liberty and voluntary choice.

LPTexas opposes any statutes that rely on vague and subjective medical exceptions, or any statutes that authorize private civil enforcement against those who offer care or support. These laws foster fear, isolate individuals, and erode trust in medical and personal relationships.

These laws lack nuance, failing to distinguish between voluntary abortion and medically necessary treatment. As written, it places physicians and patients at risk—even in cases where the individual does not seek an elective abortion but requires urgent care that may fall within statutory definitions.

We reject frameworks that deputize citizens to enforce policy against one another. Medical decisions must be governed by consent and clinical judgment, not coercion or litigation.

LPTexas also opposes taxpayer funding of abortion services. Government should neither compel nor subsidize such decisions.

### **Reason for Revision:**

**The original text we felt was too vague, and needed more clarification of our party's stance on both a controversial and sensitive topic. We also wanted to add our opposition against any law that encourages arrests or vague medical definitions.**

## **Newly Suggested Planks**

**In this term, we had four proposals submitted to become eventual planks within our party's platform. These will be presented individually to the convention body.**

### **II.1.f. 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 labor, 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.

### **Energy Expansion and Modernization Plank (new, perhaps II.4)**

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.

### Anti-War Stance

LPTexas is vehemently opposed to wars and engagements of an offensive nature.

In accordance with the Non-Aggression Principle, there can be no justified war that is waged for the purposes of empire, profit, or plunder. War is only permissible as a means of defense, the justification for which must be publicly articulated.

Military conscription is not justified, under any circumstances.

### 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.

**With that, these are all the planks that have been approved to be presented to the convention body.**

**Thank you to all committee members for your continued contributions and thoughtful discussion.**

**Very Respectfully,**

**Nolan Schmidt**

**Chair, LP Texas Platform Committee**