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SECTION 1: PROPERTY RIGHTS

Ending Civil Asset Forfeiture Without Conviction

WHEREAS, property rights are fundamental and shall not be deprived without due process of law; and
WHEREAS, civil asset forfeiture has allowed seizure of property without criminal conviction in many cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to require a criminal conviction prior to permanent forfeiture of property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the burden of proof shall rest upon the State in any forfeiture proceeding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that law enforcement agencies shall not retain forfeiture proceeds in a manner that creates financial incentive for seizure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any official who knowingly authorizes unlawful seizure of property shall be subject to personal liability.

Protecting Property Rights from Eminent Domain Abuse and Regulatory Takings

WHEREAS, private property rights are fundamental to liberty and economic independence; and
WHEREAS, eminent domain and regulatory overreach have been used to transfer property for private development or to impose burdensome land-use restrictions without just compensation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit the use of eminent domain for private commercial development or economic enhancement projects that primarily benefit private entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any regulatory action that materially diminishes the use, value, or enjoyment of private property shall constitute a compensable taking requiring full and prompt compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the burden of proof shall rest upon the governmental entity asserting eminent domain authority or regulatory restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any official knowingly abusing eminent domain authority shall be subject to personal civil liability.

Restoring True Property Ownership

WHEREAS, private property ownership is foundational to liberty, economic independence, and generational stability; and

WHEREAS, rising property taxes place increasing burdens on homeowners, ranchers, small businesses, and retirees; and

WHEREAS, long-term prosperity requires predictable and restrained taxation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding legislation eliminating property taxes in Texas within no more than three legislative sessions, funded through disciplined spending reductions and reprioritization without implementing a state income tax; and require statutory deadlines to ensure compliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any increase in property tax rates or imposition of new property tax burdens require direct voter approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that until property taxes are fully eliminated, taxable property valuations be capped at the recorded sales price of the property and remain fixed at that amount for taxation purposes.

Enacting a Right to Repair

WHEREAS, individuals have the inherent right to maintain, repair, and modify their own property; and
WHEREAS, manufacturers increasingly restrict access to diagnostic tools, parts, firmware, and documentation necessary for lawful repair;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding right-to-repair legislation requiring manufacturers of agricultural equipment, consumer electronics, medical devices, vehicles, and other goods sold in Texas to provide owners and independent repair providers access to necessary parts, tools, firmware, and documentation on fair and reasonable terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that digital rights management or software locks shall not be used to prevent lawful repair of privately owned property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that violations shall subject manufacturers to enforceable civil penalties.

Protecting the Use of Cash and Anonymous Commerce

WHEREAS, the ability to transact using physical currency preserves privacy, autonomy, and financial inclusion; and

WHEREAS, forced digital payment systems increase surveillance risks and exclude citizens who rely upon lawful cash transactions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to require that businesses operating within Texas accept United States currency for lawful transactions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state or local entity shall mandate cashless-only operations for essential goods or services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas prohibit any state action that conditions participation in commerce upon enrollment in digital payment, biometric identification, or transaction-tracking systems absent individualized warrant and due process protections.

SECTION 2: PRIVACY, DATA RIGHTS & DIGITAL LIBERTY

Data Ownership, Explicit Consent, and Ending Surveillance Capitalism

WHEREAS, personal data, including biometric information, location data, communications, purchasing behavior, browsing activity, and digital identifiers, reflects the private life and property of the individual; and

WHEREAS, modern commercial practices frequently collect, aggregate, analyze, and sell personal data without meaningful transparency or informed consent; and

WHEREAS, liberty requires that individuals retain control over their own information and not be treated as products for extraction and monetization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County affirm that a person's data is their property and that individuals retain primary ownership and control over their personal information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Legislature enact binding statutory protections requiring explicit, informed, opt-in consent prior to the collection, processing, sale, or transfer of an individual's personal data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that consent must be specific, revocable, and not conditioned upon unrelated service access except where strictly necessary for the requested service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas prohibit the sale or transfer of personal data to third parties without separate and express authorization from the individual; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals shall have the right to access, correct, export, and permanently delete their personal data from any entity conducting business in Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that violations of these protections shall result in statutory damages and personal liability for responsible executives or officials who knowingly authorize noncompliant data practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas public policy reject the model of surveillance capitalism and instead prioritize personal privacy, property rights, and individual consent in the digital economy.

Protecting Texans from Mass Surveillance

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 9 of the Texas Constitution protect citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology have enabled mass data collection, bulk surveillance, geofence tracking, and warrantless monitoring of law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, liberty cannot coexist with suspicionless surveillance of the population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit any state or local agency from engaging in mass or bulk surveillance of individuals without individualized probable cause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas law shall prohibit the use of geofence warrants, reverse location searches, bulk metadata collection, facial recognition dragnet searches, and other generalized surveillance techniques that lack individualized suspicion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state or local entity shall acquire, use, or retain surveillance data collected without a specific warrant based upon probable cause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any official who knowingly authorizes or participates in unlawful warrantless surveillance shall be subject to personal civil liability and removal from office.

Requiring Warrants for Third-Party Data Access

WHEREAS, modern life requires citizens to entrust personal communications, financial records, location data, and digital activity to third-party service providers; and

WHEREAS, constitutional protections must not be diminished simply because data is stored with a third party;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to require that state and local agencies obtain a warrant based upon probable cause before accessing or compelling disclosure of digital communications, location information, financial records, metadata, cloud storage contents, or other personal data held by third parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas prohibit state and local agencies from purchasing or otherwise acquiring personal data from data brokers or commercial vendors as a means of circumventing warrant requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any evidence obtained in violation of these protections shall be inadmissible in Texas courts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any government official who knowingly circumvents these warrant protections shall be subject to personal liability and disciplinary action.

Prohibiting Mandatory Biometric Identification Systems

WHEREAS, biometric identifiers including facial recognition, fingerprint databases, iris scans, voiceprints, and DNA profiles represent permanent and uniquely sensitive personal data; and
WHEREAS, centralized biometric identification systems create irreversible risks of surveillance, misuse, and abuse incompatible with a free society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit the creation of any statewide mandatory biometric identification registry for general civilian use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state or local entity shall condition access to employment, travel, banking, healthcare, public services, or digital platforms on enrollment in a biometric identification system except pursuant to a specific warrant or court order consistent with constitutional protections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any biometric data collected for limited lawful purposes shall be subject to strict minimization, retention limits, and automatic deletion policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any official knowingly establishing or enforcing unlawful biometric identification mandates shall be subject to personal civil liability and removal from office.

Prohibiting Central Bank Digital Currency and Programmable Financial Control Systems

WHEREAS, financial privacy and property rights are foundational to individual liberty; and
WHEREAS, Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) systems enable programmable, trackable, and potentially restrictable transactions; and

WHEREAS, programmable currency systems create the infrastructure for financial surveillance and behavioral control incompatible with constitutional government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit recognition, implementation, testing, or facilitation of any Central Bank Digital Currency within the State of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state agency or political subdivision shall participate in any system that conditions the use, transfer, or value of currency on behavioral compliance, carbon scoring, social credit metrics, or political activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas law require financial institutions operating in Texas to treat lawful commerce, firearm ownership, energy usage, and constitutionally protected activities in a viewpoint-neutral manner and prohibit discrimination based upon lawful political or personal conduct.

Ensuring Transparency and Human Accountability in Government Use of Artificial Intelligence

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence systems are increasingly used in public decision-making, surveillance, predictive enforcement, and administrative determinations; and

WHEREAS, automated systems lacking transparency or explainability threaten due process and equal protection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit any state or local agency from making binding determinations affecting liberty, property, or rights solely through automated systems without meaningful human review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any artificial intelligence system used by a government entity must be auditable, explainable, and subject to public disclosure of its decision logic and data sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that warrantless use of facial recognition, predictive policing algorithms, or biometric tracking technologies by state or local agencies shall be prohibited; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any official knowingly deploying non-compliant AI systems shall be subject to personal liability and removal from office.

Opposing Mandatory Age Verification and Embedded Digital Identification Controls

WHEREAS, proposals in various states seek to mandate age verification requirements for access to online services and to embed age verification or digital identification mechanisms at the operating system or device level; and

WHEREAS, compulsory age verification systems require widespread collection of biometric data, government identification documents, or persistent digital credentials that increase the risk of surveillance, data breaches, and misuse; and

WHEREAS, conditioning access to lawful services on identity verification undermines anonymous speech, privacy, and First Amendment protections; and

WHEREAS, embedding age-verification mandates into operating systems or device infrastructure creates centralized control mechanisms incompatible with limited government principles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit broad or system-wide mandatory age verification requirements for access to lawful online content or everyday digital services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall prevent narrowly tailored age-restriction measures for material already unlawful for minors under existing obscenity or child protection laws, provided such measures do not require centralized digital identification systems, operating-system level controls, biometric databases, or persistent tracking mechanisms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas prohibit any requirement that operating systems, device manufacturers, or application platforms embed government-mandated digital identification or age verification controls as a condition of doing business in Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state or local agency shall require the presentation, scanning, storage, or transmission of government-issued identification or biometric data for access to online services except pursuant to a warrant, court order, or a narrowly tailored statutory scheme consistent with constitutional protections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any official who knowingly authorizes or enforces unlawful or overbroad age-verification mandates in violation of these principles shall be subject to personal civil liability and removal from office.

SECTION 3: SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Defending the Second Amendment

WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms is protected by both the United States and Texas Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment states that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS, so-called "red flag" laws authorize confiscation or suspension of firearm rights absent full constitutional due process protections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County affirm that all laws restricting the ownership, possession, transfer, or carrying of firearms constitute unconstitutional infringements upon that right and must be repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas must actively oppose and refuse to assist in the enforcement of any federal firearm restriction that infringes upon constitutional protections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas reject any red flag laws that deny the right to keep and bear arms without full due process of law, including the right to counsel, evidentiary standards, and an adversarial hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that deprivation of firearm rights shall occur only following conviction of a disqualifying criminal offense or lawful adjudication through constitutionally compliant due process procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Legislature repeal all state laws restricting the lawful carrying of firearms by law-abiding citizens, including restrictions applicable to establishments licensed under the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code commonly designated as "51 percent" locations, and prohibit state or local entities from designating hospitals, businesses, or other lawful public accommodations as firearm-free zones that force citizens to surrender their constitutional right of self-defense as a condition of entry.

Protecting the Right to Manufacture Firearms and the Free Exchange of Digital Designs

WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms historically included the right of individuals to manufacture, repair, and customize their own firearms; and

WHEREAS, there is no longstanding historical tradition in American law prohibiting the private manufacture of firearms for personal use by law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, modern technology, including additive manufacturing and digital design files, represents a contemporary means of exercising longstanding constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the exchange of digital design files and technical information constitutes protected speech under the First Amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County affirm that the private manufacture of firearms for personal use by law-abiding citizens is constitutionally protected and shall not be prohibited or unduly burdened by the State of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas oppose any federal or state effort to criminalize the creation, possession, or lawful transfer of digital firearm design files solely on the basis of their content; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any regulation in this area must be consistent with the historical tradition test articulated by the United States Supreme Court and may not impose blanket prohibitions inconsistent with constitutional protections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas shall defend the First Amendment rights of individuals to share lawful technical information while preserving penalties for unlawful possession by prohibited persons under existing criminal statutes.

SECTION 4: PARENTAL RIGHTS & EDUCATION FREEDOM

Affirming Parental Rights and Protecting Children

WHEREAS, parents hold primary and superior authority over their children's upbringing, education, healthcare, and moral instruction; and

WHEREAS, the State exists to protect families, not to supplant or undermine parental authority; and

WHEREAS, children deserve uncompromising protection from exploitation, indoctrination, and harm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding statutory and constitutional protections affirming that parental rights are fundamental rights not subject to bureaucratic discretion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that mandatory full curriculum transparency, parental access to instructional materials, and written parental consent for sensitive content be required in all publicly funded educational institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any state agency, school district, or governmental entity, and any individual official or employee acting under color of law, who knowingly violates parental rights shall be subject to enforceable penalties and personal civil liability, including removal from office where applicable, and shall not be indemnified using taxpayer funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas law provide strict criminal penalties for exploitation, trafficking, grooming, or any abuse of minors, ensuring that the protection of children remains a primary duty of the State.

Expanding Education Freedom and Opportunity

WHEREAS, parents are the primary authority in directing the education and upbringing of their children; and

WHEREAS, families benefit from diverse educational options including public, private, charter, homeschool, and vocational pathways;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding statutes requiring that education funding follow the child and that parents have the freedom to place their students in the school of their choice, whether public, private, charter, homeschool, or vocational, without expansion of government school systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that education funding portability and parental control remain the guiding principles of Texas education reform.

SECTION 5: BORDER SECURITY & STATE SOVEREIGNTY

Securing Borders and Protecting Texas Citizens

WHEREAS, secure borders are essential to sovereignty, public safety, and economic stability; and
WHEREAS, large-scale immigration places strain on local infrastructure, public services, wages, housing availability, and community resources; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of immigration laws protects lawful workers, taxpayers, and local communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the State of Texas to fully enforce border security measures, mandate statewide employment verification systems without exception, and cooperate to ensure removal of individuals unlawfully present in the United States in accordance with the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas public policy prioritize the economic security, safety, and opportunities of citizens over policies that incentivize migration.

Affirming State Sovereignty and Non-Cooperation with Unconstitutional Federal Actions

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment reserves powers not delegated to the federal government to the states and the people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas retains sovereign authority to decline participation in unconstitutional federal mandates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit the use of state or local personnel, funds, or resources to enforce any federal action that violates the United States or Texas Constitutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Attorney General of Texas be required to review and, where appropriate, challenge federal mandates that infringe upon constitutional rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas policy prioritize constitutional fidelity and the protection of individual liberty over administrative compliance.

Limiting Emergency Powers and Preventing Executive Overreach

WHEREAS, emergency declarations have historically been used to expand executive authority beyond constitutional limits; and

WHEREAS, constitutional rights do not cease to exist during emergencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact statutory limits on the duration of emergency declarations, requiring legislative ratification within a fixed and limited timeframe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no emergency declaration shall authorize suspension of constitutional rights, creation of criminal penalties by executive order, or imposition of mandates affecting fundamental liberties absent legislative approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any executive official who knowingly exceeds statutory emergency authority shall be subject to removal and personal civil liability.

SECTION 6: ELECTION INTEGRITY & CYBERSECURITY

Securing Texas Elections Through Transparent and Verifiable Systems

WHEREAS, public confidence in elections depends upon transparency, auditability, and verifiable system integrity; and

WHEREAS, election infrastructure constitutes critical infrastructure and must meet the highest possible security standards; and

WHEREAS, proprietary, closed-source software and hardware systems prevent independent verification and undermine public trust; and

WHEREAS, modern cybersecurity best practices require transparency, reproducibility, independent testing, and continuous review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to require that all election-related software and firmware used in Texas be open source, publicly reviewable, and subject to independent security analysis prior to certification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all election system software be produced using reproducible build processes such that compiled binaries can be independently verified against publicly available source code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all election hardware designs, including schematics and component sourcing, be fully documented and subject to independent technical review to ensure supply-chain integrity and absence of unauthorized components; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that mandatory third-party penetration testing, red-team assessments, vulnerability disclosure programs, and publicly accessible bug bounty programs be required for all certified election systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that strict chain-of-custody standards, cryptographic logging, secure boot verification, and post-election forensic audit capabilities be implemented statewide without exception; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all elections in Texas be conducted using voter-verifiable paper ballots as the official ballot of record, retained securely for audit and recount purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a mandatory post-election hand-count audit of a meaningful and statistically significant percentage of precincts, not less than ten percent statewide, be conducted for every election, with procedures publicly documented and results published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all election tabulation systems and related infrastructure be fully air-gapped from external networks and shall not be connected to the internet or any external communication network at any time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that wireless communication capabilities, including but not limited to Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, cellular, or radio frequency modules, be prohibited entirely in all election machines and tabulation systems used in Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any vendor failing to meet these transparency, testing, air-gap, and reproducibility requirements shall be decertified from use in Texas elections.

Strengthening Cybersecurity and Protecting Critical Infrastructure

WHEREAS, cybersecurity threats from hostile foreign governments and criminal organizations pose increasing risks to Texas infrastructure, public records, energy systems, elections, water systems, healthcare, financial networks, public safety communications, and personal data; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are essential to public safety, economic stability, and national security, and their compromise can cause severe disruption to Texans' daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has an obligation to ensure that all entities responsible for critical infrastructure operate under mandatory, measurable cybersecurity standards and are held accountable for maintaining secure operations; and

WHEREAS, current voluntary or advisory guidance is insufficient to protect against persistent, sophisticated threats, including state-sponsored cyberattacks that target essential systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding statutory requirements that:

1. Mandatory Standards a. Require all critical infrastructure operators, including election officials and vendors, energy providers, water systems, healthcare facilities, financial institutions, and public safety communications networks, to adopt and maintain strong, risk-based cybersecurity frameworks such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework, Risk Management Framework (RMF), or other equivalent recognized standards appropriate to each sector's threat profile; and
2. Periodic Assessments and Audits a. Mandate regular third-party cybersecurity assessments and penetration testing for all covered critical infrastructure sectors, with results reported to a designated Texas cybersecurity authority; and
3. Incident Reporting and Transparency a. Require timely incident reporting to the state for any cyber breach affecting confidentiality, integrity, or availability of critical systems, including election systems, energy grids, water treatment infrastructure, healthcare networks, and financial systems, with statutory timelines and penalties for non-reporting; and
4. Supply Chain and Foreign Exposure Controls a. Require critical infrastructure operators to assess and mitigate foreign supply-chain risks, including software, hardware, and services tied to foreign adversary control or influence, with enhanced vetting and disqualification from sensitive roles or contracts where appropriate; and
5. Workforce Accountability and Personal Liability a. Establish that any government official or contractor entrusted with oversight, procurement, or operation of critical infrastructure systems who knowingly fails to comply with these cybersecurity requirements shall be personally liable, subject to civil penalties, removal from position, and prohibition from future public contracting in addition to institutional penalties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these measures shall apply to all designated critical infrastructure sectors without exception, including but not limited to elections, electrical grid operations, water and

wastewater systems, healthcare information networks, public safety communications, and financial institutions, to safeguard the citizens of Texas and the integrity of essential services.

SECTION 7: FREE SPEECH & MEDICAL FREEDOM

Protecting and Encouraging Free Speech

WHEREAS, freedom of speech is essential to constitutional government, civic participation, and the preservation of liberty; and

WHEREAS, the open exchange of ideas strengthens self-government and public accountability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County direct the Texas Legislature to enact enforceable protections guaranteeing robust protection of lawful political speech in all public forums; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that government entities shall not suppress, chill, or discriminate against lawful expression, and that Texas public policy prioritize the active defense of free speech rights against encroachment.

Protecting Medical Freedom

WHEREAS, medical decisions should remain solely between patients and their healthcare providers;
and

WHEREAS, bodily autonomy is a fundamental component of individual liberty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County demand enactment of
statutory prohibitions against all government-imposed medical mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas protect medical privacy and individual choice without
exception.

SECTION 8: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Requiring Taxpayer Approval for New Taxes and Public Debt

WHEREAS, unchecked government spending and public debt burden taxpayers and future generations;
and

WHEREAS, taxpayer consent is the only legitimate basis for expanding the financial obligations of the people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding statutory and, if necessary, constitutional provisions requiring that any new tax, any increase in an existing tax, any fee reclassification intended to function as a tax, and any issuance of public debt receive prior approval by a majority of voters in a properly called election; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no governmental entity shall circumvent this requirement through the creation of special districts, revenue bonds, certificates of obligation, or administrative reclassification, and that full plain-language disclosure of long-term fiscal impact be provided to voters before any such measure is placed on the ballot.

Imposing Real Spending Discipline and Budget Caps

WHEREAS, inflation, excessive government spending, and public debt erode economic stability and diminish the purchasing power of Texans; and

WHEREAS, responsible budgeting protects future generations from inheriting unsustainable fiscal burdens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to impose enforceable statutory spending limits at the state level and prohibit budget growth beyond essential governmental functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas state budget shall be capped by statute to growth no greater than the rate of population growth, and any increase beyond that limit shall require statewide voter approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas oppose federal bailouts that transfer private obligations to taxpayers and instead prioritize fiscal responsibility, limited government, and long-term economic stability.

Limiting Local Government Growth and Preventing Excessive Reserve Accumulation

WHEREAS, local governments exist to provide essential services, not to accumulate excessive reserves or over-collect taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, large reserve balances may indicate structural over-collection beyond operational necessity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to impose enforceable statutory limits on local government operating reserve funds, restricting unrestricted operating reserves to no more than twenty-five percent of annual operating expenditures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any excess reserves beyond this cap shall be returned to taxpayers through direct refunds or mandatory tax rate reductions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local budget growth shall not exceed population growth without direct voter approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any local entity attempting to circumvent these requirements through special districts, reclassification of funds, or accounting manipulation shall be subject to statutory penalties and oversight.

Prohibiting Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

WHEREAS, taxpayer funds are collected for public services and not for influencing legislation; and
WHEREAS, governmental entities frequently expend public funds to lobby the Texas Legislature or Congress in pursuit of expanded authority or funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit the use of taxpayer funds by counties, municipalities, school districts, special districts, or state agencies for lobbying activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that membership dues paid by governmental entities to associations that engage in lobbying shall be publicly disclosed and restricted from use for legislative advocacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that violations of this prohibition shall result in mandatory repayment of funds and personal liability for responsible officials.

Prohibiting ESG Discrimination in State Contracting and Financial Services

WHEREAS, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) scoring systems have been used to pressure businesses and individuals into compliance with political or ideological objectives unrelated to lawful commerce; and

WHEREAS, the use of ESG criteria in lending, contracting, insurance underwriting, investment decisions, payment processing, or access to financial services can result in discrimination against lawful industries including energy, agriculture, firearms, and other constitutionally protected activities; and

WHEREAS, discrimination against individuals or businesses for engaging in lawful commerce or constitutionally protected conduct is contrary to equal protection principles and free market competition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prohibit any state agency, political subdivision, or state-funded entity from utilizing ESG-based or politically motivated criteria in awarding contracts, issuing bonds, selecting financial partners, or making investment decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any corporation, financial institution, insurer, asset manager, payment processor, or other commercial entity operating in Texas that discriminates against lawful industries or individuals based on ESG metrics, political viewpoints, or lawful conduct shall be subject to enforceable civil penalties under Texas law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such entities shall be rendered ineligible for state contracts, public deposits, bond underwriting, or other state financial partnerships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that affected individuals and businesses shall have a private right of action to seek damages, injunctive relief, and attorney's fees for discriminatory ESG-based practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that responsible corporate officers, executives, board members, and public officials who knowingly authorize such discriminatory practices shall be subject to personal civil liability in addition to institutional penalties and termination of eligibility for state business.

Mandatory Sunset of State Laws and Regulations

WHEREAS, excessive and permanent statutory growth undermines liberty, accountability, and free enterprise; and

WHEREAS, laws should not remain in force indefinitely without periodic legislative review and affirmative renewal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to enact binding statutory provisions requiring that all state laws and regulations automatically expire no later than five regular legislative sessions after enactment unless affirmatively reauthorized by the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any law or regulation not formally renewed within that period shall be automatically stricken from Texas statutes without further action, restoring legislative accountability and preventing perpetual regulatory accumulation.

SECTION 9: ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY

Securing Texas Energy Sovereignty and Grid Reliability

WHEREAS, reliable and affordable energy is foundational to economic prosperity, national security, agricultural productivity, industrial growth, and the daily lives of Texans; and

WHEREAS, Texas must maintain a resilient and dispatchable power generation base capable of meeting population growth, industrial expansion, electrification demands, and extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, natural gas generation provides reliable, scalable, and Texas-sourced baseload and peaking power that strengthens grid stability; and

WHEREAS, next-generation nuclear energy represents a long-term, high-output, high-capacity baseload solution that enhances energy independence and grid resilience; and

WHEREAS, overreliance on intermittent generation without adequate dispatchable backup increases grid instability, distorts energy markets, and risks widespread outages; and

WHEREAS, federal tax credits, production incentives, and Inflation Reduction Act subsidy structures artificially distort Texas energy markets by incentivizing intermittent generation without corresponding reliability obligations; and

WHEREAS, state-level tax credits, abatements, preferential treatment, and subsidy structures further distort energy markets and artificially incentivize intermittent wind, solar, and battery storage systems that do not provide reliable, dispatchable baseload power;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Kerr County call upon the Texas Legislature to prioritize the rapid expansion of dispatchable power generation capacity, including construction of new natural gas plants as an immediate reliability bridge to expanded nuclear generation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas establish clear statutory policy supporting the development of advanced nuclear reactors, including small modular reactors, streamlined permitting, workforce development, fuel security, and protection from federal overreach that would unnecessarily delay deployment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state energy policy shall prioritize grid reliability, energy independence, fuel security, and affordability over ideological mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas resist federal actions that restrict the development, financing, or operation of natural gas or nuclear energy infrastructure essential to the stability of the ERCOT grid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas energy planning shall require sufficient reserve margins of dispatchable generation to meet projected demand growth without reliance on emergency imports, federal intervention, or emergency load shedding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Legislature eliminate all state-level tax credits, abatements, preferential appraisal programs, production incentives, franchise tax benefits, infrastructure subsidies, or other preferential treatment for intermittent wind, solar, and battery storage facilities, and require all generation resources to compete on a neutral market basis without state subsidy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas prohibit the use of Chapter 313-style tax abatements, value

limitation agreements, or any successor economic development mechanism for intermittent generation facilities that do not provide firm, dispatchable capacity capable of on-demand performance during peak load and extreme weather conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state or local governmental entity shall grant property tax limitations, economic development incentives, or publicly financed transmission or infrastructure support to generation facilities that fail to provide measurable reliability contributions to the ERCOT grid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Legislature formally oppose and seek the nullification, repeal, or non-cooperation with federal subsidy programs that distort Texas energy markets, including federal production tax credits, investment tax credits, direct-pay credits, or grant programs favoring intermittent generation without reliability standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas prohibit state agencies or political subdivisions from structuring projects, contracts, or procurement strategies primarily to capture or depend upon federal intermittent energy subsidies that undermine long-term grid reliability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Legislature and the Public Utility Commission of Texas require ERCOT market reforms incorporating reliability-weighted pricing mechanisms that properly compensate firm, dispatchable generation based on performance, availability, and demonstrated capacity during peak demand and emergency events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ERCOT pricing, capacity, and ancillary service frameworks shall be restructured to prevent artificial market advantages for intermittent resources and instead align compensation with actual reliability contributions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Texas energy policy affirm that grid stability, dispatchable generation, and fuel-secure infrastructure are matters of state sovereignty and public safety essential to the protection of Texas families, businesses, and critical infrastructure.