

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank 19 – Government Mandate Programs

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State and Federal Government Funding and mandated programs are often presented titles that sound good, but rarely deliver what is being sold.

Predictably, local counties, that are inadequately funded, cannot resist the siren song of “free: government money”. Inevitably the program’s goal post is moved over time and results in new burdensome, unfunded regulations and demands that end up costing far more in money, and loss of freedoms, than they are worth.

We oppose;

1. “One size fit all” State and Federal Growth Management Acts (GMA) out of touch with individual county needs.
2. Climate change based environmental programs and misguided “Green Energy” mandates based on exaggerated and faulty “science” often proven later to be inaccurate.
3. Mandated and subsidized electrification of our transportation and manufacturing industries.
4. “Affordable housing” mandates and zoning requirements that inevitably end up being anything except “affordable” because they ignore the power of the free market and capitalism to do a far more cost-efficient job meeting the demands of responsible citizens that will live within their means and take care of the property they pay for!
5. Statewide mandated participation in unsecured computer programs like “ERIC: and Albert Sensor: that expose our county data base and voter information to data theft and corruption.
6. Taxing abundant and affordable traditional energy sources, while subsidizing unsustainable energy sources like wind and solar in order to force and accelerate usage, thereby corrupting the positive effects of free markets, consumers preference, and choice.
7. Regulations and mandates regulating the free market on private businesses without a vote of the people to penalize the production and sale of products we want and use.
8. We oppose the (AIM) act of 2020 outlawing the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) refrigerants thereby rendering obsolete equipment upon which we all depend on for cooling systems, based on flawed climate science and political control bias supporting the Obama’s administration that CO2 is a bad “Greenhouse Gas,” making it a criminal offense to own refrigerants and equipment that use them for cooling.