

## 2024 Pend Oreille County Platform Summary

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### **Plank #1 – Limited Federal Government**

*Approved 2/21/2024*

The power and authority of the Federal Government is strictly limited, as designed by the founders in the US Constitutions and Bill of Rights.

### **Plank #2 – Individual Freedoms**

*Approved 02/15/2024*

We reaffirm Individual freedoms from God.

### **Plank #3 - Sanctity of Life**

*Approved 3/14/2024*

All human life is sacred and is created in the image of God.

### **Plank #4 – Families**

*Approved 02/15/2024*

Traditional marriage is a legal and moral commitment between a natural man and a natural woman, and this is the only definition of marriage that we recognize and support.

### **Plank #5 – Education**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

The ultimate goal of education is to instill lifelong skills and cultivate good citizenship in our students. A well-educated populace is fundamental to the continued success of our Republic.

### **Plank #6 – Taxes & Government Spending**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

The purpose of taxation is to fund the constitutionally mandated functions of government, not to redistribute wealth or to fund ever-expanding social programs.

### **Plank # 7 -Business & Economy**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

The future of the United States of America, depends on a strong and vibrant private business sector unencumbered by excessive government regulation.

### **Plank #8 – National Defense**

*Approved 3/24/2024*

Freedom is never free. We honor all those who have served our nation to protect our liberty, especially our men and women in uniform, who unselfishly and courageously defend our country at home and abroad.

### **Plank # 9 – Immigration & Border Security**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

Without clearly defined and protected borders, you do not have a country.

**Plank #10 – Energy Independence and the Environment**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

We have an obligation to be good stewards of God’s creation for future generations. We do not need to sacrifice a healthy economy in order to maintain a healthy environment.

**Plank #11 – Tort/Civil Justice Reform**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

We support tort reform that discourages inception of frivolous lawsuits, and which would monetarily punish those subsequently deemed to have brought meritless lawsuits and/or participated in lawfare tactics attempting to destroy the defendant and political adversaries financially.

**Plank #12 – Campaign Finance Reform**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

Money is the lifeblood of politics.

**Plank #13 – Social Security Reform and Retirement**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

We call on the President and Congress to urgently address the imminent insolvency of the Social Security System.

**Plank #14 – Health Care**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

Our national health care system should continue to be a private market system with reforms to come from business innovation, entrepreneurs, and the competition of capitalism to drive all health care prices down. Therefore, we support the immediate repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

**Plank #15 – Election Integrity**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

Free, fair and transparent elections are fundamental to our free society and Republic form of government, in order to ensure the highest level of accountability and integrity in our election system.

**Plank #16 - Precincts and Elected Committee Officers**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

The protection of reasonably sized political precincts, as defined by Washington State RCWs, is essential to the success and survival of our Republic form of government.

**Plank #17 – Private Property Rights**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

The right to own private property is at the heart of American freedom and independence.

**Plank #18 – Self-defense Gun Rights**

*Revised 3/24/2024*

The sanctity and authority of all other enumerated U.S. and Washington State Constitutional rights, and unrestricted right to always be able to defend oneself anytime, anywhere, without infringement, are dependent on and protected by the right of “we the people” to bear arms uninfringed.

**Plank 19 – Government Mandate Programs**

*Approved 3/24/2024*

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

**Plank #20 – Government War Powers Act**

*Revised 3/24/24*

Unrestricted government power corrupts, absolutely.

**Plank #21 – Advisory Ballot Votes**

*Approved 3/24/24*

Advisory votes have been added by initiatives to the ballot three times in the last fifteen years, each time by over a 70%+ margin of Washington State voters.

**Plank #22 – Every Other Year Elections**

*Approved 3/24/2024*

The goal of the Democrats to make elections every other year, is actually a camouflaged “Red Flag Scheme” to make it almost impossible to organize and collect all the signatures required by the Referendum and Initiative process before the issue is forgotten by the voters two years later.

**Plank 23 – Public Employee Unions**

*Approved 3/24/2024*

We support private businesses right to legally organize their workers and assemble within their trade association of similar private businesses.

**Plank 24 – Indian Affairs**

*Revised 03/24/24*

All members of Federally recognized Tribes were granted U.S. citizenship in 1924. “State government and agencies must treat tribal members as co-equal with any other citizen of the state, showing no preference to any particular group.”

**Plank #25 – Water – Agriculture & Industry**

*Revised 3/24/24*

Pend Oreille County’s greatest asset thrives on the natural and renewable resources of our rivers, forest and farmlands.