

## 2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

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

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**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.**

#### **We believe;**

1. In the uninfringed right of each individual citizen to possess fire arms as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Second Amendment, and the Washington State Constitution, Article 1, Section 24, the right of the individual to citizen to bear arms in defense of others, themselves, or the state, shall not be impaired.....
2. In repealing any restrictions, regulations, fees, taxes, or procedures which make the lawful acquisition and ownership of firearms or ammunition prohibitively difficult, restrictive, expensive, or arbitrarily determined.
3. In armed and trained administrators, teachers, school maintenance workers, and security personnel in all levels of our education system.
4. In the constitutional right of “We the People” to declare Pend Oreille County a “Gun Free Sanctuary County” including;
  - a. Allowing open carry and/or concealed carry anywhere open to the public.
  - b. Legislation making Pend Oreille County (POC) a “tax free zone” for the sale of arms, ammunition and all directly related gun products and accessories for the use of the arms and ammunition specifically; attachable accessories such as scopes and laser sights, cleaning and ammunition loading equipment, holsters, carrying cases, hearing and eye protection, and other accessories designed to improve public's right to safely use firearms.

#### **We oppose;**

1. Designating gun free zones in any public places without trained armed security provided 24x7. Including businesses and schools open to the public during business hours.
2. Any infringements on the use, sale and ownership of semi-automatic weapons, ammunition clips or ammo capacity, often falsely designated as “weapons of war”.