

## **Proposal to Overhaul the Overarching Order and Structure of Platform Planks**

### **Rationale**

This proposal restructures Section III of the Platform to frame each plank as a principle that informs specific policy preferences, or a policy position directly tied to the respective principle. This differs from the current structure, which is a mixed set of policies and principles formatted more like a treatise than a political party platform. Implementing this proposal allows for the overall number of planks to be reduced from 51 to 43 by merging planks that cover the same underlying principle, removing isolated policy positions not firmly rooted in libertarian principles, and reconnecting other isolated policy positions to their root principle.

### **Current Wording**

#### **A. Individual Rights and Civil Order**

No conflict exists between civil order and individual rights. Both concepts are based on the same fundamental principle: that no individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government.

##### **1. Property Rights**

The most basic property one has is one's own body and one's own life. If one chooses to use one's life to acquire honestly and peacefully other property by industry, gift or trade, such acquisition represents that part of one's life. Therefore property rights are part of individual rights.

We hold that the owners of property have the full right to control, use, dispose of, or in any manner enjoy their property without interference, until and unless the exercise of their control infringes the valid rights of others. We specifically condemn current government efforts to regulate or ban the use of property in the name of aesthetic values, riskiness, moral standards, cost-benefit estimates, or the promotion or restriction of economic growth.

We demand an end to the taxation of privately owned real property, which actually makes the State the owner of all lands and forces individuals to rent their homes and places of business from the State.

Where property, including land, has been taken from its rightful owners by government or private action in violation of individual rights, we favor restitution to the rightful owners.

Freedom of privacy, speech, press, and religion are conditions of property rights.

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The individual's privacy, property, and right to speak or not to speak should not be infringed by the government. The government should not use electronic or other means of covert surveillance of an individual's actions or private property except in the case of known criminal activity. Correspondence, bank and other financial transactions and records, doctors' and lawyers' communications, employment records, and the like should not be open to review by government without the consent of all parties involved in those actions. As long as the National Census and all federal, state, and other government agencies' compilations of data on an individual continue to exist, they should be conducted only with the consent of the individual about whom the data are sought.

We oppose the mandatory issuance by the government of an identity card to be required for any purpose, such as for employment or border crossings. We support the right of individuals to use encryption and we oppose restrictions on its use or export.

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We defend the right of individuals to use their own property to express their own beliefs, no matter how repugnant to others; but not to infringe upon the property of others in that expression.

#### **5. Freedom of Religion**

We defend the rights of individuals to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. In order to defend religious freedom, we advocate a strict separation of church and state. We oppose government actions that either aid or attack any religion. We oppose taxation of church property for the same reason that we oppose all taxation.

#### **6. Family Planning and Population Control**

We oppose all government actions that compel, prohibit, regulate, or subsidize sterilization, any form of birth control, or population control.

We do not take a position on personal decisions regarding family planning, and we oppose government laws and policies that seek to influence the decisions regarding family planning.

#### **7. "Victimless Crime"**

We hold that any action that does not infringe upon the rights of others cannot properly be termed a crime, therefore we favor the repeal of all federal, state and local laws creating "crimes" without victims. In particular we are opposed to all regulation of activities such as gambling, prostitution, juvenile "status offenses," use or possession of medicines, drugs, drug paraphernalia, vitamins and firearms, and mandatory usage of seat belts and helmets.

We call for the repeal of all laws regarding consensual sexual acts, recognizing that minors are unable to consent to adults. The state has no right to proscribe any lifestyle that is freely chosen.

We call for an end to the "War on Drugs," which is in reality a war by the federal, state and local government on the people. Until such time as the prohibition of drugs is repealed, we call for an end to the denial of pain relieving drugs such as marijuana and heroin to those who are suffering.

#### **8. Children's and Dependents' Rights**

Children and others who are dependent have the same right to be free of coercion as all other people. We accordingly call for the repeal of all juvenile status offenses such as truancy, under age smoking, curfews, etc.

We support the efforts of parents or guardians to protect their dependents from force or fraud.

Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected.

#### **9. Government and "Mental Health"**

We support the right of people to the control of their own minds. The involuntary commitment of an individual not convicted of a crime, but merely asserted to be different or incompetent, is a violation of liberty. We further advocate:

- the repeal of all laws permitting involuntary psychiatric treatment of any persons, including those incarcerated in prisons or mental institutions;
- an end to the spending of tax money for any program of psychiatric or psychological research or treatment;
- an end to all involuntary treatment of prisoners in such areas as psycho-surgery, drug therapy, and aversion therapy;
- an end to tax supported “mental health” propaganda campaigns and community “mental health” centers and programs.

**10. Secession**

We recognize the right to political secession. This includes the right of secession by political entities, private groups, or individuals.

**11. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

In recognition of the fact that individuals are their own last source of self-defense, and the fact that arms are property, we support the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. We oppose compulsory arms registration and regulation.

Minnesota is one of only seven states whose Constitution does not contain the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. We call for an amendment guaranteeing this right.

**12. Due Process for the Criminally Accused**

We defend the premise of “innocent until proven guilty,” therefore we oppose current “no knock” laws, preventative detention, and all similar measures which destroy liberty.

We also call for a repeal and elimination of all laws, rules, regulations and interpretations thereof as well as civil actions by the government which deprive individuals of their property (asset forfeiture) without being found guilty of any crime.

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**14. Restitution for Victims of Crimes**

We support restitution for the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or wrongdoer. We accordingly oppose “no fault” insurance laws, which deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible.

**15. Restoration of Criminals’ Liberty**

A criminal, having paid for the crime, should be accorded full restoration of liberty.

**16. Juries**

We advocate replacing mandatory jury duty with voluntary juries and private arbitration.

We support the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, which would require judges to inform juries of their traditional right to decide the rightness or wrongness of the law in the given case, as well as the guilt or innocence of a person relative to the law.

**17. Freedom of Association**

We support the right of individuals to peacefully assemble for any purpose. Private associations and establishments should be free from government interference on questions of association and disassociation.

**18. Equal Protection Under the Law**

No individual's freedom should be denied or abridged by the laws of the State of Minnesota or any locality. Protective labor laws and other laws which violate rights selectively should be repealed entirely rather than be extended to all groups.

**19. Native American Indians and the State**

We deplore the Federal and State governments' continued paternalistic and exploitative policies toward the Native American. We call for the abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which throughout its history has sought forcibly to make Native Americans wards of the State by destroying their individuality and traditional culture. We call for an end to Federal, State, and local interference in the property rights and civil liberties of Native Americans. We call on the State and Federal governments to honor all current treaty obligations.

**20. Nullification and Subsidiarity**

We recognize the important role of state legislatures and local units of government, as long as they exist, to declare null and void any federal law which infringes upon the rights of the individual. We recognize the obligation of law enforcement officials and courts, in particular county sheriffs and district attorneys, to refuse enforcement of and conviction under any rights-violating legislation or regulation.

**B. Trade and Society**

People are the sole owners of their own lives. What people produce in life we call property. It is right that people be free to keep or trade what they produce with others. We oppose government intervention in production and trade through taxation, regulation, licensing, inflation, etc. The proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect life, property, and honest trade, not restrict it. Efforts to forcibly redistribute wealth or forcibly restrict honest trade is slavery by other names.

**1. Taxation**

Taxation, the taking of people's wealth by force and threat of force, is an act of theft and extortion. We support spending reductions in all areas of government and eliminating all tax withholding.

**2. Subsidies**

In order to achieve a free economy in which government victimizes no one for the benefit of anyone else, we oppose all government subsidies, special interest laws, tariffs or quotas for anyone for any reason.

**3. Money and Inflation**

We recognize that government control over money and banking is the major cause of inflation, depression and distortion of relative prices and production. In order to have a free market and its relative stability, we advocate replacing legal tender laws, the Federal Reserve central bank, and the maze of banking, monetary, and securities regulations, with standards set in the free market. Until a free market monetary system is established, we support voluntary exchange using gold, silver, or other commodities in exchange for goods and services.

**4. Employment and Licensing**

We seek the elimination of protectionist occupation licensing and mandatory certification laws, which prevent individuals from working in whatever trade they wish. Such special interest laws serve to prevent competition and mobility and give a semi-monopoly to those already licensed, at the expense of the consumer and those who are trying to get started in a protected profession.

We advocate privatizing the current government licensing bureaucracies, removing their monopoly status, and letting them compete in the free market.

#### **5. Welfare, Poverty and Unemployment**

We advocate replacing the current counter-productive political welfare system with private charitable efforts. As an interim measure we advocate a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for all charitable contributions. We ask “Why are people poor and unemployed?” The answer is government intervention in the marketplace, (i.e., taxation, inflation, regulation, licensing, minimum wage laws, retirement laws, etc.) which destroys opportunity, mobility, hope, independence, and wealth.

Welfare and unemployment programs appease those whom government has oppressed, and keeps them dependent. Truly free markets in which people are allowed to keep the fruits of their labor and produce a surplus with which to help others is the rational moral answer to helping the unfortunate. Free markets typically generate more jobs than there are job seekers.

#### **6. Unions and Collective Bargaining**

We support the right of free persons voluntarily to establish, associate in, or not associate in labor unions. An employer should have the right to recognize, or refuse to recognize, a union.

We oppose government interference in bargaining, such as compulsory arbitration and right to work laws. Therefore we urge the repeal of the National Labor Relations Act, the Taft-Hartley Act, and all similar laws which prohibit employers from making voluntary contracts with unions.

Strikes or boycotts do not justify the initiation of violence against other workers, employers, strike-breakers, or anyone’s property.

#### **7. Business**

We advocate freedom and responsibility for all with special interest laws for none. Therefore we call for the repeal of all laws which help or hinder business, such as corporation laws, corporate limited liability laws, corporation taxation, tariffs, quotas, anti-trust laws, bankruptcy laws, and all similar laws.

On principle, Libertarians call for the eventual complete separation of business and government.

#### **8. Counter-Economics**

We explicitly acknowledge the right of individuals to subvert state regulation, taxation, and executive orders through black and gray market activity, as defined by Samuel Edward Konkin, so long as such activity does not violate individual rights and liberties.

#### **9. Consumer Protection**

Individuals and organizations that engage in fraud or misrepresentation are obliged to provide restitution to victims of these actions. We oppose government interference in consumer choice and government price-fixing schemes.

#### **10. Health and Medicine**

In order to ensure the best possible health care, we advocate the deregulation of the healthcare industry. Government intervention, restriction, coercion and protectionism in the healthcare industry has driven up costs and decreased the supply of doctors, nurses, technicians, hospitals, and medical insurance. We advocate replacing compulsory or tax supported plans to supply health services or insurance with voluntarily supported efforts.

We affirm the individual right to make one’s own decisions regarding health, medicine, and safety (including, but not limited to, herbal, natural, and traditional medicine) is absolute and not subject to government restriction or mandate.

#### **11. Right to Die**

Because all individuals should have full responsibility and control over their own lives, anyone, including terminally or hopelessly ill persons should have the right to die at the time and place and under the conditions of their own choosing. We support the concept of living wills in which individuals declare the manner in which they are to be treated and the procedures for disposal of their remains. In the absence of such wills and the ability of the individual to choose (e.g., coma) the matter should be decided by the family or such person or persons the individual may have clearly preferred with whatever guidance they may desire. In keeping with the principle of non-coercion, no individual shall be forced either to continue or terminate life sustaining care.

**12. Transportation**

We advocate a true free market in transportation; accordingly we support systematic privatization of all forms of transportation including, but not limited to: Amtrak, all airports, taxicab and bus services. We support elimination of all state and federal transportation regulations and regulatory agencies.

**13. Postal Service**

We propose the privatization of the monopolistic governmental Postal Service. Pending privatization we call for allowing free competition in all aspects of postal service.

**14. Public Utilities and Energy**

We advocate bringing the positive benefits of free market competition to utilities; accordingly we call for privatization and deregulation of all government monopolies, such as garbage collection, electric, gas, or communication utilities, the Public Utilities Commission, fire departments, water and sewer departments, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Price Anderson Act, the Minnesota Energy Agency, and all similar regulatory agencies.

**15. Freedom of Marriage**

We hold that unions between adults are a private matter, and should not be the subject of government licensing, regardless of sex. We call for the State of Minnesota to not restrict or give preferential treatment to private contracts between adults.

**16. Government-Influenced Organizations**

Any organization which is funded by, directly answerable to, or works in cooperation with the US Congress, state legislatures, or federal or state bureaucracies cannot rightly be considered "private". These corporations, nonprofits, and institutions are subsidiaries of the state. We therefore oppose any attempts by such entities to censor individual expression, violate health privacy, promote armed conflict, or otherwise through corporate policy, political lobbying, or regulatory capture infringe upon individual liberty.

**17. Agriculture**

The state has no authority, pursuant to natural rights and the Minnesota Constitution, article 13, section 7, to stand between the exchange of goods between two consenting adults with respect to agricultural and cottage food sales. Accordingly, the LPMN calls on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to cease all licensing and regulation of such sales.

**C. Domestic Ills**

Current problems in such areas as crime, pollution, health care, decaying cities, and poverty are not solved, but are primarily caused, by government. The welfare state, supposedly designed to aid the poor, is in reality a growing and parasitic burden on all productive people, and on balance, injures rather than benefits the poor themselves.

“Public good” is the mask behind which various bureaucracies or pressure groups hide while using the government police powers to their own ends. We oppose any government action, acquisition of property, or violation of freedom in the name of the “public good.”

**1. Land Use**

The role of planning is properly the responsibility and right of the owners of the land. Accordingly we oppose all government intervention against this right such as zoning laws, building codes, urban renewal, regional planning, subdivision laws, rent controls, and eminent domain. We advocate free market methods of land use control by means of private land use covenants. We call for the repeal of laws which allow the state and local governments legally to steal private property through eminent domain or condemnation proceedings, regardless of “compensation.”

**2. Pollution**

Pollution of other people’s property is wrong. Strict liability, not government agencies and arbitrary standards, should regulate pollution. We advocate repeal of the laws that prevent full ownership of the air and water above and below land, thus denying individuals protection under the law against polluters. Private property rights must replace public property.

We further advocate repeal of corporate limited liability laws protecting the individuals who own or manage corporations from the personal liability of pollution.

We further advocate the repeal of sovereign immunity laws, which protect those in charge of government property, utilities and military installations from the personal liability of pollution.

**3. Public Entertainment Facilities**

We advocate a free market in entertainment; accordingly we call for the privatization and deregulation of all government ownership, financing or involvement in stadiums, fairs, malls, convention centers, racetracks, etc.

**4. Education**

In order to achieve the best possible opportunity of education we advocate bringing the positive benefits of competition to the monopolistic government schools. Therefore we call for the privatization and deregulation of schools. Also we call for the repeal of compulsory education laws, truancy laws, school and teacher certification and licensing laws, and taxpayer financing of education.

**5. Campaign Laws**

We call for the repeal of restrictive state laws that effectively prevent new parties and independent candidates from being on the ballot. We urge the repeal of federal and state campaign finance laws, which repress the voluntary support of candidates and parties, compel taxpayers to subsidize politicians and political views they do not wish to support, and entrench the two major political parties.

**6. “Sunset Laws”**

We advocate a constitutional amendment requiring an automatic end to all government offices, departments, bureaucracies, laws, regulations, and expenditures every year. And unless individually voted on they would cease to exist as such.

**7. Sovereign Immunity**

We call for an immediate end to the doctrine of “sovereign immunity,” which implies that the state can do no wrong and which holds that the state may not be held accountable without its permission.

**8. None of the Above**

We propose the addition of the alternative “none of the above is acceptable” to all ballots. In the event that “none of the above” wins, the elective office for that term will remain unfilled and unfunded.

**9. Citizens Initiative and Referendum**

We support a constitutional amendment recognizing the people's right to Initiative and Referendum.

#### **10. Government Accounting Practices**

We support requiring government to follow generally accepted accounting principles and require the elimination of off-budget items.

#### **11. Rotation of Legislative Committee Chairs**

We support requiring the rotation of committee chairpersons and limiting their chairship to four years.

### **D. Foreign Policy**

#### **1. Non-Intervention**

The principle of non-initiation of force should guide the relationships between governments. We call for a non-interventionist foreign policy of avoiding entangling alliances, quarrels and treaties, and recognizing the right to unrestricted travel, trade and immigration. We advocate the negotiated withdrawal from current treaties that bind us to military commitments around the world. We favor the rapid resolution of all boundary disputes based on the existing treaty law. As fishing rights disputes are the most pressing of these questions, we propose these to be resolved first.

#### **2. Veterans Affairs**

We call on the U.S. Government to uphold its commitment to veterans by privatizing healthcare, by compensating veterans for physical and mental injuries incurred, and by ending continuous foreign military actions which have led to veterans becoming disabled.

#### **3. Specific Planks**

Specific planks on foreign policy can be found in the National Party platform.

### **Mark-up Copy of Proposal**

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~~*We hold that the basis of all rights begins with property rights, and property rights begin with self-ownership. From an individual's non-aggressive actions, private property is established as an*~~

*extension of self-ownership. The non-consensual enforcement of regulation, taxation, or transfer of property is a violation of property rights.*

*We support:*

- *Full restitution to rightful owners or their heirs when property has been unjustly taken through force, fraud, or government action in violation of individual rights.*
- *Free-market methods of land-use control, such as voluntary private land-use covenants and agreements among property owners.*
- *The unrestricted right of property owners to control, use, enjoy, manage, profit from, and dispose of their property, so long as they do not initiate force or fraud against others.*

*We oppose:*

- *All non-consensual government interventions against property rights, including regulation, taxation, or forced transfer of property.*
- *Zoning laws, building codes, urban renewal, regional planning, subdivision laws, rent controls, and similar restrictions on owners' rights to plan and use their land.*
- *Eminent domain or condemnation proceedings by state or local governments, regardless of any claimed compensation, as these constitute theft of private property.*

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*We support:*

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*We advocate for a fully free-market healthcare system, rejecting government intervention that inflates costs, limits supply, and violates individual rights through mandates, subsidies, and regulatory capture.*

*We support:*

- *Complete deregulation of healthcare, including elimination of licenses, restrictions, and mandates on providers, facilities, drugs, treatments, and insurance.*

- *Individuals' absolute right to choose their providers, treatments (including alternative and natural options), and end-of-life decisions without government interference.*
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- *Purchasing health insurance across state lines and customizing coverage freely.*
- *Ending the American Medical Association's government-granted monopoly on medical licensing, which restricts supply, raises costs, and limits competition.*

*We oppose:*

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- *Restrictions or prohibitions on voluntary access to treatments, drugs, or providers (including vaccines).*
- *Regulatory barriers to entry, especially those influenced by special interests like the AMA.*
- *Protectionist policies limiting healthcare professionals, facilities, or insurance options.*

### **3 9. Government and “Mental Health”**

*We support the right of people to the control of their own minds. The involuntary commitment of an individual not convicted of a crime, but merely asserted to be different or incompetent, is a violation of liberty. We further advocate:*

- ~~*the repeal of all laws permitting involuntary psychiatric treatment of any persons, including those incarcerated in prisons or mental institutions;*~~
- ~~*an end to the spending of tax money for any program of psychiatric or psychological research or treatment;*~~
- ~~*an end to all involuntary treatment of prisoners in such areas as psycho-surgery, drug therapy, and aversion therapy;*~~

*an end to tax-supported “mental health” propaganda campaigns and community “mental health” centers and programs.*

*We uphold the absolute right of individuals to self-ownership, including full control over their own minds, rejecting all forms of government coercion in mental health as violations of liberty.*

*We support:*

- *Every individual's unrestricted right to control their own mind, thoughts, and mental health decisions, including seeking, refusing, or stopping any psychological or psychiatric intervention.*
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#### **1. Land Use**

~~The role of planning is properly the responsibility and right of the owners of the land. Accordingly we oppose all government intervention against this right such as zoning laws, building codes, urban renewal, regional planning, subdivision laws, rent controls, and eminent domain. We advocate free market methods of land use control by means of private land use covenants. We call for the repeal of laws which allow the state and local governments legally to steal private property through eminent domain or condemnation proceedings, regardless of "compensation."~~

#### **2. Pollution**

~~Pollution of other people's property is wrong. Strict liability, not government agencies and arbitrary standards, should regulate pollution. We advocate repeal of the laws that prevent full ownership of the air and water above and below land, thus denying individuals protection under the law against polluters. Private property rights must replace public property.~~

~~We further advocate repeal of corporate limited liability laws protecting the individuals who own or manage corporations from the personal liability of pollution.~~

~~We further advocate the repeal of sovereign immunity laws, which protect those in charge of government property, utilities and military installations from the personal liability of pollution.~~

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#### **3. Money and Inflation**

We recognize that government control over money and banking is the major cause of inflation, depression and distortion of relative prices and production. In order to have a free market and its relative stability, we advocate replacing legal tender laws, the Federal Reserve central bank, and the maze of banking, monetary, and securities regulations, with standards set in the free market. Until a free market monetary system is established, we support voluntary exchange using gold, silver, or other commodities in exchange for goods and services.

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*Government-mandated legal tender, a monopolistic central bank, and an ever-expanding web of banking and securities regulations distort prices, fuel inflation, and create cycles of boom and bust. By returning the power to set money to individuals and voluntary markets, we can achieve lasting economic stability and protect personal liberty.*

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We seek the elimination of protectionist occupation licensing and mandatory certification laws, which prevent individuals from working in whatever trade they wish. ~~Such special interest laws serve to prevent competition and mobility and give a semi-monopoly to those already licensed, at the expense of the consumer and those who are trying to get started in a protected profession.~~ We advocate privatizing the current government licensing bureaucracies, removing their monopoly status, and letting them compete in the free market.

#### **5. Welfare, Poverty and Unemployment**

~~We advocate replacing the current counter-productive political welfare system with private charitable efforts. As an interim measure we advocate a dollar for dollar tax credit for all charitable contributions. We ask "Why are people poor and unemployed?" The answer is government intervention in the marketplace, (i.e., taxation, inflation, regulation, licensing, minimum wage laws, retirement laws, etc.) which destroys opportunity, mobility, hope, independence, and wealth.~~

~~Welfare and unemployment programs appease those whom government has oppressed, and keeps them dependent. Truly free markets in which people are allowed to keep the fruits of their labor and produce~~

a surplus with which to help others is the rational moral answer to helping the unfortunate. Free markets typically generate more jobs than there are job seekers.

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## **6. Unions and Collective Bargaining**

We support the individuals' voluntary right of free persons voluntarily to establish, associate in, or not associate in form, join, or avoid labor unions, and .-An employers' should have the right to recognize or refuse to recognize a unions.-We oppose government interference in bargaining, such as (including compulsory arbitration and right to work laws) and call for .-Therefore we urge the repeal of the National Labor Relations Act, the Taft-Hartley Act, and all similar laws which prohibit employers from making voluntary contracts with unions. Strikes or boycotts do not never justify the initiation of initiating violence against other workers, employers, strike breakers, or anyone's property.

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No individual's freedom of contract in employment should be denied or abridged by the laws of the State of Minnesota or any locality. Protective labor laws and other laws-regulations which that selectively violate rights selectively should be repealed entirely, not rather than be extended to additional all groups.

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We advocate bringing the positive benefits of free market competition to utilities; accordingly we call for privatization and deregulation of all government monopolies, such as garbage collection, electric, gas, or communication utilities, the Public Utilities Commission, fire departments, water and sewer departments, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Price Anderson Act, the Minnesota Energy Agency, and all similar regulatory agencies.

## **E. Domestic Government**

### **1 20. Nullification and Subsidiarity**

We recognize the important role of state legislatures and local units of government, as long as they exist, to declare null and void any federal law which infringes upon the rights of the individual. We recognize the obligation of law enforcement officials and courts, in particular county sheriffs and district attorneys, to refuse enforcement of and conviction under any rights-violating legislation or regulation.

### **2 19. Native American Indians and the State**

We deplore the Federal and State governments' continued paternalistic and exploitative policies toward the Native Americans, *which have undermined their independence, culture, and property rights through bureaucratic control and interference.* ~~We call for the abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which throughout its history has sought forcibly to make Native Americans wards of the State by destroying their individuality and traditional culture. We call for an end to Federal, State, and local interference in the property rights and civil liberties of Native Americans. We call on the State and Federal governments to honor all current treaty obligations.~~

We support:

- The immediate abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which has historically forced Native Americans into dependency as wards of the state while eroding their individuality and traditional culture.
- Full respect for Native American property rights and civil liberties, free from government interference at federal, state, or local levels.
- Government honoring of all current treaty obligations to Native American tribes as binding agreements.
- Voluntary self-determination for Native individuals and tribes, allowing them to manage their own affairs without coercive federal oversight or subsidies.

We oppose:

- All paternalistic government policies, programs, and bureaucracies that treat Native Americans as dependents rather than sovereign individuals.
- Federal, state, or local interference in Native American property rights, cultural practices, or personal freedoms.
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs and similar entities that perpetuate exploitation and dependency under the guise of assistance.

- Any failure to uphold existing treaty commitments, which constitute violations of voluntary agreements and individual rights.

### **3 16. Juries**

We advocate replacing mandatory jury duty with voluntary juries and private arbitration.

We support the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, which would require judges to inform juries of their traditional right to decide the rightness or wrongness of the law in the given case, as well as the guilt or innocence of a person relative to the law.

### **4 7. Sovereign Immunity**

We call for an immediate end to the doctrine of “sovereign immunity,” which implies that the state can do no wrong and which holds that the state may not be held accountable without its permission.

### **5 10. Government Accounting Practices**

*We believe that, as long as government exists, its finances must be transparent and comprehensible to those it governs. As a result,* we support requiring government to follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and require the elimination of off-budget items.

### **6. “Sunset Laws”**

We advocate a constitutional amendment requiring an automatic end to all government offices, departments, bureaucracies, laws, regulations, and expenditures every year. And unless individually voted on they would cease to exist as such.

### **7 5. Campaign Laws**

We call for the repeal of restrictive state laws that effectively prevent new parties and independent candidates from being on the ballot. We urge the repeal of federal and state campaign finance laws, which repress the voluntary support of candidates and parties, compel taxpayers to subsidize politicians and political views they do not wish to support, and entrench the two major political parties.

### **8. None of the Above**

We propose the addition of the alternative “none of the above is acceptable” to all ballots. In the event that “none of the above” wins, the elective office for that term will remain unfilled and unfunded.

### **9 12. Transportation**

We advocate a true free market in transportation; accordingly we support systematic privatization of all forms of transportation including, but not limited to: Amtrak, all airports, taxicab and bus services. We support elimination of all state and federal transportation regulations and regulatory agencies.

### **10 13. Postal Service**

We propose the privatization of the monopolistic governmental Postal Service. Pending privatization we call for allowing free competition in all aspects of postal service.

### **11 16. Government-Influenced Organizations**

*We recognize that* Any organizations which is funded by, directly answerable to, or works in cooperation cooperating with the US Congress, state legislatures, or federal or state bureaucracies government entities (federal or state) cannot rightly be considered “private” are not truly private .These corporations, nonprofits, and institutions are subsidiaries of the state but extensions of the state, We therefore oppose any attempts by such entities to censor individual expression, violate health privacy, promote armed conflict, or otherwise through corporate policy, political lobbying, or regulatory capture infringe upon individual liberty. often enabling cronyism, censorship, and infringement on individual liberty.

*We support:*

- *Strict separation of business and state, rejecting any government funding, charters, subsidies, or partnerships that blur lines between private entities and government.*
- *Full accountability for any organization acting as a government proxy, treating them as state actors subject to the same constitutional limits on coercion and rights violations.*
- *Voluntary, independent associations and enterprises free from government influence, funding, or regulatory capture.*
- *Protection of individual expression, privacy, and liberty from infringement by quasi-governmental entities.*

*We oppose:*

- *Any organization funded by, answerable to, or cooperating with government being considered "private," including corporations, nonprofits, and institutions that serve as subsidiaries of the state.*
- *Attempts by such entities to censor speech, violate health or personal privacy, promote armed conflict, lobby for special privileges, or otherwise infringe on individual rights through corporate policy or regulatory capture.*
- *Government partnerships, grants, contracts, or influence that empower these entities to act against liberty without direct accountability.*

### **12 17. Agriculture**

The state has no authority, pursuant to natural rights and the Minnesota Constitution, article 13, section 7, to stand between the exchange of goods between two consenting adults with respect to agricultural and cottage food sales. Accordingly, the LPMN calls on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to cease all licensing and regulation of such sales.

### **3. Public Entertainment Facilities**

~~We advocate a free market in entertainment; accordingly we call for the privatization and deregulation of all government ownership, financing or involvement in stadiums, fairs, malls, convention centers, racetracks, etc.~~

### **9. Citizens Initiative and Referendum**

~~We support a constitutional amendment recognizing the people's right to Initiative and Referendum.~~

### **11. Rotation of Legislative Committee Chairs**

~~We support requiring the rotation of committee chairpersons and limiting their chairship to four years.~~

## **F D. Foreign Policy**

### **1. Non-Intervention**

~~The principle of non-initiation of force should guide the relationships between governments. We call for a non-interventionist foreign policy of avoiding entangling alliances, quarrels and treaties, and recognizing the right to unrestricted travel, trade and immigration. We advocate the negotiated withdrawal from current treaties that bind us to military commitments around the world. We favor the rapid resolution of all boundary disputes based on the existing treaty law. As fishing rights disputes are the most pressing of these questions, we propose these to be resolved first.~~

*We advocate a non-interventionist foreign policy based on non-initiation of force: avoiding entangling alliances, quarrels, and treaties; supporting unrestricted travel and trade; negotiating withdrawal from military commitment treaties; and rapidly resolving boundary disputes per existing treaty law.*

### **2. Immigration**

*We hold that, as the welfare state fades, so should restrictions on immigration. We oppose government welfare incentives for immigration, while recognizing that peaceful people ought to be free to travel, interact, and live without fear of government interference.*

### **3 2. Veterans Affairs**

We call on the U.S. Government to uphold its commitment to veterans by privatizing healthcare, by compensating veterans for physical and mental injuries incurred, and by ending continuous foreign military actions which have led to veterans becoming disabled.

### **3. Specific Planks**

Specific planks on foreign policy can be found in the National Party platform.

## **Wording if Proposal is adopted**

### **A. Individual Rights**

#### **1. Property Rights**

We hold that the basis of all rights begins with property rights, and property rights begin with self-ownership. From an individual's non-aggressive actions, private property is established as an extension of self-ownership. The non-consensual enforcement of regulation, taxation, or transfer of property is a violation of property rights.

We support:

- Full restitution to rightful owners or their heirs when property has been unjustly taken through force, fraud, or government action in violation of individual rights.
- Free-market methods of land-use control, such as voluntary private land-use covenants and agreements among property owners.
- The unrestricted right of property owners to control, use, enjoy, manage, profit from, and dispose of their property, so long as they do not initiate force or fraud against others.

We oppose:

- All non-consensual government interventions against property rights, including regulation, taxation, or forced transfer of property.
- Zoning laws, building codes, urban renewal, regional planning, subdivision laws, rent controls, and similar restrictions on owners' rights to plan and use their land.
- Eminent domain or condemnation proceedings by state or local governments, regardless of any claimed compensation, as these constitute theft of private property.

#### **2. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

In recognition of the fact that arms are property, and acknowledging that individuals are their own last line of self-defense, we support the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. We oppose compulsory arms registration and regulation. Minnesota is one of only seven states whose Constitution does not contain the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. We call for an amendment guaranteeing this right.

#### **3. Protection of Privacy**

As an extension of self-ownership, individuals have a right to prevent others from obtaining or divulging their property or data without their consent. Neither the government nor corporations has a role in acquiring information about peaceful individuals without their explicit consent.

#### **4. Freedom of Expression**

Freedom to express one's ideas is paramount to individual rights. We oppose government restrictions on the expression of ideas via speech, art, media, or any other means. We defend the absolute right of individuals to express any beliefs on their own property, however offensive, while prohibiting only expression that trespasses on or damages the property of others. In a free society, people bear full responsibility for their reactions to speech; no one has a right to be shielded from ideas by force.

#### **5. Freedom of Association**

We support the right of private individuals, communities, and businesses to determine who they will and will not associate with. This includes the peaceful act of secession.

#### **6. Freedom of Religion**

We defend the right of individuals to hold personal religious beliefs and to engage in or abstain from any religious activities, provided they do not violate the rights of others. To safeguard this freedom, we advocate strict separation of church and state and oppose all government actions that aid or attack any religion. We oppose taxation of religious property for the same reason we oppose all taxation.

#### **7. Right to Die**

Individuals have full authority over their own lives, including the right to determine the time, manner, and conditions of their death—especially when terminally ill or suffering. We support living wills to specify treatment preferences and disposition of remains. In cases of incapacity, decisions default to family or designated proxies, guided by the individual's prior wishes. No one may be coerced to continue or terminate life-sustaining care.

### **B. Criminal and Civil Justice**

#### **1. Victimless Crimes**

Actions that do not infringe on others' rights are not crimes. We call for repeal of all such laws.

We support:

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- Repeal of juvenile status offenses.
- End to the War on Drugs as a violation of personal freedom.

We oppose:

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- State interference in freely chosen personal behaviors.

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Every individual is innocent until proven guilty, with the burden of proof solely on the accuser. We oppose no-knock warrants, pretrial detention, civil asset forfeiture, and any deprivation of liberty or property without conviction. Repeal all laws enabling these violations of rights.

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### **4. Restoration of Liberty and Equal Protection**

Upon completing their sentence, individuals should regain full liberty and rights with no lingering abridgment. No one's freedom should be denied based on selective laws; ensure equal protection under the law for all, without violation by state or local governments.

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We call for privatization and deregulation of all government monopolies to bring free-market competition to utilities, including garbage collection, electricity, gas, communications, water, sewer, fire departments, the Public Utilities Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Price Anderson Act, Minnesota Energy Agency, and similar agencies.

### **E. Domestic Government**

#### **1. Nullification and Subsidiarity**

We recognize the important role of state legislatures and local units of government, as long as they exist, to declare null and void any federal law which infringes upon the rights of the individual. We recognize the obligation of law enforcement officials and courts, in particular county sheriffs and district attorneys, to refuse enforcement of and conviction under any rights-violating legislation or regulation.

#### **2. Native American Indians and the State**

We deplore the federal and state governments' ongoing paternalistic and exploitative policies toward Native Americans, which have undermined their independence, culture, and property rights through bureaucratic control and interference.

We support:

- The immediate abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which has historically forced Native Americans into dependency as wards of the state while eroding their individuality and traditional culture.
- Full respect for Native American property rights and civil liberties, free from government interference at federal, state, or local levels.
- Government honoring of all current treaty obligations to Native American tribes as binding agreements.
- Voluntary self-determination for Native individuals and tribes, allowing them to manage their own affairs without coercive federal oversight or subsidies.

We oppose:

- All paternalistic government policies, programs, and bureaucracies that treat Native Americans as dependents rather than sovereign individuals.
- Federal, state, or local interference in Native American property rights, cultural practices, or personal freedoms.
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs and similar entities that perpetuate exploitation and dependency under the guise of assistance.
- Any failure to uphold existing treaty commitments, which constitute violations of voluntary agreements and individual rights.

### **3. Juries**

We advocate replacing mandatory jury duty with voluntary juries and private arbitration.

We support the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, which would require judges to inform juries of their traditional right to decide the rightness or wrongness of the law in the given case, as well as the guilt or innocence of a person relative to the law.

### **4. Sovereign Immunity**

We call for an immediate end to the doctrine of “sovereign immunity,” which implies that the state can do no wrong and which holds that the state may not be held accountable without its permission.

### **5. Government Accounting Practices**

We believe that, as long as government exists, its finances must be transparent and comprehensible to those it governs. As a result, we support requiring government to follow generally accepted accounting principles and the elimination of off-budget items.

### **6. Sunset Laws**

We advocate a constitutional amendment requiring an automatic end to all government offices, departments, bureaucracies, laws, regulations, and expenditures every year. And unless individually voted on they would cease to exist as such.

### **7. Campaign Laws**

We call for the repeal of restrictive state laws that effectively prevent new parties and independent candidates from being on the ballot. We urge the repeal of federal and state campaign finance laws, which repress the voluntary support of candidates and parties, compel taxpayers to subsidize politicians and political views they do not wish to support, and entrench the two major political parties.

### **8. None of the Above**

We propose the addition of the alternative “none of the above is acceptable” to all ballots. In the event that “none of the above” wins, the elective office for that term will remain unfilled and unfunded.

### **9. Transportation**

We advocate a true free market in transportation; accordingly we support systematic privatization of all forms of transportation including, but not limited to: Amtrak, all airports, taxicab and bus services. We support elimination of all state and federal transportation regulations and regulatory agencies.

### **10. Postal Service**

We propose the privatization of the monopolistic governmental Postal Service. Pending privatization we call for allowing free competition in all aspects of postal service.

### **11. Government-Influenced Organizations**

We recognize that organizations funded by, directly answerable to, or cooperating with government entities (federal or state) are not truly private but extensions of the state, often enabling cronyism, censorship, and infringement on individual liberty.

We support:

- Strict separation of business and state, rejecting any government funding, charters, subsidies, or partnerships that blur lines between private entities and government.
- Full accountability for any organization acting as a government proxy, treating them as state actors subject to the same constitutional limits on coercion and rights violations.
- Voluntary, independent associations and enterprises free from government influence, funding, or regulatory capture.
- Protection of individual expression, privacy, and liberty from infringement by quasi-governmental entities.

We oppose:

- Any organization funded by, answerable to, or cooperating with government being considered “private,” including corporations, nonprofits, and institutions that serve as subsidiaries of the state.
- Attempts by such entities to censor speech, violate health or personal privacy, promote armed conflict, lobby for special privileges, or otherwise infringe on individual rights through corporate policy or regulatory capture.
- Government partnerships, grants, contracts, or influence that empower these entities to act against liberty without direct accountability.

### **12. Agriculture**

The state has no authority, pursuant to natural rights and the Minnesota Constitution, article 13, section 7, to stand between the exchange of goods between two consenting adults with respect to agricultural and cottage food sales. Accordingly, the LPMN calls on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to cease all licensing and regulation of such sales.

## **F. Foreign Policy**

### **1. Non-Intervention**

We advocate a non-interventionist foreign policy based on non-initiation of force: avoiding entangling alliances, quarrels, and treaties; supporting unrestricted travel and trade; negotiating withdrawal from military commitment treaties; and rapidly resolving boundary disputes per existing treaty law.

### **2. Immigration**

We hold that, as the welfare state fades, so should restrictions on immigration. We oppose government welfare incentives for immigration, while recognizing that peaceful people ought to be free to travel, interact, and live without fear of government interference.

**3. Veterans Affairs**

We call on the U.S. Government to uphold its commitment to veterans by privatizing healthcare, by compensating veterans for physical and mental injuries incurred, and by ending continuous foreign military actions which have led to veterans becoming disabled.