

2020 SD51 GOP Platform Committee Report

This report includes every resolution that was passed in one or more of our 2020 Precinct Caucuses. In some cases the language of the resolution may have been changed to fit it into the Standing Platform’s existing language, but every effort was made to maintain what we believed was the intent of the resolution.

On this report, a “Y” recommendation is listed for every resolution or plank that we recommend become part of the Standing Platform or Action Agenda. A “N” recommendation is listed for every resolution or plank that we do not recommend advancing to the 2nd Congressional District GOP convention. It also indicates each precinct where the resolution was passed (“E-12” would indicate Eagan Precinct 12). In some cases it is also paired with language explaining our decision.

Section 1 – Promote Economic Prosperity		
Exercise Spending Restraint		
<u>Existing Language:</u> We favor reducing the size of the national debt by cutting federal spending. We support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopting a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution. • Replacing baseline budgeting with Zero-based budgeting for state and federal budgets. • Setting State budgets within the first 30 days of each Legislative session and being the first order of business. • Ending the use of omnibus spending bills. 		
<u>Proposed Resolution Would Add Bullet Point to the Above List:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocking the use of continuing resolutions in the budget and appropriations process. 	Y	B-6
<u>Proposed Resolution Would Add Bullet Point to the Above List:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All mandatory spending programs be changed into discretionary spending programs. 	Y	B-6
<u>Proposed Resolution Would Add Bullet Point to the Above List:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rather than a shutdown, if the appropriations and budget process misses the deadline, the budget and appropriations from the previous year continue to be in effect. 	Y	B-6
Section 2 – Restore and Defend Civil Rights		
Defend the Right to Life		
<u>Existing Language:</u> Republicans believe that every innocent human being, born and unborn, has an inalienable right to life from conception to natural death. The U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions should be amended to restore legal protection to the lives of innocent human beings from conception to natural death. To that end, we: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation that establishes ‘personhood’ at the time of conception. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppose partial birth abortions. • Would eliminate taxpayer funding of abortion or abortion providers, particularly Planned Parenthood, and fund women's health care. • Oppose abortions performed on minors without parental consent. • Advocate prohibiting U.S. promotion or funding of abortion in any nation, and • Would protect a father's right to object to a unilateral decision to terminate his unborn child's life. <p>We call for overturning the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Gomez decisions.</p>		
<p><u>Proposed Resolution Would Add Bullet Point to the Above List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would guarantee the right to life and provide equal protection of the laws to every preborn human being in the state. 	Y	B-9, E-9B
<p><u>Proposed Resolution Would Add Bullet Point to the Above List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call upon the state legislature to enact legislation which immediately abolishes abortion. 	N	B-9, E-9B Duplicative. Existing language covers this.
<p><u>Proposed Addition:</u></p> <p>We call on every public official in the state, elected and appointed, including but not limited to County Sheriffs, city police chiefs, peace officers, district attorneys, and judges, ignore and refuse to enforce any and all federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and court opinions that would deprive an unborn child of the right to life and the right to equal protection under the law.</p>	N	B-9, E-9B
Protect Religious & Political Liberties		
<p><u>Existing Language:</u></p> <p>We support protecting the right to religious freedom, religious expression and the rights of conscience for all peoples, including: <i>[it then goes on to list ten bullet points with specific details]</i></p>		
<p><u>Proposed Replacement:</u></p> <p>We support religious freedom and rights of conscience for private individuals, businesses, and government officials, including:</p>	N	B-10 Existing language covers this.
Respect the Right to Personal Privacy and Property		
<p><u>Existing Language:</u></p> <p>Support the right to privacy and the right to not share bathrooms and locker rooms with the biologically opposite sex.</p>		
<p><u>Proposed Replacement:</u></p> <p>Support students' rights to privacy and safety in school locker rooms, bathrooms, showers, and other facilities where students may be in a state of undress and therefore opposes gender inclusion policies that allow boys and girls to use locker rooms, bathrooms, showers, overnight facilities, according to their chosen gender identity as opposed to their biological sex.</p>	N	B-10 Existing language covers this in a more succinct way.
Section 3 – Protect our Health Care		

Restoring Competition		
<u>Proposed Addition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize acupuncture and its encompassing medicine as effective in managing chronic pain without addiction or other negative side-effects, when treated by a licensed acupuncturist, enabling optimal outcomes. 	N	E-6A
Improve Quality		
<u>Existing Language:</u> Prohibit any medical procedure or therapy that would deliberately cause or hasten death including physician-assisted suicide and deprivation of food and water.		
<u>Proposed Replacement:</u> Oppose legalization of physician assisted suicide and should instead support healthcare solutions that prioritize real care rather than hasten death.	N	B-10, E-2, E-6B, E-17 Existing language covers this – no need to change it.
<u>Proposed Replacement:</u> The Minnesota Legislature should not be allowed to pass a bill that would allow euthanasia in any form in Minnesota.	N	E-3 Existing language covers this – no need to change it.
Section 4 – Educate our Children		
Emphasize Traditional American Values		
<u>Existing Language:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 public school teachers should not discuss or teach about alternative sexual lifestyles. K-12 public school teachers should teach about sexual abstinence, that premarital sex and extramarital sex is wrong, and that using contraceptives is not safe sex. [...] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting a student’s right to privacy, safety, and free speech without retribution. 		
<u>Proposed Addition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We oppose any state legislative mandate to require Minnesota public or charter schools to teach Comprehensive Sex Education curriculum, and we urge all independent school districts to remove or refuse to implement this curriculum in their local schools. 	N	E-12 Existing language is sufficient.
<u>Proposed Addition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We support students’ right to exercise their free speech by using pronouns associated with biological sex, and not be compelled to use language that makes a substantive statement about the nature of sex and reality, in violation of the student’s First Amendment right to free speech. 	N	B-10 Covered by existing language.
<u>Proposed Addition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We call on school districts to replace anti-American, ideologically driven literary curriculum choices with literature that teaches 	Y	E-12

<p>the values of western heritage and the principles of a self-governing, constitutional Republic built upon God-given individual and inalienable rights, among them free speech, freedom of religion, private property, and equal justice under the law.</p>		
<p>Section 5 – Strengthen our Families and Communities</p>		
<p><u>Existing Language:</u> Recognize pornography as a public health hazard with multiple societal harms, including links to sex trafficking.</p>		
<p><u>Proposed Replacement:</u> Recognize pornography as a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of individual and societal harms, and recognize the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change at the community and societal level in order to address the pornography epidemic that is harming the people of the State of Minnesota and the nation.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>B-10 Existing language is more succinct and also covers sex trafficking.</p>
<p><u>Proposed Addition (to the section, not connected to the “existing language” above):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urge state legislators to block state funding for publicly funded facilities that sponsor or allow drag queen events targeted at minors on their premises. 	<p>Y</p>	<p>E-12</p>
<p>Section 9 – Make Government Smaller and Better</p>		
<p>Streamline Government</p>		
<p><u>Proposed Language:</u> We call for an Article V Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to (1) impose fiscal constraints on the federal government, (2) limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and (3) limit the terms of office for its officials and members of Congress.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>E-6A, E-8 Each of these items is already in the platform, just not the call for an Article V convention. No consensus on that issue.</p>