

Resolution 1

Replace the Government Accountability Board

Submitted by Billie Johnson

WHEREAS the Government Accountability Board (GAB) was originally meant to act on behalf of the Wisconsin voter and enforce Wisconsin and Federal election laws as non-partisan officials; and

WHEREAS the actions of the GAB have demonstrated that they are unable to deliver on their mission in a non-partisan way; and

WHEREAS the GAB has been involved in and hired a Special Prosecutor for Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm's witch-hunt targeting Wisconsin conservative organizations; and

WHEREAS the GAB, even though money, time and effort were spent on the John Doe probe, claimed that the lack of funding prevented them from adequately reviewing and removing ineligible voters from the voting rolls; and

WHEREAS under the direction and supervision of the GAB, the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) contains numerous data entry errors, estimated by GAB to be in the 22% range, not including duplicate entries and missing or incorrect address information which is required on the registration form such as apartment numbers; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, urges the Wisconsin legislature to replace the current GAB with a politically neutral body that will fairly enforce election laws, work to reduce voter fraud, and be subject to tight legislative oversight, without Kevin Kennedy and his immediate staff.

Resolution 2

Enactment of Wisconsin Right to Work (Work Place Freedom) Legislation

Submitted by Jordan Smith

WHEREAS members of the Republican Party of Dane County support the ability of Wisconsinites to decide if they want to join a union or not, instead of being forced into union membership.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation gives workers the freedom to choose whether to belong to a labor union and pay dues. Right to Work protects employees by prohibiting them from being forced to join a union and pay dues as a condition of their employment.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation does not eliminate existing unions, does not void existing labor contracts, does not prohibit collective bargaining, and does not prohibit workers from organizing a union.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation would ensure a competitive business climate. Site selectors who advise businesses on where to expand or locate a new business say that 75% of their clients view Right to Work as an “important” or “very important” factor, and typically half will not even consider investing in a forced-union state like Wisconsin.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation would allow for more job creation. During the 10-year period from 2004-2013, Right to Work states added 3.6 million jobs – significantly more than the 1.5 million in forced-union states.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation would increase job growth. From 2004-2013, Right to Work states grew jobs by an average of 5.3%, which is more than twice the rate of forced union states. Wages in Right to Work states grew by an average of 15.1% from 2003-2013, while wage growth lagged in forced-union states at 8.2%.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation leads to higher manufacturing output. Manufacturing GDP grew by 26.1% in Right to Work states from 2003-2013, compared to 13.8% in forced-union states.

WHEREAS Right to Work legislation would create more disposable income. When differences in cost-of-living variations between states are taken into account, employees in Right to Work states had per capita disposable income of \$38,915 in 2013, nearly \$2,000 per year more than the \$36,959 in forced-union states.

WHEREAS Right to Work states grew population by 4.9 million people in the ten-year period from 2003-2012, while forced-union states lost 4.9 million people.

WHEREAS the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act allowed for individual states to pass Right to Work legislation, which 24 States have done; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, urges the Wisconsin legislature to enact Right to Work legislation during the current legislative session, so Wisconsin becomes the 25th state in the union to enact this law; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County applauds any legislator who supports this matter.

Resolution 3

Eliminate Portions of the Wisconsin “John Doe” Law That Pertain To Political Investigations

Submitted by Billie Johnson

WHEREAS Wisconsin’s John Doe law was created for cases with serious criminals who might deal violently with police officers and witnesses, not to limit freedom of citizens to engage in political free speech; and

WHEREAS a partisan Democratic Milwaukee County District Attorney launching a secret probe into only conservative organizations carries strong implications of political motives; and

WHEREAS starting in 2010, taxpayer money has been used in two continuous investigations, one into Governor Walker and one expanded to include 29 Wisconsin conservative organizations, while no liberal organizations or Democratic Party allies were ever subject to similar scrutiny; and

WHEREAS leaks of what should have been confidential information appeared regularly in the liberal media before the November general election; and

WHEREAS early-morning raids were conducted on the homes of many Wisconsin conservative leaders, raids which one article called ‘Gestapo-like;’ and

WHEREAS this law prohibits its victims from contacting anyone except their own attorney, under penalty of jail, and that attorney in turn cannot make the information public, under penalty of jail and disbarment; and

WHEREAS if it were not for the courage of Eric O’Keefe of the Wisconsin Club for Growth - who risked contempt of court and imprisonment to contact the news media about the incredible legal action - few people in the state would have even known of this trampling of freedom of speech and association; and

WHEREAS after spending taxpayer money and hiring a special prosecutor, and after court scrutiny in *Citizens for Responsible Government Advocates, Inc., v. Thomas Barland, et al*, even the Government Accountability Board conceded that the “legal theory” behind the John Doe investigations into Wisconsin conservative groups is legally indefensible; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, urges the Wisconsin legislature to eliminate the portions of the Wisconsin John Doe law that allow secretive investigations into political activity.

Resolution 4

Stop Common Core

Submitted by Jeff Horn

WHEREAS determination of educational testing, standards, and curricula has always rightly been a function of local school boards and parents; and

WHEREAS the federal government has made many failed attempts over the years to control different aspects of public education with dismal results; and

WHEREAS the men and women who attend university to become educators are skilled professionals with a desire to educate; and

WHEREAS Common Core is establishing a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach to educating children that destroys any meaningful local control; and

WHEREAS the various states were bribed into accepting Common Core, being promised federal grant money or waivers from prior federal mandates if they complied; and

WHEREAS Common Core-aligned assessments create a new vehicle for gathering sensitive data on Wisconsin students and their families that will follow them throughout their school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS the Common Core-aligned Smarter Balanced Assessment or any other Common Core-aligned assessment, which has been mandated for use by the DPI for all public, charter, and voucher schools, would be the enforcement mechanism for Common Core and would homogenize all educational alternatives over time; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, strongly urges that our local school boards immediately suspend all activities related to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards Initiative, as has the Germantown School Board; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, strongly urges our state legislators to introduce and support legislation stopping the implementation of the Common Core Standards Initiative and eliminating the Smarter Balanced Assessment or any other Common Core-aligned assessment; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, in order to strengthen local control of public schools, supports returning the bulk of funding for public education back to the local level; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, asks that we trust the elected school board members, administrators, and teachers in our communities to educate children entrusted to them as the local citizens see fit.

Resolution 5

Requiring Tax Hikes to Be Approved by Referendum or Legislative Super-Majority

Submitted by Tim Lundquist

WHEREAS governments everywhere have an unlimited thirst for revenue; and

WHEREAS the legislature may not always have a fiscally responsible majority, as it does now; and

WHEREAS taxpayers are the best representatives of taxpayers; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, calls for the state legislature to pass a constitutional amendment requiring voter approval via statewide referendum for any increase in state sales, income, or franchise tax rates; and be it further

RESOLVED that no referendum would be required if the legislation in question earns a super-majority of support (2/3) in each chamber.