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Proposal #1: 1.0 Personal Liberty – clarifying accepting consequences is an obligation

(Adopted 15-0)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1.0 Personal Liberty Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and to accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government.</p>	<p>1.0 Personal Liberty Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and to<u>must</u> accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government.</p>	<p>1.0 Personal Liberty Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government.</p>

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Proposal #2: 3.6 Representative Government – change “allowed” to “free”

(Adopted 15-0)

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<p>3.6 Representative Government We support election systems that are more representative of the electorate at the federal, state and local levels. As private voluntary groups, political parties should be allowed to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all legitimate alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall and repeal when used as popular checks on government.</p>	<p>3.6 Representative Government We support election systems that are more representative of the electorate at the federal, state and local levels. As private voluntary groups, political parties should be allowed<u>free</u> to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all legitimate alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall and repeal when used as popular checks on government.</p>	<p>3.6 Representative Government We support election systems that are more representative of the electorate at the federal, state and local levels. As private voluntary groups, political parties should be free to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all legitimate alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall and repeal when used as popular checks on government.</p>

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Proposal #3: Rephrase “neither profits nor losses are socialized” of 2.5 Money and Financial Markets

(Adopted 13-0)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>2.5 Money and Financial Markets We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated and neither profits nor losses are socialized. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.</p>	<p>2.5 Money and Financial Markets We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated and neither profits nor losses are socialized. <u>Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others, such as through government guarantees or bailouts.</u> Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.</p>	<p>2.5 Money and Financial Markets We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated. Those who enjoy the possibility of profits must not impose risks of losses upon others, such as through government guarantees or bailouts. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.</p>

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Proposal #4: New 2.8 Government Employees Plank

(Adopted 12-1)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p><u>2.5 Government Employees</u> <u>We favor repealing any requirement that one must join or pay dues to a union as a condition of government employment. We advocate replacing defined-benefit pensions with defined-contribution plans, as are commonly offered in the private sector, so as not to impose debt on future generations without their consent.</u></p>	<p>2.5 Government Employees We favor repealing any requirement that one must join or pay dues to a union as a condition of government employment. We advocate replacing defined-benefit pensions with defined-contribution plans, as are commonly offered in the private sector, so as not to impose debt on future generations without their consent.</p>

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Proposal #5: Rewrite 2.2 Environment

(Adopted 12-1)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>2.2 Environment</p> <p>We support a clean and healthy environment and sensible use of our natural resources. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Pollution and misuse of resources cause damage to our ecosystem. Governments, unlike private businesses, are unaccountable for such damage done to our environment and have a terrible track record when it comes to environmental protection. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights in resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. We realize that our planet's climate is constantly changing, but environmental advocates and social pressure are the most effective means of changing public behavior.</p>	<p>2.2 Environment</p> <p>We support a clean and healthy environment and sensible use of our natural resources. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Pollution and misuse of resources cause damage to our ecosystem. Governments, unlike private businesses, are unaccountable for such damage done to our environment and have a terrible track record when it comes to environmental protection. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights in resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. We realize that our planet's climate is constantly changing, but environmental advocates and social pressure are the most effective means of changing public <u>behavior. Individual rights are pointless without a clean, healthy environment capable of sustaining human life. Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and</u></p>	<p>2.2 Environment</p> <p>Individual rights are pointless without a clean, healthy environment capable of sustaining human life. Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners and conservation groups have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Governments are unaccountable for damage done to our environment and have a terrible track record when it comes to environmental protection. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.</p>

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Proposal #6: Move Language to New 1.6 Parental Rights Plank

(Adopted 11-1)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>3.5 Rights and Discrimination Libertarians embrace the concept that all people are born with certain inherent rights. We reject the idea that a natural right can ever impose an obligation upon others to fulfill that "right." We condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant. Government should neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference or sexual orientation. Members of private organizations retain their rights to set whatever standards of association they deem appropriate, and individuals are free to respond with ostracism, boycotts and other free market solutions. Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect.</p>	<p><u>1.6 Parental Rights</u> <u>Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect.</u></p> <p>3.5 Rights and Discrimination Libertarians embrace the concept that all people are born with certain inherent rights. We reject the idea that a natural right can ever impose an obligation upon others to fulfill that "right." We condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant. Government should neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference or sexual orientation. Members of private organizations retain their rights to set whatever standards of association they deem appropriate, and individuals are free to respond with ostracism, boycotts and other free market solutions. Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect.</p>	<p>1.6 Parental Rights Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect.</p> <p>3.5 Rights and Discrimination Libertarians embrace the concept that all people are born with certain inherent rights. We reject the idea that a natural right can ever impose an obligation upon others to fulfill that "right." We condemn bigotry as irrational and repugnant. Government should neither deny nor abridge any individual's human right based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference or sexual orientation. Members of private organizations retain their rights to set whatever standards of association they deem appropriate, and individuals are free to respond with ostracism, boycotts and other free market solutions.</p>

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Proposal #6A: Amend Language Moved to New 1.6 Parental Rights Plank

(Adopted 9-2) (Contingent on adopting motion to create New 1.6 Parental Rights plank)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1.6 Parental Rights Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect.</p>	<p>1.6 Parental Rights <u>and Responsibilities</u> Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs. This statement shall not be construed to condone child abuse or neglect. <u>Children do not begin life as fully autonomous beings capable of making rational decisions. Parents and guardians have a duty to provide for their children and develop them into adults. Their right to do so in accordance with their standards and beliefs should be legally respected, so long as they do not engage in abuse, neglect, or reckless endangerment.</u></p>	<p>1.6 Parental Rights and Responsibilities Children do not begin life as fully autonomous beings capable of making rational decisions. Parents and guardians have a duty to provide for their children and develop them into adults. Their right to do so in accordance with their standards and beliefs should be legally respected, so long as they do not engage in abuse, neglect, or reckless endangerment.</p>

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Proposal #7: 3.6 Representative Government – alternative for first sentence

(Adopted 11-3)

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<p>3.6 Representative Government We support election systems that are more representative of the electorate at the federal, state and local levels. As private voluntary groups, political parties should be allowed to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all legitimate alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall and repeal when used as popular checks on government.</p>	<p>3.6 Representative Government We support election systems that are more representative of the electorate at the federal, state and local levels. <u>We support voting methods that allow voters to select more than one candidate in elections with more than two candidates, and which require a majority for election.</u> As private voluntary groups, political parties should be allowed to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all legitimate alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall and repeal when used as popular checks on government.</p>	<p>3.6 Representative Government We support voting methods that allow voters to select more than one candidate in elections with more than two candidates, and which require a majority for election. As private voluntary groups, political parties should be allowed to establish their own rules for nomination procedures, primaries and conventions. We call for an end to any tax-financed subsidies to candidates or parties and the repeal of all laws which restrict voluntary financing of election campaigns. We oppose laws that effectively exclude alternative candidates and parties, deny ballot access, gerrymander districts, or deny the voters their right to consider all legitimate alternatives. We advocate initiative, referendum, recall and repeal when used as popular checks on government.</p>

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Proposal #8: Rewrite Preamble

(Adopted 11-4)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others.</p> <p>We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized.</p> <p>Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power.</p> <p>In the following pages we have set forth our basic principles and enumerated various policy stands derived from those principles.</p> <p>These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is</p>	<p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others.</p> <p>We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized.</p> <p>Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power.</p> <p><u>The Liberty of the people, and of the individual, is always the highest concern. Our aim is to keep the Republicans out of your bedroom and the Democrats out of your pockets, so that you can make your own choices and live your life as you</u></p>	<p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>The Liberty of the people, and of the individual, is always the highest concern. Our aim is to keep the Republicans out of your bedroom and the Democrats out of your pockets, so that you can make your own choices and live your life as you choose.</p> <p>In the following pages we have set forth our basic principles and enumerated various policy stands derived from those principles. The elucidation in this platform of certain positions shall not be construed to deny or disparage any other rights retained by the people.</p>

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<p>nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.</p>	<p><u>choose.</u></p> <p>In the following pages we have set forth our basic principles and enumerated various policy stands derived from those principles. <u>The elucidation in this platform of certain positions shall not be construed to deny or disparage any other rights retained by the people.</u></p> <p>These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.</p>	
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Proposal #9: Delete 1.5 Abortion plank

(Adopted 11-6)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1.5 Abortion Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.</p>	<p>1.5 Abortion Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.</p>	

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Proposal #9A: New 1.5 Abortion plank – oppose taxpayer funding

(Adopted 11-8) (contingent upon deletion of the original plank)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<u>1.5 Abortion</u> <u>Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions.</u>	1.5 Abortion Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions.

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Proposal #9B: 1.5 Abortion plank – address OTC contraceptives

(Adopted 11-7) (contingent upon deletion of the original plank and creation of new plank)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
1.5 Abortion Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions.	1.5 Abortion Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. <u>Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</u>	1.5 Abortion Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.

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Proposal #9C: 1.5 Abortion plank – add respect for different positions

(Adopted 8-7) (contingent upon deletion of the original plank, creation of new plank and adoption of first amendment)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1.5 Abortion Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</p>	<p>1.5 Abortion <u>While we may respectfully disagree on the subject of when individual rights begin, we are united in our belief that</u> Taxpayers <u>taxpayers</u> should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</p>	<p>1.5 Abortion While we may respectfully disagree on the subject of when individual rights begin, we are united in our belief that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</p>

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Proposal #9D: 1.5 Abortion plank – affirm principled positions

(Adopted 6-5) (contingent upon deletion of the original plank, creation of new plank and adoption of first and second amendments)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1.5 Abortion While we may respectfully disagree on the subject of when individual rights begin, we are united in our belief that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</p>	<p>1.5 Abortion <u>Libertarians along the spectrum present logical arguments in support of their principled positions on abortion.</u> While we may respectfully disagree on the subject of when individual rights begin, we are united in our belief that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</p>	<p>1.5 Abortion Libertarians along the spectrum present logical arguments in support of their principled positions on abortion. While we may respectfully disagree on the subject of when individual rights begin, we are united in our belief that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions. Moreover, we advocate eliminating regulations that prohibit over-the-counter sales of contraceptives, which prevent unwanted pregnancies.</p>

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Proposal #10: New 1.7 File Sharing and Copyright plank

(Adopted 10-2)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p><u>1.7 File Sharing and Copyright</u> <u>Copyright is a government granted monopoly on intellectual work for the purpose of promoting progress in arts and science. File sharing and other personal-use infringements of copyright law should be a matter of civil law, not criminal law, with penalties limited to a reasonable multiple of the retail price of the copyrighted item. The term of copyright should be limited to the longer of twenty years or the life of the author.</u></p>	<p>1.7 File Sharing and Copyright Copyright is a government granted monopoly on intellectual work for the purpose of promoting progress in arts and science. File sharing and other personal-use infringements of copyright law should be a matter of civil law, not criminal law, with penalties limited to a reasonable multiple of the retail price of the copyrighted item. The term of copyright should be limited to the longer of twenty years or the life of the author.</p>

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Proposal #11: 2.10 Retirement & Income Security – insert “even”

(Adopted 10-3)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>2.10 Retirement and Income Security Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would phase out the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. The proper and most effective source of help for the poor is the voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. We believe members of society will become more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.</p>	<p>2.10 Retirement and Income Security Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would phase out the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. The proper and most effective source of help for the poor is the voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. We believe members of society will become <u>even</u> more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.</p>	<p>2.10 Retirement and Income Security Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would phase out the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. The proper and most effective source of help for the poor is the voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. We believe members of society will become even more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.</p>

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Proposal #12: Delete Last Sentence of 2.5 Money and Financial Markets

(Adopted 10-3)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>2.5 Money and Financial Markets We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated and neither profits nor losses are socialized. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.</p>	<p>2.5 Money and Financial Markets We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated and neither profits nor losses are socialized. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws.</p>	<p>2.5 Money and Financial Markets We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Markets are not actually free unless fraud is vigorously combated and neither profits nor losses are socialized. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item.</p>

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Proposal #13: General Cleanup of 1.6 Crime and Justice

(Adopted 10-3)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>1.6 Crime and Justice Government exists to protect the rights of every individual including life, liberty and property. Criminal laws should be limited to violation of the rights of others through force or fraud, or deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. We favor the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, since only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes. Individuals retain the right to voluntarily assume risk of harm to themselves. We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. We oppose reduction of constitutional safeguards of the rights of the criminally accused. The rights of due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must not be denied. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.</p>	<p>1.6 Crime and Justice Government exists<u>The prescribed role of government is</u> to protect the rights of every individual, including <u>the right to</u> life, liberty and property. Criminal laws should be limited <u>in their application</u> to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or <u>to</u> deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. We <u>Therefore, we</u> favor the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes,since only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes. Individuals retain the right to voluntarily assume risk of harm to themselves. We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. We oppose reduction of constitutional safeguards of the rights of the criminally accused.The <u>constitutional</u> rights of <u>the criminally accused, including</u> due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must not be denied <u>preserved</u>. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.</p>	<p>1.6 Crime and Justice The prescribed role of government is to protect the rights of every individual, including the right to life, liberty and property. Criminal laws should be limited in their application to violations of the rights of others through force or fraud, or to deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Therefore, we favor the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes. We support restitution to the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. The constitutional rights of the criminally accused, including due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must be preserved. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.</p>

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Proposal #14: New 1.7 Death Penalty plank

(Adopted 10-5)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p><u>1.7 Death Penalty</u> <u>The death penalty is irreversible and no recompense can be made for an execution later found to be in error. Since 1973 there have been more than 155 exonerations of individuals wrongfully sentenced to death in the United States. Further, the death penalty is not fairly and uniformly applied, but disproportionately imposed based on the race of the victim. Given the fallibility of any judicial system, punishments that cannot be reversed or compensated for should not be levied. Apart from differences reasonable people may have as to the morality of the death penalty, the government's record in unfair execution of innocents requires an indefinite suspension of the death penalty.</u></p>	<p>1.7 Death Penalty The death penalty is irreversible and no recompense can be made for an execution later found to be in error. Since 1973 there have been more than 155 exonerations of individuals wrongfully sentenced to death in the United States. Further, the death penalty is not fairly and uniformly applied, but disproportionately imposed based on the race of the victim. Given the fallibility of any judicial system, punishments that cannot be reversed or compensated for should not be levied. Apart from differences reasonable people may have as to the morality of the death penalty, the government's record in unfair execution of innocents requires an indefinite suspension of the death penalty.</p>

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Proposal #15: Delete 4.0 Omissions

(Adopted 9-7)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
4.0 Omissions Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, or machination should not be construed to imply approval.	4.0 Omissions Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, regulatory agency, activity, or machination should not be construed to imply approval.	

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Proposal #16: Delete 2.3 Energy and Resources

(Adopted 8-7)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>2.3 Energy and Resources While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not be subsidizing any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production.</p>	<p>2.3 Energy and Resources While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not be subsidizing any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production.</p>	

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Proposal #16A: New 2.3 Energy and Resources plank

(Adopted 13-2) (contingent upon deletion of the original plank)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p><u>2.3 Energy and Resources</u> <u>While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not subsidize any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production. Ethanol subsidies, in particular, have caused market misallocations that have led to higher food prices and demonstrate the tragic consequences of charging bureaucrats with the task of overruling the discipline of markets. Likewise, the use of military power to assure the supply of crude oil from foreign sources stifles innovation by US energy companies who would otherwise be driven to develop alternative energy supplies.</u></p>	<p>2.3 Energy and Resources While energy is needed to fuel a modern society, government should not subsidize any particular form of energy. We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production. Ethanol subsidies, in particular, have caused market misallocations that have led to higher food prices and demonstrate the tragic consequences of charging bureaucrats with the task of overruling the discipline of markets. Likewise, the use of military power to assure the supply of crude oil from foreign sources stifles innovation by US energy companies who would otherwise be driven to develop alternative energy supplies.</p>

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Proposal #17: Split Plank 2.4 into Multiple Planks

(Adopted 8-7)

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>2.4 Government Finance and Spending</p> <p>All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes.</p>	<p>2.4 Government Finance and Spending Taxation</p> <p>All persons are entitled to keep the fruits of their labor. We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. We oppose any legal requirements forcing employers to serve as tax collectors. <u>So that States shall serve as a check and balance against expanding government, we advocate the repeal of the income tax and the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service, and advocate that the U.S. Government be funded solely by States in proportion to population.</u></p> <p>2.5 <u>Balanced Budget</u></p> <p>Government should not incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent. We support the passage of a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes. <u>No government should incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent and is therefore a form of taxation without representation.</u></p>	<p>2.4 Taxation</p> <p>So that States shall serve as a check and balance against expanding government, we advocate repeal of the income tax and the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service, and advocate that the U.S. Government be funded solely by States in proportion to population.</p> <p>2.5 <u>Balanced Budget</u></p> <p>We support the passage of a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution, provided that the budget is balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, and not by raising taxes. No government should incur debt, which burdens future generations without their consent and is therefore a form of taxation without representation.</p>

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