

# Libertarian Part of North Carolina

Report to the 2022 LPNC State Convention of the Adjunct Platform  
Committee

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This is the report of the LPNC 2022 Platform Committee. Throughout late 2021 and early 2022 the committee met regularly to propose and consider changes to the LPNC Platform. The committee has listened to feedback from the members of the LPNC throughout the process. The committee is proposing a total of 12 changes to the platform. Each change was approved unanimously by the committee and there are no minority reports. Thank you for your careful consideration of each proposal.

## Proposed Change 1: Healthcare

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Healthcare:</b> The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation or government regulation that forces individuals to participate or limits individuals options in medication, treatment or care of disease or condition. The LPNC calls for the elimination of public health services paid for through taxation in favor of more responsive, more efficient private charitable care with its long history of positive outcomes.</p>	<p><b>Healthcare:</b> The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation or government regulation that coerces or limits people's choices in pursuing their own healthcare. The LPNC calls for the elimination of public health services paid for through taxation in favor of more responsive, more efficient private charitable care with its long history of positive outcomes.</p> <p>The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation, government regulation, and mandates that force or coerce individuals to participate or limit individuals' options in medication, treatment, or care of disease or condition.</p> <p>The LPNC calls for the elimination of all legislation, government regulation, and mandates that limits any private group's ability to determine their membership or who is permitted on their property.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> The government has created mask and vaccine mandates through force and has coerced private employers into implementing mandates. In other states, governments have prohibited private businesses from having mandates. The LPNC should make a clear stance that the government should play no role in influencing medical decisions made by individuals or organizations.</p>	

## Proposed Change 2: Marriage and Domestic Relationships

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Marriage and Domestic Relationships</b>  The LPNC calls for the immediate repeal of all laws that encourage or discourage any consensual sexual or family relationships. Additionally, the LPNC calls for the state to leave marriage and domestic relationships to religious institutions or private contracts.</p>	<p><b>Marriage and Domestic Relationships</b>  The LPNC calls for the immediate repeal of all laws that encourage or discourage any sexual or family relationships among consenting adults. Additionally, the LPNC calls for the state to leave marriage and domestic relationships to religious institutions or private contracts.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b>  Children are often targeted and groomed for sexual relationships for reasons they don't fully comprehend. This is not a victimless crime. Adding the word adult clarifies the LPNC stance on protecting children from predatory behavior.</p>	

## Proposed Change 3: Self Defense

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Self Defense</b>  The LPNC acknowledges every individual's inalienable right to choose to own and carry firearms or other means of self-defense, without government licensing, registration, monitoring, or interference of any kind.</p>	<p><b>Self Defense</b>  The LPNC acknowledges every individual's inalienable right to choose to own and carry firearms or other means of self-defense, without government licensing, registration, monitoring, or interference of any kind. The LPNC also acknowledges the right of individuals to form organizations which are dedicated to voluntary cooperative defense. The LPNC opposes any law which attempts to conscript such organizations into government service.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b>  There can be serious disagreement as to whether the right of individual citizens to own and carry firearms includes the right to organize on a private voluntary basis with other individuals for coordinated defensive action. The LPNC needs to make it clear that the LPNC supports both.</p>	

## Proposed Change 4: Criminal Law

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Criminal Law</b></p> <p>The LPNC calls for repeal of all statutes that assert a crime has been committed in cases where no specific victim or damage to property can be identified. We also call for the immediate pardon of those convicted under such laws. The proper focus of a system of criminal justice is to require criminals to provide restitution to the victims of their crime. We recognize the right of the victim to come to a private settlement with, or even pardon, the criminal.</p>	<p><b>Criminal Law</b></p> <p>The LPNC calls for repeal of all statutes that assert a crime has been committed in cases where no specific victim or damage to property can be identified. The LPNC also calls for the immediate pardon of those convicted under such laws and appropriate restitution for those individuals. The proper focus of a system of criminal justice is to require criminals to provide restitution to the victims of their crime. The LPNC recognizes the right of the victim to come to a private settlement with, or even pardon, the criminal.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b></p> <p>This amendment adds the phrase “and appropriate restitution for those individuals” to the second sentence of the existing plank. This change emphasizes the need for the perpetrators of state injustice to compensate their victims, who have been wrongfully incarcerated and stigmatized as felons.</p>	

## Proposed Change 5: Education

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Education:</b> The LPNC supports any attempt by parents and students to take control of their education. The state should uphold its NC constitutional mandate to ensure that children have access to a quality education by lifting the burden of regulation from private education and homeschooling and by allowing as much school choice as possible.</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> The LPNC supports the separation of school and state. The LPNC are in favor of parents and students taking control of their education. The state should uphold its NC constitutional mandate to ensure that children have access to a quality education by lifting the burden of regulation from private education and homeschooling and by allowing as much school choice as possible. Where the state does fund education, that funding should be allocated to students, not systems.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> The LPNC should be more explicit about holding out the ideal Libertarian solution while at the same time advocating reform of the current system. The committee also wishes for the LPNC to explicitly endorse fundamentally changing how education funds are allocated to give parents and students full control over their choices in education.</p>	

## Proposed Change 6: Fair Elections

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Fair Elections</b> The LPNC calls for an end to all limits on a person's right to support the constitutionally-eligible person of his choice. The right to freedom of expression must include the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion.</p>	<p><b>Political Contributions</b> The LPNC calls for an end to all limits on a person's right to support the constitutionally-eligible person of his choice. The right to freedom of expression must include the unrestricted right to pay for dissemination of one's opinion.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> Changing the title of this plank makes it clearer, and relieves it of the burden of covering related, unnamed election law issues.</p>	

## Proposed Change 7: Electoral Administration

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Electoral Administration</b> The LPNC calls for establishment of an independent agency to administer all elections in North Carolina, replacing the bipartisan state and county boards of elections.</p>	<p><b>Electoral Administration</b> The LPNC calls for establishment of an independent agency to administer all elections in North Carolina. The LPNC calls for any agency administering elections to fairly reflect the entire state electorate by including representatives of all recognized political parties and Unaffiliated voters.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> The current ban on voters outside of the parties in power serving on Boards of Elections is obviously unfair. Ending that ban would eliminate the domination of those boards by one or the other establishment party. The preference of the LPNC is that an independent agency conduct elections. However, if there are county and state Boards of Elections, they should represent all voters.</p>	

## Proposed Change 8: Write-In Votes

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p>N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.</p>	<p><b>Write-In Votes</b> To have free and fair elections, voters should be able to choose any constitutionally eligible person for office. The LPNC calls for the repeal of laws that limit write-in voting, and insists that all votes be properly counted and reported.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> This was addressed indirectly under the current Fair Elections plank. The LPNC has long endorsed this principle, so it is important that the LPNC make our support of counting all votes explicit in our platform.</p>	

## Proposed Change 9: Pollution

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Environment and Pollution:</b> The LPNC calls for reforms to clearly declare the right of everyone to be free from pollution in their living and business situations and for prompt resolution of suits for damages. The best check on potential polluters is to provide an accessible and economic means for victims of pollution to compel full and complete compensation for all damage done by the polluter. However, only demonstrable damages to a person or specific group are actionable, and not vague fears of possible bad futures.</p>	<p><b>Pollution:</b> Pollution causes harm to people and property on a mass scale. The LPNC calls for the repeal of all laws that protect polluters from full liability for their actions. Those responsible for acts of pollution must provide full restitution to their victims.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> It is appropriate to rename this plank since it really only addresses pollution and not general environmental issues. This proposal makes our position more direct and unqualified, and is a direct attack on the current state and local laws and policies that subsidize pollution and protect polluters from liability.</p>	

## Proposed Change 10: Free Association

Current wording	Proposed wording
<p><b>Free Association:</b> The LPNC supports the right of individuals in any commercial or social circumstance to associate or not to associate with others as they see fit.</p>	<p><b>Free Association:</b> The right of free, voluntary, and peaceful association is absolute. The LPNC supports the right of individuals in any economic, social, or governmental setting to associate or not to associate with others. The LPNC also supports the right of individuals to join together to form organizations to assert their rights.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> The right of free and peaceful association is a chief right of libertarianism. The committee believes the LPNC should make it clear that the LPNC supports that right absolutely.</p>	



## Proposed Change 11: Annexation

Current wording	Proposed wording
N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.	<b>Annexation:</b> No person shall have a government forced upon them without consent. The LPNC rejects the ideas of involuntary annexation and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Where governments exist, persons must retain the right to join or leave them voluntarily.
<b>Rationale:</b> Being able to voluntarily associate with others is an absolute right. This also applies to voluntarily associating with governments. The LPNC should recognize this and have a plank that clearly allows for the voluntary joining or removing one's self from governments.	

## Proposed Change 12: Secession

Current wording	Proposed wording
N/A. This proposal would constitute a new platform plank.	<b>Secession:</b> The LPNC recognizes the right to political secession. This includes the right to secession by political entities, private groups, or individuals. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.
<b>Rationale:</b> Secession by means of non aggressive and voluntary secession is absolute.	