

## **Republican Candidate Platform Review**

This form is NOT required by state law to file for a place on the ballot.

A full version of the RPT Platform can be found at [www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org).

A full version of the Upshur GOP Platform can be found at [www.upshurgop.org](http://www.upshurgop.org).

### **Pursuant to RPT Rule No. 43 - Candidate Platform Review:**

Any candidate running as a Republican for any public office on any ballot in the State of Texas shall be provided a Texas Republican Party Platform by the Republican Party of Texas, upon which each candidate may indicate whether or not they have read the Platform and indicate, for each bullet item of the Party Principles included in the Preamble of the Party Platform, whether the candidate agrees, disagrees, or is undecided, as to each item, with comments if desired. The SREC shall have the platform available to the candidates within two (2) months after the adoption of the RPT Platform by the RPT Convention Delegates. Candidates for federal or state at-large office should file the completed platform containing the candidate's responses at the time of filing for office with the State Republican Party of Texas in Austin. District and local candidates should file the completed platform containing the candidate's responses with their SREC member(s) or County Chairmen of the districts, or counties, respectively, in which they are running. The candidate's completed platform principle list response shall be made available by the appropriate party official at reproduction costs to any person requesting such.

**Please complete the following. Return to the Republican Party of Upshur County by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

1. We respect and cherish the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and our Founders' intent to restrict the power of the federal government over the states and the people. We believe self-government, based on personal integrity of a proper moral foundation, is the best government. This is best balanced with limited civil government, coupled with public trust, to provide collectively for the people those services not efficiently achieved individually.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

2. We believe that human life is sacred, created in the image of God. Life begins at the moment of fertilization and ends at the point of natural death. All innocent human life must be protected.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

3. We believe that good government is based on the individual, and each person's ability, dignity, freedom, and responsibility must be honored and recognized. We believe equal opportunity is a right and a privilege but equal outcome is not. We insist that no one's rights are negotiable and that individual freedom demands personal responsibility.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

4. We believe that government spending is out of control and needs to be reduced. We support fundamental, immediate tax reform that is simple, fair, and fully disclosed.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

5. We believe that traditional marriage is a legal and moral commitment between a natural man and a natural woman. We recognize that the family is the foundational unit of a healthy society and consists of those related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The family is responsible for its own welfare, education, moral training, conduct, and property.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

6. We believe that a well-educated population is fundamental to the continued success of our Republic; and that parents have the right, as well as the duty, to direct their children's education. This right should include choices among public, private, home and religious schools. Competition improves education.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

7. We believe that the future of our country depends upon a strong and vibrant private sector unencumbered by excessive government regulation.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

8. We believe that a strong America ensures a free America. While we recognize that our nation is the primary leader in the global community, we must also vigorously protect the sovereignty of the United States.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

9. We believe in peace through strength. We take a principled stand to preemptively defend the citizens of the United States against all foes, foreign or domestic, whose goal is to destroy our American way of life. Freedom is never free, and we honor all those who have served our nation to protect our liberty, especially our men and women in uniform, who unselfishly and courageously defend our country.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

10. We believe all Americans have the right to be safe in their homes, on their streets, and in their communities. We support enforcement of the laws through the Courts imposing swift and sure justice with stiff penalties, truth in sentencing, and respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens, while opposing judicial activism.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**The following issues are addressed in the platform of the Republican Party of Upshur County:**

11. The Republican Party of Upshur County believes that annual increases in property tax appraisals should be capped at 3% for all real property.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

12. The Republican Party of Upshur County believes that Upshur County Commissioner Court Meetings should again be held in the evening to give all of the citizens of Upshur County opportunity to attend.

Agree \_\_\_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided

Comments:

13. The Republican Party of Upshur County believes that all voters should present a government issued photo ID before voting.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

14. The Republican Party of Upshur County strongly believes that fiscal restraints should be established which limit government growth at all levels, including local and county government, to population increases plus inflation with tax payer approval for any increase in spending.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

15. The Republican Party of Upshur County strongly believes that our party leadership at all levels should further build our party by recruiting and electing candidates who are firmly dedicated to our conservative principles as established in our party platform. And, we strongly believe that our party leadership and our elected officials should work together to see that our entire platform is implemented as public policy.

Agree  Disagree \_\_\_\_\_ Undecided \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I, Mark Mitchell, do hereby affirm that I have read the 2008 Platform of the Republican Party of Texas and the 2008 Platform of the Republican Party of Upshur County.

Date: 12-31-09

Signature: Mark Mitchell

**Please return by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to:  
Republican Party of Upshur County  
205 W. Harrison St.  
Gilmer, TX 75644**