

2017 CAUCUS RESOLUTIONS

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2017-1 Promises to Keep

WHEREAS the Preamble to the GOP 2016 Platform states: *“We believe in American exceptionalism. We believe that the United States of America is unlike any other nation on earth. We believe America is exceptional because of our historic role — first as refuge, then as defender, and now as exemplar of liberty for the world to see.*

We affirm — as did the Declaration of Independence: that all are created equal, endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We believe in the Constitution as our founding document. We believe the Constitution was written not as a flexible document, but as our enduring covenant. We believe our constitutional system — limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the rights of the people — must be preserved uncompromised for future generations.

We believe political freedom and economic freedom are indivisible. When political freedom and economic freedom are separated — both are in peril; when united, they are invincible.

We believe that people are the ultimate resource — and that the people, not the government, are the best stewards of our country’s God-given natural resources.

As Americans and as Republicans we wish for peace — so we insist on strength. We will make America safe. We seek friendship with all peoples and all nations, but we recognize and are prepared to deal with evil in the world. . . ,”

and,

WHEREAS, we have promised to put this platform into practice were we to win this hard fought election, and WHEREAS, the Almighty has granted us success at the ballot box,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Republican Party, in caucus assembled, urges our Republican elected representatives and our president to abide by the promises to the American people inherent in the RNC preamble.

2017-2 Reaffirming Our Constitutional Heritage -

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a sovereign nation and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a Constitutional Republic established under Judeo-Christian principles and,

WHEREAS, the United States government serves at the will of the governed, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin have served us well by providing the framework that has improved the quality of life for generations of American citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, pledge to adhere to the letter and the spirit of those documents and to hold our representatives accountable to their oath of office “to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America”,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our government officials to adhere to the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution:

1. We call upon the House to exercise its constitutionally defined fiscal responsibilities by balancing revenue and expenses and implementing zero based budgeting.
2. We call for the reestablishment of Congressional authority that was ceded to the President and the administrative state. It should be the duty of Congress to vigorously review and approve all regulations.
3. We call upon the federal government to support maintaining and expanding our trade with countries that maintain friendly relations with the United States, provided it is favorable to our citizens and our economy.
4. We call on the Judiciary to uphold the law as written and to refrain from legislating from the bench or enforcing the law selectively to achieve social, political, or legislative ends.

2017-3 Reaffirming the Rule of Law

WHEREAS, laws are written and court cases settled that do not comply with the original intent of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, our freedoms depend on the consistent enforcement of the law applied equally and justly to all citizens, and

WHEREAS, the same government that enforces the law must be required to obey the law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, opposes the enactment, application, and continuation of laws, ordinances, and executive orders that do not conform to the strict interpretation of the Constitution and adhere to the Rule of Law. To that end we call upon our lawmakers to do the following:

1. Devolve to the states or remove from the federal agenda policies and programs that do not comply with the 10th amendment. These would include, but are not limited to, the Affordable Care Act, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Energy, and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
2. Enforce all existing immigration laws, secure the borders, stop providing benefits to illegals, work to legalize or deport illegal aliens, and deny citizenship to anyone who entered the country illegally.
3. Respect the constitutional protections of human life. This applies to the unborn, the infirm, and the elderly.

4. End the practices and programs that discourage personal responsibility, self-reliance, and the formation of the traditional family.
5. End the use of “disparate impact” as a standard for determining racial or gender discrimination.
6. Protect citizens and their property from legal abuse resulting from unrestrained court settlements, the abuse of eminent domain law, and the abusive practice of civil forfeiture without due process.

2017-4 State and Local Issues

WHEREAS, we applaud the progress that Governor Walker and the Republican legislature have made regarding state finances, job opportunities, education, and worker rights; there is still work to be done.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, support the following:

1. Honoring Governor Walker’s commitment to no additional taxes.
2. Ending the Prevailing Wage Law that remains in effect on road building projects.
3. Converting the state defined benefit pension system to a defined contribution system.
4. Thoroughly examining, for possible elimination, the many regulatory agencies within the State government. Many serve the interest of lobbying groups, not the taxpayer or consumer.
5. Improving the education of our children by instilling discipline in the classroom and expanding the school choice program.
6. Taking the politics out of police work and letting them act based on the law without regard to race or ethnicity.
7. Disallowing the implementation of Minimum Wage Laws at the municipal level.
8. Eliminating the Minimum Markup Law

2017-5 Republican Party Issues

WHEREAS, the values, principles, and opinion of the Republican Party emanates from the grass roots, and WHEREAS, RPW has taken it upon itself to temporarily discontinue Resolutions at the 2017 State Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, believe that resolutions are an important way for Party members to express their opinions, values and principles through a process that begins at the country caucus, moves through district caucus, and forms the basis for the state GOP party platform. This process is fundamental to establishing a party identity and should not be abandoned.