



FAQS ABOUT THE CANDIDATE PLATFORM REVIEW

Q: Is the Platform Review required to be completed by a candidate in order to allow them to apply for candidacy?

A: The Platform Review is NOT required by state law or the Republican Party to file for a place on the ballot.

Q: Which candidates should not complete the Platform Review?

A: Judicial candidates should not be asked to complete the review. By completing the Platform Review, a judicial candidate would be in violation of the code of judicial conduct and possibly recused from any case regarding a plank on the Platform. County Judges and JPs are not considered judicial candidates for the purpose of completing this review.

Q: After a candidate completes the Platform Review, who do they submit it to?

A: A completed Platform Review is submitted to the same authority to which their candidate application was submitted. A candidate running for an office that is contained entirely within one county submits the completed Platform Review to their County Chair.

Q: How long is a candidate's completed Platform Review made available upon request?

A: A candidate's completed Platform Review shall be made available by the appropriate party official for one year from the date of filing at reproduction costs to any person requesting such.

Q: Where can the most current copy of the Party Platform be found?

A: The Party Platform can be found on RPT's website under "About" at www.TexasGOP.org.

Q: Should a candidate read the Party Platform?

A: Yes!

Q: Can the county party post the responses to the Platform Review on their website?

A: Yes. Make sure what you do for one candidate or race, you do for all.

Q: When will the next revision of the Party Platform be available on the RPT website?

A: The SREC shall have a new platform available within two months after the adoption of the Texas Republican Party Platform by the RPT Convention Delegates.

To: All County Republican Candidates

From: County Chairs

Date: September 1, 2023

Subject: Complying with Rule No. 43 of the Republican Party of Texas



When a candidate files to run for office, they will be encouraged to read the State Republican Party Platform which can be found on RPT's website at www.TexasGOP.org under the section "About". Additionally, they will be given a Platform Review, which asks candidates if they agree, disagree or are undecided on core Republican principles. Candidates are asked to affirm that they have read the State Republican Party Platform. All responses obtained locally will be kept on file at the County Republican Headquarters.

It is understood that Judicial Candidates will not be able to complete the Platform Review on the core Republican principles. You are, however, encouraged to read the platform and sign the affirmation stating that you have done so. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to visit with me.

Rule No. 43 was approved by the Delegates at the 2016 Republican Convention. The rule is intended to address grassroots frustration with candidates and officeholders who run under our Party banner yet lack an understanding of Republican Principles.

Rule No. 43 – Candidate Platform Review - The Republican Party of Texas shall make an electronic copy of the most recent Platform available on its website. The County or State Chairman shall distribute a copy of the Platform to each candidate along with all other candidate application papers. The County or State Chairman shall request each non-judicial candidate to indicate whether the candidate agrees, disagrees, or is undecided for each bullet point item of the Party Principles included in the Preamble of the Platform and may include comments if desired. The County or State Chairman shall also request that each non-judicial candidate read the entire Platform and indicate at least ten (10) line items from the Platform that the candidate strongly supports. All candidates for non-judicial offices should file the completed Platform Review containing the candidate's responses at the time of filing for office. Candidates' responses shall be collected and recorded by the filing entity and may be published on the filing entity's website prior to the primary. If the filing entity has no website, a copy of the candidate's responses may be received from the filing entity. At the discretion of the Executive Committee of the filing entity, a candidate's response may be excluded from posting to the website of the filing entity.

Rule No. 43A - The Platform Committee of the biennial State Convention shall prepare a list of no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty (20) principles included in the Preamble of the Platform of the Republican Party of Texas which clearly defines the Party's values, with the knowledge and purpose that they be used to identify candidate values as stated in Rule No. 43. A candidate must return the candidate's completed Platform Review and the completed Candidate Resource Committee (CRC) funding application to be eligible to receive funds from the CRC of the SREC.



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Principles

1. “The laws of nature and nature’s God,” and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
2. The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
3. Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
4. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
5. Personal accountability and responsibility.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
6. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
7. Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided



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8. The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
9. A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
10. Honoring all of those that serve and protect our freedom.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided

Comments: _____

Platform Review

Please list at least ten items from the Party Platform that you strongly support:

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Please Return Completed Form To Republican Party of Texas

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