

# PLATFORM GUIDELINES

## CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

### **What is a platform?**

The Clallam County Republican Party (CCRP), platform is a guiding document that defines Clallam County Republicans fundamental beliefs, unchanging matters of principle and statements about issues at the local, state and national levels. Platforms include addendums called resolutions. County platforms are used to create the Washington State Republican platform and state platforms are used to create the National Republican platform.

### **What is the difference between a resolution and an amendment?**

Platform amendments modify, clarify, remove or add language to the draft platform and typically express fundamental Republican beliefs, unchanging matters of principle and statements about issues at the local state and national levels. Amendments are accepted or rejected by vote at the county convention. If an amendment is submitted to the CCRP Platform Committee before the deadline and is accepted by the convention it gets incorporated into the new platform by the platform committee.

Resolutions typically express and define a current issue, idea, problem or circumstance, confirms it with facts and/or reasoned conclusions, and then proposes a solution or statement for or against. Resolutions exist only until the next convention. If an individual wants an existing resolution to be reconsidered at the next convention it must be resubmitted to the platform committee prior to the submission deadline. Resolutions are accepted or rejected by vote at the county convention. If accepted, resolutions are included as addendums to the new county platform. Examples of 2016 resolutions are provided at each precinct caucus table. To see all existing resolutions, visit our website: <https://clallamrepublicans.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/CCRP-County-Platform-2016-PASSED-resolutions-3.26.2016.pdf>

### **How is a county platform created?**

The county platform is created by collaborative effort between the CCRP Platform Committee and Clallam County Republicans. The effort begins just prior to the caucuses and ends with publication of the platform, including resolutions, as adopted by county convention. Since the platform contains fundamental Republican beliefs and unchanging matters of principle, its tenets do not change much from platform to platform. For this reason, the expiring platform is used as the starting point for creation of the new platform.

1. Prior to the caucuses the CCRP Platform Committee reviews existing platform.
2. CCRP Platform Committee makes the existing 2020 platform available for review at the caucus and at the CCRP website: <https://clallamrepublicans.org/gop-platforms/>
  - a. The 2020 platform is in effect until a new platform is adopted by the county convention.
  - b. The caucus version of the 2024 draft platform is intended to serve as a preliminary view of what the platform committee intends to submit to the county convention.

- c. Between the caucus and two weeks prior to the convention, Clallam County Republicans can submit proposed amendments and resolutions to CCRP Platform Committee.
  - d. To avoid duplication and repetition the platform committee strongly recommends reading the existing platform & resolutions prior to writing new resolutions or amendments.
  - e. Write and submit proposed amendments and resolutions, specifying whether your proposal is an amendment to the draft platform or a resolution.
    - i. Submit proposals at the caucuses or as soon as possible after the caucuses to allow time for the platform committee to aggregate them prior to the county convention.
    - ii. **All proposals must be received no later than January 27, 2024.**
    - iii. The platform committee highly recommends resolutions or amendments to the platform not exceed two hundred (200) words in length.
    - iv. The platform committee prefers proposals be submitted electronically via email as a Microsoft Word file or as plain text in the body of the email message. Send to [ahlburgkaj@gmail.com](mailto:ahlburgkaj@gmail.com) , with "CCRP Platform" in the subject line.
    - v. Include the authors' name and telephone number so the platform committee can contact him/her for clarification, if necessary.
    - vi. Handwritten proposals should be clear, concise, legible and may be snail-mailed to the platform committee at:

CCRP Platform Committee  
P.O. BOX 808  
Port Angeles, WA 98362
4. CCRP Platform Committee aggregates submitted amendments and resolutions into the 2024 draft platform which will subsequently be proposed to the county convention.
    - a. The platform committee will maintain to the best of their ability the original intent of proposals.
    - b. Only those resolutions that are not already covered in the platform and do not conflict with the platform are presented to the convention.
    - c. At the convention, the 2024 draft platform includes all of the 2020 platform language, with language proposed to be removed shown as ~~strikethrough~~ text. It also includes platform committee proposed new language shown as underlined text.
  5. Prior to the convention the platform committee will email proposed resolutions and amendments to all delegates who provide an email address.
  6. At the county convention the CCRP Platform Committee chairman presents the proposed platform with proposed amendments and resolutions and asks for passage.
  7. Convention delegates vote to accept, amend then accept or reject the platform, amendments & resolutions.
  8. CCRP Platform Committee finalizes the platform with amendments in accordance with convention action and includes accepted resolutions as an addendum to the platform.
    - a. The 2024 CCRP platform and resolutions will be available on the CCRP website by the end of March, 2024
    - b. The 2024 CCRP platform will be submitted to the state platform committee.