

Contract with Ada

We foresee a bright future for the Ada County Republican Party. Politics can be messy but can also accomplish great things when focused, hard-working, principled people work together.

Now more than ever, the Ada County Republican Party needs unity of purpose because Democrats have been winning in Ada County despite Republicans' more than 2:1 advantage in voter registrations relative to Democrats.

Republicans United to Make Ada Great Again have only one motivating goal – and it is not “power” but rather significantly increasing the effectiveness of the Ada County Republican Central Committee to elect Republicans. *And we are going to need every Precinct Committeeman's and Committeewoman's talents, time and treasure to achieve this.*

Our only ideology is this: The Republican Party represents those who strongly believe in the limited – albeit important – role of government so that the citizens of the great State of Idaho can freely live their lives. We may be volunteers, but we are committed to making things better in Ada County for all citizens who love living in a society that enables people to thrive.

We serve no masters because we have no involvement with PACs or special interests. Our donors are individuals who expect greater things from our Party. We will work hard to realize that vision.

In September 1994, Newt Gingrich (R- GA) and Dick Armey (R – TX) wrote the Contract with America. The Contract with America laid out specific legislative policies that Republicans sought to advance within the first 100 days. The Republicans United to Make Ada Great Again offer this Contract with Ada to explain the priorities we seek to advance in 100 days after the primary.

Contract with Ada Goals:

Unite the Party

We pledge to unite the Republican Party. As Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President said: “A house divided against itself cannot stand.”

Being Republican is what we stand for – what we represent. Republicans believe in protecting free speech – protecting religious liberty – protecting life – protecting 2nd Amendment rights – encouraging fiscal responsibility – lowering taxes – keeping the Government accountable to the people – honoring our Constitution and Bill of Rights – upholding law and order - promoting free enterprise – promoting equal opportunity – promoting equal justice – promoting equal rights and maintaining U.S. and Idaho sovereignty.

We pledge to advance the State's Republican Platform. To this end, we must all work together – the past is the past and a bright future for our Party is within our grasp. Our mission must be about inclusion and working together to be more effective as a Party, not about Republican ideological battles. Our battle as Republicans is against seductive and unsustainable ideologies that trap and enslave people – liberalism, socialism and communism.

Remember what Ronald Reagan said: “The person who agrees with you 80% of the time is a friend and an ally – not a 20% traitor.”

Assemble and Train a Strong Team Prepared to Work Hard

We pledge to assemble a strong team. There are so many teammates needed to fulfil the requirements of the State Party and Ada bylaws, so many campaign teams needed, so many District team requirements, so many policy committees needed that we require the input, energy and commitment of *all* Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen.

We are committed to fully staffing every conceivable position within our Party. With a strong, united, purpose-driven team on the field, we will be able to make incredible strides in advancing Republicanism and conservatism.

Central Committee meetings will be about strategy – legislative priorities – key elections – districts that need our support – growing the Party – impacting Precincts – the real work. We will not simply just hear from speakers, not achieve quorums and adjourn.

To achieve this new direction, we will train Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen to give them the tools, guidance and support they need to truly make a difference. Our Idaho GOP has a great PC Training Manual and we plan to use it to train PCs in 1) clearly understanding their roles and responsibilities, 2) learning how to effectively campaign, 3) fundraising and 4) the important role of PCs in Ada County Central Committee and in the State Party.

Ultimately, we have high expectations for Precinct Committeemen. If you are willing to work hard for the Ada County Republican Party there will be a role for you. But there will be accountability. If you plan to miss meetings and not get involved, we will try to find someone else to fill your seat – we need all 151 seats filled with dedicated Republicans. The Ada County Republican Central Committee is not a club.

Focus Energy on Defeating Democrats and Socialism at the Ballot Box

We pledge to focus all Republican energy promoting a positive agenda and defeating Democrats. Electing Republicans and advancing Republicanism and Conservatism is the Ada County Republican Central Committee's most important function.

Despite outnumbering Ada's registered Democrats by more than 2:1, Republicans hold less than half of the legislative seats in Ada County and only one-third of the Ada Country Commissioner seats. Republicans used to control the majority of legislative seats and all three Commissioner seats, and we've been losing ground. This trend cannot continue or Ada will turn Blue!

We will mobilize the financial and personnel resources to win! We pledge to have the Finance Committee work hard to raise funds through appeals and fundraising events. We pledge to fully staff the Candidate Support and Strategy Committee. We pledge to assemble District teams to strategically help Republican candidates in all of Ada's nine legislative districts and help them win!

Support Republicans in Ada County

During the General Election and afterwards, we pledge to support and work on the behalf of Republican office-holders that serve Ada County (Senators, Representatives, Commissioners, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney), Republicans who will represent Ada County in their roles as statewide (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction) and federal (Senator and Congressman) elected officials.

We pledge to fully staff the Ada County Central Committee's Candidate Support and Strategy Committee, which "develops cost effective strategies for electing Republican Candidates from Ada County and supports candidates during and after their election."

If asked of us, we pledge to support legislators in any way they feel is needed (counsel, expertise, testimony, doing research, reviewing proposed legislation, etc. And we pledge to remind legislators that legislation must reflect conservative, Republican policies and the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Make the Ada County Republican Party Fun Again

We pledge to make involvement in the Ada County Republican Central Committee fun and fulfilling – creating a group of hard-working, dedicated, focused members all working on a common mission with defined roles.

It will literally take all Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen to accomplish these goals. We need all of you. That is our commitment. Let's get to work.