

**REPORT OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 18, 2021**

PROPOSED PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

The Platform Committee proposes the following language to append to the Platform of the Libertarian Party of New York.

Proposal #1. New Platform Plank Proposal A

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

The Right to Decide - Individuals and families have a right to decide for themselves all issues regarding their health, wealth, and safety.

Proposal #2. New Platform Plank Proposal B

Motion to amend the following platform plank and move to the end of the Platform:

~~While we defer to the national party on issues of national interest, and we defer to our candidates to offer specific policy proposals, we do so only so far as they do not conflict with the following principles:~~

We support the Platform of the National Libertarian Party, in addition to the following planks specific to New York State:

Proposal #3. New Platform Plank Proposal C

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Eliminate taxation and regulation of cannabis for adults. We support the full legalization of cannabis and hemp products, including cultivation, processing, distribution, sales, possession, and transportation, without introducing any new taxes or licensing requirements.

Proposal #4. New Platform Plank Proposal D

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Require that the legal age for any adult activity regulated by the state not exceed 18. Once individuals are considered to have adequate judgment to vote and to serve on a jury or in the military, they should be considered to have sufficient judgment to decide their own purchase and use of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and other potentially risky activities.

Proposal #5. New Platform Plank Proposal E

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Maintain the greatest possible degree of local autonomy during emergencies. Government responses to extended emergencies, including pandemics, should be as localized as possible. One-size-fits-all solutions have little benefit for sparsely populated regions in much of the state.

Proposal #6. New Platform Plank Proposal F

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Maintain due process during extended emergencies. Any response to an emergency at the state level must be enacted by the Legislature following extensive committee hearings, not by Executive Orders, and should expire when the emergency declaration expires. The State should be held liable for damages to persons or businesses, that are caused by emergency rules that have not been subject to a deliberative legislative process.

Proposal #7. New Platform Plank Proposal G

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Protect personal freedoms during emergencies. We oppose the violation of First Amendment rights of free association and human interaction associated with lockdowns and stay-at-home orders during government-declared emergencies. We respect the diversity of values; people who wish to engage in commerce, worship, and social interaction should be free to individually assume the associated risks of such action. We believe government decrees intended to enforce healthy behavior erase personal responsibility. The continued use of emergency powers to make and enforce such decrees habituates society away from personal responsibility, which will gradually erode our liberties.

Proposal #8. New Platform Plank Proposal H

Motion to adopt the following platform plank:

Increase choices and eliminate barriers in education. We support parents' rights to send their children to any school of their choosing, whether public, private, or charter. We furthermore support eliminating barriers to alternative educational options, such as vocational training and homeschooling.