

The Republican Party of Olmsted County affirms the Declaration of Independence including being “endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights” and also affirms the Constitution of the United States of America including the entire Bill of Rights. And so, Republicans in Olmsted County believe:

Property Rights

People and enterprises have the right to own property: land, personal, and intellectual. Property owners have rights including control of its purpose, access, and transfer.

Civil Rights

Individual rights and personal property must be defended by government. All people have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness from conception to natural death and government should have little involvement. We reject warrantless data collection and privacy invasions. Individual and collective rights of religious expression and living according to those beliefs need to be protected. Parents are the foremost decision-makers in raising their children.

National Defense

The United States must lead through strength by maintaining a strong military, only deployed to defend the United States and its allies and only under the command of its own officers.

The Rule of Law

No small part of the American Dream is equal treatment of all under the law. This requires that laws be enforced as written.

International law is not U.S. law. Judicial elections should be contested. Voters’ identities should be validated at polling places. The electoral college should be retained. Individuals have the right to defend themselves, others, and their property.

Free Markets

Free Markets must be allowed to function to facilitate innovation with minimal government obstruction. Governments should not pick winners and losers via corporate welfare, cronyism, price and wage controls, or other subsidies. Energy subsidies and bans on certain technologies, such as nuclear power, have no place in the energy market. All Americans deserve transparent, affordable healthcare and real insurance operating in a free market. Employees and employers have a right to negotiate terms with or without union representation. The Federal Reserve should be abolished.

Smaller and Smarter Government

Smaller government is better government; the larger the government, the smaller the citizens and their freedoms. Laws and policies should be made and executed as locally as possible to ensure the most effective and accountable government.

States should reclaim powers that have been ceded to the Federal government. Non-critical government departments should be abolished. Higher level governments cannot impose mandates on lower level governments. Private charity is more effective and personal than similar government programs. Public programs should be limited to citizens and focused on helping people transcend temporary circumstances. Republicans support zero-based, balanced budgets as well as paying down all publicly held debts. Spending restraint lowers tax burdens: taxes should be lower, fewer, and simplified for all.

Protecting Our Natural Resources

Private property rights and conservation of clean air, water, and land can coexist. Responsible development of resources should be protected and encouraged while requiring polluters to bear the costs of cleanup. Only legislation can broaden jurisdiction of government agencies or expand regulation of non-government property. We oppose environmental policies, caps, or restrictions to the free market that do nothing to protect the environment.