



9th Congressional District Republican Committee Statement of Support for Representative Josh Schriver

Every four years, the Republican Party platform outlines the focus and priorities the party intends to emphasize at the national level. Under President Trump's leadership, a set of objectives was developed to guide the nation over the next four years. However, if certain issues are not explicitly addressed in his goals, it does not mean our longstanding values and beliefs have shifted. The **2024 Republican Party Platform** reflects his specific objectives, not a redefinition of our core values as a party. Each platform builds upon the previous one, reinforcing our foundational principles rather than negating them.

The Republican National Committee platform has historically supported the traditional definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman. This stance has been reflected in past platforms, particularly during the years when the issue of same-sex marriage was a central point of national debate.

For example, in the **2016 Republican Party Platform: *Defending Marriage Against an Activist Judiciary Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values. We condemn the Supreme Court's ruling in United States v. Windsor, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court's lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, which in the words of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, was a "judicial Putsch" — full of "silly extravagances" — that reduced "the disciplined legal reasoning of John Marshall and Joseph Storey to the mystical aphorisms of a fortune cookie." In Obergefell, five unelected lawyers robbed 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The Court twisted the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment beyond recognition. To echo Scalia, we dissent. We, therefore, support the appointment of justices and judges who respect the constitutional limits on their power and respect the authority of the states to decide such fundamental social questions., (page 11)***

Our **2024 Republican Party Platform** explicitly states: "**Republicans will promote a culture that values the sanctity of marriage, the blessings of childhood, the foundational role of families, and supports working parents. We will end policies that punish families.**" (page 18)

Lastly, a Republican should not be defined solely by the individual holding public office or the letter "R" next to his or her name, as career politicians often base their campaigns on the geographical makeup of their districts to secure election victories. What truly defines us as Republicans is our shared activism and ideology, rooted in a commitment to conservative principles and values. As elected party leaders, it is our responsibility to reaffirm our convictions and empower our elected officials to courageously fulfill the duty we have entrusted to them — to represent us, our values, and the principles of our U.S. Constitution.