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## **1. DEMOCRATIC REFORM**

### **1.1. FEDERALISM**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.1.1. Defend Alberta against intrusions by the federal government by protecting the property, legal, constitutional, and democratic rights of Albertans.
- 1.1.2. Work with the federal and provincial governments, professional trade organizations and regulatory bodies to ensure that residents of Canada who have recognized qualifications and credentials to practice a trade, skill or profession can carry out business anywhere in Canada.
- 1.1.3. Pressure the federal government to reform the federal equalization formula to achieve an equitable amount for Alberta.
- 1.1.4. Advocate that the equalization formulas take into account public policy decisions made by provincial governments that discourage economic activity and significantly limit responsible resource development.

### **1.2. ELECTORAL REFORM**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.2.1. Institute fixed election dates for Provincial Elections every four (4) years, however, the Legislative Assembly will be able to call a vote of non-confidence at any time.
- 1.2.2. Be accountable to the people of Alberta by having free votes with the exception of the budget and votes of non-confidence.
- 1.2.3. Institute the right of recall of provincial elected officials if twenty percent (20%) of the electorate in a Constituency signs a petition to such an action.
- 1.2.4. Hold elections for the Alberta Senators at the same time as the Provincial Elections.
- 1.2.5. Strengthen voting regulations by requiring provincial or federal identification in order to vote in a provincial election.
- 1.2.6. Prohibit spending announcements during a by-election period.
- 1.2.7. Ensure that no taxpayer subsidies go to political parties, candidates, or constituency associations.
- 1.2.8. Require that voters in a Provincial election have resided in Alberta for three (3) months before the election.

### 1.3. GOVERNMENT REFORM

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.3.1. Establish an independent agency to determine compensation, pension, and severance packages of elected government officials.
- 1.3.2. Limit the Provincial cabinet to sixteen (16) members.
- 1.3.3. Institute strict conflict of interest guidelines facilitated through the Provincial Ethics Commissioner's office.
- 1.3.4. Establish set dates for Throne Speeches, Budget Announcements and Legislative Sessions.
- 1.3.5. Institute an open and comprehensive Freedom of Information Act, which eliminates unreasonable financial barriers to accessing information.
- 1.3.6. Implement full disclosure of all financial expenditures of public funds and require that organizations that receive public funding from the Provincial Government to disclose annually the positions, salaries, and total taxable benefits employees paid over a certain level in a calendar year. This would apply to the Provincial Government, hospitals, school boards, universities, colleges, and other public sector employees who receive significant funding from the provincial government.
- 1.3.7. Create conflict of interest legislation and regulations for government procurement. The legislation and regulations should:
  - 1.3.7.1. Clearly specify penalties including dismissal of government employees for serious breaches of impartiality; and
  - 1.3.7.2. Include a mandatory "cooling off" period preventing government employees from going to work for contractors whose procurement awards they have been involved in.
- 1.3.8. Require that all Confidential Litigation Settlements (known as gag orders) by government and regulatory bodies be restricted as follows:
  - 1.3.8.1. Litigation settlements that involve payments of public moneys shall be publicly posted by the Government of Alberta; and
  - 1.3.8.2. Litigation settlements that do not involve payment of public moneys shall be subject to a FOIP application.

### 1.4. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.4.1. Follow and downloading of services from the Province to the Municipalities with the appropriate amount of funding.

- 1.4.2. Provide stable, predictable funding to municipalities determined by an objective formula to support short and long-term decision-making.
- 1.4.3. Ensure that the Crown Corporations are subject to local zoning and land-use bylaws.

## 1.5. PROPERTY RIGHTS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.5.1. Further entrench individual property rights within the Alberta Bill of Rights and clarify all aspects of land rights in a single statutory “Land and Property Rights Act”.
- 1.5.2. Eliminate land and watershed planning policies that are centrally planned and create regional plans that support the principle of coordinated local decision-making.
- 1.5.3. Amend all appropriate legislation to ensure every Albertan has the right not to be deprived of the title, use, or enjoyment of real property, or improvement made to such property, or any right or statutory consent connected with such property, except in accordance with the law and for full, just, and timely financial compensation with recourse to the courts.

## 1.6. HUMAN RIGHTS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.6.1. Reform the Human Rights Act complaint process to require that rules of evidence, the presumption of innocence, and protection from frivolous and vexatious claims be implemented.
- 1.6.2. Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to include a limiting clause that requires an evidentiary finding of harm to another individual in order to limit the rights and freedoms listed. The limiting clause shall not be that of section 1 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

## 1.7. REFERENDA

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 1.7.1. Institute legislation allowing the citizens of Alberta to call for a binding referendum on a matter of significant public concern upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the total voters of the last provincial election, with signatures gathered within a six (6) month period.

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## **2. ECONOMY**

### **2.1. AGRICULTURE**

#### **2.1.1. LAND USE AND PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.1.1.1. Recognize that access to and use of land within a set of predictable and stable rules are crucial to the maintenance of an economically viable agricultural industry.
- 2.1.1.2. Recognize that it is essential that agricultural producers are involved in the development of legislation and policies affecting their use of land.
- 2.1.1.3. Recognize that affected producers must be compensated for any loss of income that results when society imposes restrictions on the way in which producers operate.
- 2.1.1.4. Repeal the Premise Identification legislation.
- 2.1.1.5. Prime agricultural land must be protected from commercialization and development.

#### **2.1.2. WATER POLICY**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.1.2.1. Maintain and enhance a system of water allocation that is in the public interest with a minimum of government involvement and includes the following elements:
  - a) That it respects existing licenses and commitments,
  - b) That it be open and transparent,
  - c) That it be predictable,
  - d) That it has clear and concise rules with objective measurements, and
  - e) That it be flexible and responsive to change.

### 2.1.3. MARKETS AND MARKETING

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.1.3.1. Ensure that agricultural producers should have the freedom to market their product in whatever quantity and where, when and whatever buyer they wish.
- 2.1.3.2. Work with the federal government and directly with other jurisdictions to develop agreements and instruments that will improve access to and security of international markets for agricultural and food products.
- 2.1.3.3. Provide the legislative and economic environment within which producers and Agri-business can work together to develop domestic and international markets for Alberta agricultural and food products.
- 2.1.3.4. Pass legislation requiring all Genetically Modified (GMO) food to be labeled as such together with a warning of potential danger of consuming those foods.

### 2.1.4. AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.1.4.1. Provide a regulatory and business environment that encourages producers and Agri-business to develop and apply new technology.
- 2.1.4.2. Address the issue of intellectual property rights in agriculture research to ensure that the rights of the developer's intellectual property are protected.

### 2.1.5. REDUCING THE REGULATORY BURDEN

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.1.5.1. In conjunction with the agricultural industry, review all provincial regulations affecting agricultural production and marketing with a view to removing and /or amending those regulations that are no longer relevant.
- 2.1.5.2. Review the principles governing environmental and food safety regulations to ensure the safety of Alberta's food supply.

2.1.5.3. Work with other jurisdictions to eliminate regulatory duplication affecting agriculture and to ensure that the general regulatory environment is conducive to an internationally competitive industry.

2.1.5.4. Institute an effective sunset provision on all provincial agriculture regulations that will ensure that they are reviewed on a regular basis by government and the affected sectors.

## 2.2. SPENDING CONTROL

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.2.1. Legislate a cap on year-over-year increases in overall government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth.
- 2.2.2. Once the budget is brought back into consolidated balance, legislate mandatory balanced consolidated budgets and the prohibition of debt financing for operations or capital.
- 2.2.3. Prioritize spending towards front line staffing positions and critical core social services such as Health, Education, Seniors, Policing and Social Supports. Reductions in spending should be targeted at unnecessary bureaucracy, pay and perks for government executives as well as grants to for-profit corporations.
- 2.2.4. Institute “pay-as-you-go” legislation which means that any in-year non-budgeted expenditures approved during the same budget year (except emergencies) must be offset by corresponding decrease in the budget elsewhere.
- 2.2.5. Reduce government waste by requiring all government departments to implement a zero-based budgeting program mandating that every Ministry justify the effectiveness and efficiencies of their expenditures and programs at least every three (3) years.
- 2.2.6. Adopt a result-based governance model across all of its departments as opposed to a process-based governance model.
- 2.2.7. Take concrete steps to eliminate the fundamental imbalance between Government revenues and expenditures through spending reductions and efficiencies.

## 2.3. ENERGY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.3.1. Consult extensively with industry prior to introducing policies that affect the energy sector.

- 2.3.2. Ensure an internationally competitive regulatory and fiscal regime that attracts and retains both upstream and downstream investment.
- 2.3.3. Streamline regulatory application and approval processes while still protecting the public and environment but expedite investment without excessive expense and delay.
- 2.3.4. Communicate with Albertans about the importance of the oil and gas industry to our province's economy and future.
- 2.3.5. Recognize the importance of value-added secondary industries, industrial diversification and international expansion of Alberta based companies.
- 2.3.6. Support the private sector as the driving force for technology development and innovation through attractive fiscal and regulatory regimes and a positive business climate.
- 2.3.7. Consult with the oil and gas sector to develop generic royalty frameworks for enhanced reservoir-based recovery of conventional oil and natural gas.
- 2.3.8. Actively promote the development on new and existing market access for all resource-based industries and products in Alberta.
- 2.3.9. Promote Alberta as a global center of energy excellence.
- 2.3.10. Promote and encourage the use of coal fired power plants utilizing clean coal technology.
- 2.3.11. Examine ways to move electricity generation closer to the end – user so as to improve efficiency and reduce total demand.
- 2.3.12. Reduce the risk of avoidable electricity price spikes to consumers and businesses.
- 2.3.13. Improve existing electricity market mechanisms to minimize electricity price escalation.
- 2.3.14. Work with all stakeholders to make electricity markets as efficient as possible and meet power supply requirements with a minimum of disruption to service or prices.
- 2.3.15. Develop a market-based system with participation by customers and providers to manage and reduce electricity demand.
- 2.3.16. Promote and encourage micro-generation of electricity by all parties, including industry, individuals, and co-ops, and allowing them to sell it back to the electrical grid.

2.3.17. Conduct a thorough review of the regulations regarding electricity generation transmission and delivery with a view towards introducing reforms to make these segments more transparent, more competitive, and more efficiently regulated and administered than they currently are.

2.3.18. Prevent taxpayer subsidization of wind and solar power.

## 2.4. FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2.4.1. Implement a government ‘Waste Buster’ program and website that allows the public and government employees to anonymously report instances of government waste and mismanagement.

2.4.2. Strengthen whistleblower protection for all government-paid employees who might wish to report inefficiencies, waste, or wrongdoing.

2.4.3. Strengthen the office of the Auditor General to conduct more value-for-money audits.

2.4.4. Create budget transparency guidelines to ensure government debts and cash deficits are public and accurately reported.

2.4.5. Mandate public disclosure of the Government’s priority list and rationalize for all infrastructure projects and maintenance.

2.4.6. Guarantee an open tendering and bidding process on all major government sanctioned and approved procurement and contracts.

2.4.7. End direct government subsidies to individual private for-profit corporations and prohibit government from owning or operating businesses where a competitive business market exists.

2.4.8. Increase economic diversification with more encouragement of small and medium private industry to create additional jobs through a reduction in unnecessary regulation, bureaucracy, red tape, and other irritants to private investments rather than direct corporate subsidies and inefficient programs.

2.4.9. Oppose an Alberta government approved currency with which an individual has no control over their finances.

## 2.5. RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2.5.1. Review and streamline consumer protection legislation and regulations to ensure sufficient protections are being afforded to Albertans while maintaining strong and competitive Alberta Markets.

- 2.5.2. Review the cost for services provided and the fee structures for Service Alberta Registries to ensure responsible management for Alberta.

## 2.6. FORESTRY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.6.1. Permit only ecologically sound and economically sustainable forestry management methods.
- 2.6.2. Invest in research to promote good forest stewardship.
- 2.6.3. Encourage other value-added uses of Alberta's forestry resources.

## 2.7. SAVINGS STRATEGY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.7.1. Not transfer any portion of the Heritage Fund (including annual earnings) into general revenues until the total annual earnings from the Fund exceed that of the average annual provincial revenues from oil and gas.
- 2.7.2. Invest at least half of all surpluses in the Heritage Fund until the total annual earnings from the Fund exceed that of the average annual provincial revenues from oil and gas.
- 2.7.3. Direct at least ten percent (10%) of surpluses to Alberta municipalities for the purpose of building infrastructure.
- 2.7.4. Direct the remaining surpluses to one or more of the following (not listed in order of importance):
  - 2.7.4.1. Pay down or offset debts and liabilities incurred by past governments.
  - 2.7.4.2. Sustainable lower personal and business taxes and fees.
  - 2.7.4.3. Invest in infrastructure critical to economic growth and development.
  - 2.7.4.4. Establish endowments and scholarships dedicated to excellence in research and education in Alberta's post-secondary institutions.
  - 2.7.4.5. Rebuild and maintain the sustainability fund for the purpose of disaster relief and assistance, and to protect against significant and short-term decreases in provincial oil and gas revenues.

## 2.8. LABOUR

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.8.1. Allow individual workers the choice to determine whether or not a portion of their mandatory union dues is used to fund political activity and social advocacy.
- 2.8.2. Allow competition to the Worker's Compensation Board.
- 2.8.3. Extend to worker the democratic right to a secret ballot vote on labour organization certification under the Labour Code and ensure that the same rules apply for decertification as for certification.
- 2.8.4. Examine what services should be categorized as "essential services" and implement reforms that ensure those employed in 'essential services' are treated fairly.
- 2.8.5. Create rules to ensure the transparency and accountability of all pension plan investments.
- 2.8.6. Repeal Bill 6: Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act (2015) and engage in judicious consultation with agriculture stakeholders prior to introducing legislation.
- 2.8.7. Reform public sector pension plans to address the problem of unfunded liabilities and to protect future generations.
- 2.8.8. All salaries of government employees, including management, must be transparent and accessible to taxpayers; this would include but not limited to, bonuses, incentives, mileage costs, meeting stipends, etc.
- 2.8.9. Require that all Provincial Union fees should be optional for any employee.

## 2.9. TAX AND RED TAPE REDUCTION

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.9.1. Legislatively prohibit any tax rate increases or introduction of new taxes unless approved in a provincial referendum.
- 2.9.2. Once the consolidated budget is balanced, implement the following reductions:
  - 2.9.2.1. Establish a per-child income tax deduction for parents or guardians.
  - 2.9.2.2. Increase the basic personal exemption to benefit all income earners.

2.9.2.3. Invest in infrastructure critical to economic growth and development.

2.9.2.4. Provide greater tax deductions for charitable contributions.

2.9.3. Reduce the overall regulatory burden placed on businesses and charities by removing duplication and unnecessary red tape.

2.9.4. Repeal the Carbon Tax.

2.9.5. Restore the Alberta Advantage by reintroducing a single rate flat tax.

2.9.6. Introduce income splitting measures into the tax system for seniors and families.

## 2.10. FEDERAL EQUALIZATION AND TRANSFERS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe that Government of Alberta should:

2.10.1. Oppose unfair industry specific taxation by the federal government.

2.10.2. Fight for Alberta's deserved share of federal tax dollars through a more equitable distribution of federal transfers, equalization payments and contracts.

2.10.3. Collect the Alberta personal income tax.

## 2.11. TOURISM

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2.11.1. Encourage tourism as a major growth area of the Alberta economy.

2.11.2. Stimulate tourism with international marketing in cooperation with tourism operators.

## 2.12. TRANSPORTATION

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

2.12.1. Develop fiscally feasible, new transportation corridors to relieve pressure on current routes.

2.12.2. Develop a comprehensive transportation strategy that recognizes the interdependence of Alberta's economy with its neighbors.

2.12.3. Develop a sustainable strategy to ensure the proper maintenance and improvement on Alberta's current and future highway work.

2.12.4. Require owners of privately owned vehicles used for personal or farm transportation to only renew registration when there is a change of ownership.

### 2.13. SECURITIES ACT

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 2.13.1. Make improvements to the Securities Act to increase transparency and provide greater protection for issuers, intermediaries, and investors.

## 3. EDUCATION

### 3.1. COURSES

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 3.1.1. Grant public, separate, and public charter schools more flexibility to offer specialized programs in the trades, arts, music, physical education, and business while ensuring all students learn the core aspects of the standard curriculum.
- 3.1.2. Enhance online education initiatives for students.
- 3.1.3. Eliminate mandatory school fees in the public, separate, and public charter school systems.
- 3.1.4. Institute a civics education for all students to understand all levels of government and their rights and responsibilities.

### 3.2. EDUCATION STANDARDS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 3.2.1. Institute methods to improve transparency concerning student outcomes so parents have the information they need to make informed decisions regarding their child's education.
- 3.2.2. Eliminate the policy of social promotion in Albert's schools. Students will be expected to meet standards in order to be promoted to the next grade.
- 3.2.3. Institute methods to hold educators accountable for performance.
- 3.2.4. Strategize plans to offer career and technology services, including life skills to all students.
- 3.2.5. Ensure a student centered, merit-based and achievement-oriented evaluation system in K-12 education.
- 3.2.6. Ensure a comprehensive literacy and numeracy education for students K-6, focusing on consistency in student learning at every grade level.
- 3.2.7. Make school boards more accountable to parents and taxpayers.

### 3.3. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 3.3.1. Give Alberta student's priority for admission and funding at Alberta post-secondary institutions provided that educational and residence requirements are met.
- 3.3.2. Work with employers, Alberta school boards, post-secondary institutions and the Alberta Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission to increase funding, training, and apprenticeships in the trades and technical sectors starting at the High School level.
- 3.3.3. Strengthen the network of colleges, institutes and on-line learning opportunities throughout the province.
- 3.3.4. Support research and development funding for colleges, universities, and institutes by encouraging private sector partnerships while respecting pure research, academic freedom, and institutional autonomy.
- 3.3.5. Amend the Post-Secondary Learning Act to allow every student to choose whether he/she wishes to become a dues-paying member of a student association, in each year of enrollment at a post-secondary education institute.
- 3.3.6. Amend the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to add post-secondary student associations with mandatory membership to Section 1(j).

### 3.4. SCHOOL CHOICE

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 3.4.1. Recognize that parents or guardians are the primary decision-makers for their children, their children's education and support the rights of parents or guardians to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children, which includes the right to choose the education their child receives, whether it be through public, separate, public charter, private school or homeschooling, and the right to make reasonable choices within the public schools for one's child (such as opting out of classes the parents find objectionable).
- 3.4.2. Strengthen and protect the current provincial funding model that sends per -student operational and maintenance funding directly to each local elected school board or charter school, and better account for the fixed costs of schools in smaller rural communities.
- 3.4.3. Uphold the current provincial funding model for private schools that allows a portion of per-student funding to follow students to the school of their choice.
- 3.4.4. Lift the freeze on new public non-profit charter schools, allowing teachers, parents, special needs workers, and other educational experts to offer new and innovative curriculum and programs for students. Such schools must be open to all students and may not charge tuition
- 3.4.5. Allow parents/Guardians the option to setup home schooling pods/micro schools with like minded families.
- 3.4.6. Allow parents/Guardians wishing to setup home schooling pods/micro schools the option to hire a certified teacher.

### 3.5. STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 3.5.1. Ensure students are properly assessed and any special learning needs are identified as early as possible in a child's development.
- 3.5.2. Respect that each special needs student is unique and allow parents, teachers, and administrators the autonomy to determine what is best for each student including the opportunity to attend the same classrooms as typical students when possible.

- 3.5.3. Mandate that adequate funding follow each special needs student to the education facility of the parent's choice, to ensure that adequate supervision and support is provided to each student so that the classroom can remain a healthy learning environment.

## **4. ENVIRONMENT**

### **4.1. CLEAN WATER**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.1.1. Monitor and encourage conservation of water taken from lakes and rivers for agricultural, industrial, and domestic purposes.
- 4.1.2. Impose strict regulations on effluent-producing industries.
- 4.1.3. Support the use of dams, reservoirs, and irrigation projects for the purpose of increased off-stream water storage, flood and erosion control, hydroelectric power generation and recreation.
- 4.1.4. Commit to and take concrete steps to conserve and protect groundwater for drinking purposes in Alberta.

### **4.2. CONSERVATION**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.2.1. Recognize the value of parks to society and protect them from intrusive activities.
- 4.2.2. Require governments to meet responsible environmental standards in their procurement, recycling, and construction operations.
- 4.2.3. Conserve Alberta's environment and monitor environmental impacts with enforcement provisions while balancing economic development opportunities.
- 4.2.4. Ensure Alberta's goals and objectives recognize the vital contribution of carbon dioxide to life on this planet, and not be deceived by the globalist myth that carbon dioxide is a pollutant and harmful to life.

### **4.3. ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.3.1. Ensure the responsible development of Alberta's natural resources, including more efficient resources recovery methods, responsible management of water, and cogeneration in the interest of Albertans.

### **4.4. SUSTAINABILITY**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.4.1. Make environmental and fiscal sustainability and optimization a hallmark of all government policy. The government should work with the public, landowners, and other stakeholder's groups towards this end, and ensure that the Alberta Advantage persists.

- 4.4.2. Stop promoting the obvious lie that carbon dioxide is bad for the environment and emphasize the clear and proven science that carbon dioxide is vital to the very existence of life on earth.

#### 4.5. PROTECTION

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.5.1. Establish an environmental ombudsman for Alberta.
- 4.5.2. Require Ecological Impact Reports for all large projects. Projects in sensitive areas that use unproven technologies or generate significant public concern will be a priority.

#### 4.6. WILDLIFE AND HUNTING

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.6.1. Protect the rights of hunters and anglers and should ensure that Alberta's wildlife populations are sustained and competently managed.

#### 4.7. ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLE

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 4.7.1. Believe in responsible, fact-based stewardship of the environment. The government should base its decisions on the best available scientific data and should not spend money without first carefully investigating the real threats and the extent to which its action ameliorate those threats.

## 5. HEALTH CARE

#### 5.1. UNIVERSALITY AND COMPREHENSIVENESS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.1.1. Ensure that universal, comprehensive health care will be available to all Albertans regardless of their ability to pay.
- 5.1.2. Preserve universality and comprehensiveness by adopting proven best practices for jurisdictions that have higher performing and/or lower cost health systems than Alberta.
- 5.1.3. Ensure that no individual Albertan may be arbitrarily mandated to accept or participate in any Health-related procedure or practice that the individual objects to.

## 5.2. GOVERNANCE

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.2.1. Manage the Alberta health system through local administrative units that plan, purchase, and provide health services in each region of the province.
- 5.2.2. Flow funding to the local administrative units according to the population of their region, adjusted for age, gender, and other relevant factors.
- 5.2.3. Manage health emergencies and crises through a Health Emergency Committee comprised of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (“CMOH”), the premier, the Minister of Health, the President of the Alberta Medical Association and the President of Alberta health Services.

## 5.3. HOSPITALS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.3.1. Allow the local administrative units, not-for-profit organizations, or private corporations to own and manage hospitals.
- 5.3.2. Fund hospitals through the local administrative units with a formula that includes the size of the population they serve, and the type and volume of services provided.
- 5.3.3. Provide the first two hours of parking for free at AHS facilities and examine other measures to ensure those with serious and/or chronic conditions and their families do not face undue parking costs.

## 5.4. DAILY CARE

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.4.1. Structure primary care delivery around primary care medical homes consisting of family medicine clinics and networks operating as multi-disciplinary practices delivering comprehensive, coordinated accessible primary care.
- 5.4.2. Encourage every Albertan to be enrolled in a medical home to receive 24/7/365 access to their health care team and internet access to their health care provider and health record.
- 5.4.3. More Resources are required in rural areas for mental health. These resources would include, but are not limited to: Social Workers, Community Post-Care Programs, Counseling, Tele-Health Conferencing and Rehabilitation Accessibility.

## 5.5. PHYSICIAN COMPENSATION

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.5.1. Pay all physicians with blended funding that flows through the local administrative units.
- 5.5.2. Work with the local administrative units to establish payment methods to compensate specialist physicians through a combination of salary, per-case payments and fee-for-service and pay family physician practices according to the number of patients enrolled in their practice or network plus incentive for specific activities and performance.
- 5.5.3. Eliminate financial rewards and salary bonuses for healthcare management and administration that achieve below target/budget spending.

## 5.6. DENTAL

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.6.1. Ensure that all Albertans have access to quality dental care at a competitive price by providing consumers with relevant information for making an informed decision before initiating a dental procedure.

## 5.7. EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS/LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.7.1. Volunteer and part-time First Responders with hurt, whether physically or psychologically, on a call will receive the same benefits as if they were a full-time employee.
- 5.7.2. A comprehensive management and resource allocation review must be completed province wide for all Alberta ambulance services. The shortfalls of these services must be identified and efficiently resolved.

## 5.8. VOLUNTEER AND PART TIME FIRST RESPONDERS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.8.1. The worker's Compensation Board (WCB) shall cover all First Responders with the same full – time coverage and benefits with they are hurt physically or psychologically on call.

## 5.9. VACCINATION SAFETY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 5.9.1. Pass legislation to require recipients of vaccination to be told the medical and non-medical ingredients in plain English, and inform patients of

potential side effects of the vaccines, including the number of people who have been killed, paralyzed, etc.

5.9.2. Require that all adverse reactions to vaccine be reported and recorded.

5.9.3. Vaccinations shall be optional and not mandatory for all Alberta residents, including public or private employees.

#### 5.10. ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

5.10.1. We promote the use of alternative health measures and homeopathic medicine.

5.10.2. Within the homeopathic and conventional medical communities, we promote unification of patient care.

#### 5.11. HEALTH CARE FUNDING AND DELIVERY

5.11.1. Hold a referendum question on whether Alberta should fund and deliver abortion services, and if yes, to what extent.

## 6. JUSTICE

### 6.1. COURTS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

6.1.1. Institute a program whereby all sentences given in provincial court will be subject to a truth in sentencing provision.

6.1.2. Support the right of compensation from convicted persons to the victims of their crimes.

6.1.3. Introduce initiatives for maintenance enforcement to achieve improved compliance with maintenance and visitation orders.

6.1.4. Support legally enforceable arbitration between all parties in a legal dispute to settle non-criminal actions.

6.1.5. Ensure that all Albertans have access to legal representation and justice.

### 6.2. POLICING

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

6.2.1. Ensure the roles of RCMP officers, municipal officers, peace officers and sheriffs are efficiently integrated and that all are accountable to Albertans first and foremost.

6.2.2. Ensure sufficient funding for municipal policing to allow for effective policing and protection of Albertans.

- 6.2.3. Require young offenders to participate in crime prevention course and other measures.
- 6.2.4. Conduct a review of the delivery of traffic services by police agencies across the province and develop a model that places its emphasis on reducing the number of fatal and serious injury motor vehicle collisions occurring on Alberta roadways rather than revenue generation.
- 6.2.5. Amend and strengthen the Province of Alberta's Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Guidelines, assuring Albertans that the use of photo radar and other technology is aimed solely at improving safety, and does not supplant, but supports proven traditional police traffic enforcement methods.

### 6.3. SYSTEM CONFIDENCE

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 6.3.1. Ensure that the right of crime victims take precedence over those found guilty of committing crimes.
- 6.3.2. Oppose mandatory digital identification.

### 6.4. FIREARMS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 6.4.1. Uphold the property and civil rights of all Albertans, including firearms owners.
- 6.4.2. Elect a Chief Firearms Officer to direct the Firearms Program of Alberta.
- 6.4.3. Create and maintain a registry of individuals prohibited by a court from possessing firearms.
- 6.4.4. Table a periodic report in the Legislature concerning the frequency, causes and prevention of all categories of violent crime in Alberta, including the social and economic impacts.
- 6.4.5. Take control of the administration, application, and interpretation of the Firearms Act with the goal of reducing paperwork and legal hurdles for gun owners in Alberta. The government should also elect our own Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) and limit what the CFO can do on an arbitrary basis.
- 6.4.6. Citizens have a right to protect themselves and their property from threat, with whatever force necessary without suffering undo penalty of law.

## **7. SOCIAL**

### **7.1. EQUALITY**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.1.1. Recognize that all Albertans have equal rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

### **7.2. ARTS AND CULTURE**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.2.1. Encourage, support and fund community projects, school arts programs and cultural activities as an essential enrichment of life and an integral part of Alberta's communities and cultural diversity.

### **7.3. FAMILIES**

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.3.1. Ensure the protection of victims of abuse and provide effective supports to aid in their recovery
- 7.3.2. Work with foster parents to help them improve the care and placement of foster children.
- 7.3.3. Enhance and increase the training, resources, and authority of social service providers to properly protect children at risk and improve services to families.
- 7.3.4. Seek to reduce budgetary dependence on gambling revenues generate from gambling and earmark a significant portion of the revenues generated from gambling for the rehabilitation of gambling addicts, and for educational programs aimed at reducing gambling.
- 7.3.5. Collaborate with non-profit agencies to enhance their ability to meet the needs of children, youth, and families.
- 7.3.6. Commit funding for emergency residence for victims of violence.
- 7.3.7. Parents or guardians of minor children must be consulted regarding any medical procedure, treatment, care, or attention that their child is receiving, up to the age of sixteen (16)

#### 7.4. PROTECTING SENIORS

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.4.1. Enact a legislative program which recognizes the vital contribution made by our seniors to our prosperity and repeal any legislation and/or policy which unjustly discriminates against seniors, violates their safety, privacy, or democratic rights arbitrarily or fails to recognize their vital contribution to Alberta.

## 7.5. FIRST NATIONS AND ABORIGINAL ISSUES

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.5.1. Devote special attention and resources to addressing the challenge and needs of aboriginal women and youth.
- 7.5.2. Ensure that Alberta's First Nations children have access to the resources and supports available to all Alberta Children. Jurisdictional disputes between Alberta and the Federal government should not prevent First Nations children from getting necessary medical and educational services.

## 7.6. RESPONSIBILITY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.6.1. Support social responsibility within the framework of a free enterprise economic system and promote compassionate service, volunteerism, individual responsibility, and care for those unable to care for themselves.

## 7.7. SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.7.1. Implement an effective and incentive based social assistance program that will promote participation in the economy.

## 7.8. DELIVERY

Advantage Party of Alberta members believe the Government of Alberta should:

- 7.8.1. Provide social services through community organizations rather than government whenever possible.

# 8. FEDERAL JURISDICTION MATTERS

The Advantage Party members believe that the people of Alberta should express their positions regarding the following federal jurisdiction matters itemized in Section 91 of the Canadian Constitution:

- 1. Public Debt and Property
- 2. The Regulation of Trade and Commerce
- 3. Unemployment Insurance
- 4. The raising of Money by any Mode or System of Taxation
- 5. The Borrowing of Money on the Public Credit
- 6. Postal Services
- 7. The Census and Statistics

8. Militia, Military and Naval Service, and Defense
9. The fixing of and providing for the Salaries and Allowances of Civil and other Officers of the Government of Canada
10. Beacons, Buoys, Lighthouses, and Sable Island
11. Navigation and Shipping
12. Quarantine and the Establishment and Maintenance of Marine Hospitals
13. Sea Coast and Inland Fisheries
14. Ferries between a Province and any British or Foreign Country or between two Provinces
15. Currency and Coinage
  1. Alberta should oppose a government operated currency with which an individual has no control over their finances.
16. Banking, Incorporation of banks, and the issue of Paper Money
17. Savings Bank
18. Weights and Measures
19. Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes
20. Interest
21. Legal Tender
22. Bankruptcy and Insolvency
23. Patents of Invention and Discovery
24. Copyrights
25. Indians and Lands Reserved for the Indians
26. Naturalization and Aliens
27. Marriage and Divorce
28. The Criminal Law, except the Constitution of Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction, but including the Procedure in Criminal Matters
29. The Establishment, Maintenance and Management of Penitentiaries