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**Taxes** - Americans in general and Illinois and LaSalle County residents in particular are over taxed.  Republicans not only oppose higher general taxes, but will consistently fight the multitude of tax and fee increases which are bleeding Illinois employers, destroying jobs and directly responsible for the flow of Illinois residents to other states.

**Immigration -**We are a nation of immigrants and the Republican Party welcomes those who respect our laws and seek freedom and opportunity in our great country.  We believe it is common sense and well as law that new residents enter our country legally and join in society as fellow Americans.  In support of this we believe a common sense requirement to current and future immigration policy begin with securing our borders, enforcing the deportation laws, and then updating and improving our immigration laws.

**Education** - We strongly support the rights of parents to direct the education of their children, whether by public schools, private schools, charter schools or home education or by choosing public schools which best further their children’s future prospects.

**Eminent Domain and Illinois Property Owners Rights** - In response to the US Supreme Court ruling in Kelo vs. New London, the LaSalle County Republican Party calls upon the Governor and the General Assembly to reform the Illinois eminent domain laws to protect the rights of Illinois property owners.

**Ethics** - We recognize that without integrity promises and solutions have no value.  Our Party will not tolerate the slightest compromise in the ethics of our political leaders and elected representatives regardless of Party affiliation.  Ours will be the Party of integrity and ethics regardless of the cost.

**Voting** - We believe it is a right, privilege and responsibility of American citizens to vote.  To do so we advocate requiring voters to display valid photo identification before registering to vote and before voting in the polling place.  We further advocate a purge of deceased, relocated or otherwise ineligible voters from the registration rolls prior to each election cycle.

**Family** - The family is society's central building block.  Our children need and are best served by secure and nurturing environments, which are best found within the traditional family of one man and one woman.  Our laws should strongly support and celebrate a loving, married couple bringing new life into the world and rearing their children in a secure and nurturing environment from conception to adulthood.

**Life** - We believe that all innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from conception to natural death.  Therefore the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed upon.  The Party affirms its support for a human life amendment to the United States Constitution and we endorse making clear the Fourteenth Amendment's protection applies to unborn children.

**Medical Insurance and Care** - We reject the socialized medicine plan under the Affordable Care Act, more commonly referred to as "Obamacare."  We call for its repeal and replacement with a market based plan that removes artificial State barriers to competition, respects the vital doctor patient relationship and provides a safety net for those unable to provide for themselves.

**Our Military** – We support our military and the men and women past and present who have served to support and protect our country.

**Voting** – It is the right and privilege of American citizens to participate in their country through their vote. We advocate requiring voters display valid photo identification before registering to vote and before voting in the polling place. To maintain the integrity of the voting records we support a purge of deceased and otherwise ineligible names from the voter registration rolls prior to ach election cycle.