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Our Principles:

- That all people possess certain unalienable natural rights, and that among these are rights to life, liberty, justly acquired property, and self-governance.
- That the only moral basis of government is the preservation and protection of unalienable natural rights.
- That no person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of physical force or fraud against another person, and that all people are bound, without contract, to abstain from infringing upon the natural rights of other people.
- That all people are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
- That the voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society.

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Where We Stand:

- School choice — Parents and the local community are the final authority on educational standards. Money should always follow the student.
- We will work for a true free market economy, which is self regulating.
- State Sovereignty — The Tenth Amendment should be obeyed. The Bill of Rights are not polite suggestions. Citizens can monitor and control their government far easier at a local level.
- Property Tax Repeal/Reform — The LPIN proposed a sensible alternative for moving Indiana away from unconstitutional taxes. We want a fair tax system for farmers, small business owners, and home owners alike. The eventual goal for most in the party is the elimination of the tax.
- Support for Small Business — We believe that small business owners should have the freedom to operate their businesses as they see necessary with little interference from government unless fraud or force is used. Excessive taxation, restrictive business licensing and expensive permitting should be examined and minimized. Our laws should protect entrepreneurs and pave a way for a thriving private economy free from corporate welfare and transference of tax dollars from one business interest to another.
- Electoral Reform — The LPIN insists in true election reform and the administration of fair elections. Free speech should not be hindered by overreaching campaign finance laws. Every vote should count and we should count every vote. We must provide a verifiable paper audit trail with each election. We cannot accept paperless, electronic voting equipment. We cannot accept Gerrymandered districts any longer.
- Defense of Private Property — Be it opposition to eminent domain and forced annexation or defending the rights of restaurant owners to offer a smoking section, the LPIN fervently defends the property rights of individuals and corporations alike.

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