

LPNH Platform Report

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Secretary – Andrew Olding

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There are FIVE proposed changes brought to the platform committee. Due to unforeseen circumstances and scheduling difficulties quorum could not be reached in the last month to determine committee recommendations. All FIVE proposed changes are neither recommended by the committee for passage nor recommended by the committee for failure.

### **Proposal 1: Change to Plank 2.1**

#### Current:

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## **Proposal 2: Change to Plank 3.6**

### Current:

We support the right of the people to determine the process by which their representatives are elected. We advocate for the implementation of an alternative voting system that eliminates the disenfranchisement of constituents who are not members of the factions currently represented within our electoral system. We also advocate for the liberalization of laws restricting access to the ballot for minor political organizations and non-affiliated individuals. We oppose the practice of partisan gerrymandering, on the grounds that it grants undue control over the electoral process to those currently in power by enabling them to marginalize constituents who hold opposing views and nullify the impact of their votes. We support the adoption of electoral practices that would mitigate this problem, such as the implementation of multi-member or at-large Congressional districts.

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**Proposal 3: Deletion of Plank 3.3**

Current:

**3.3 Death Penalty**

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*Planks 3.4 through 3.7 will be reduced by 0.1 in value.*

**Proposal 4:** Change to Plank 2.3 Title

Current:

2.3 Money, Exchange, & Currency

Proposed Change:

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## **Proposal 5: Change to Plank 2.5**

### **Current:**

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