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Friends and fellow members,

I am pleased to present to you the resolutions that will be heard at the 2022 Annual General Meeting. These items are the product of many hours of work by our members, Constituency Associations and the Party Policy and Governance Committee.

As with last year, we have brought the policy development process to as many people as possible through our online ranking tool. Thousands of members got involved and told us what they liked and disliked. The policy resolutions that you are seeing come directly from that list of priorities.

I encourage everyone to join us in Enoch for the 2022 AGM to meet old friends, make new ones, and join me at the plenary to vote on the resolutions that you worked so hard to create.

Hope to see you there,

Joe Friesenhan  
Vice President of Policy and Governance

# **GOVERNANCE**

# Resolution 1

**Proponent:** Calgary Bow

**Document/Location:** Bylaws, Article 5.3

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 75% (Special Resolution)

Updated Wording

The board ~~may~~ **shall** provide that members not physically present at the place of the general meeting ~~may~~ **shall be able to** vote on resolutions or special resolutions through the use of such technology as is deemed appropriate and such members will be deemed present and included in the quorum.

Rationale

This is a matter of moving to a hybrid meeting system with members permanently having an option to either attend in person or attend by virtual technology this will ensure that no members are deprived of access to attend our meetings due to financial reasons or excessive distances.

# Resolution 2

**Proponent:** Edmonton Decore

**Supported By:** Calgary Currie

**Document/Location:** Rules Governing Constituency Associations

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 50%

### Updated Wording

8.4. The CA Board shall conduct its business by resolution or motion duly passed at a meeting of the CA Board. A resolution **or motion** of the CA Board in writing, ~~or by email,~~ **or other electronic means**, signed or endorsed by ~~all of the Directors~~ **a majority of the votes cast**, shall be valid and effective as if passed at a meeting of the CA Board duly called and constituted. **Such a resolution or motion vote request must allow for a minimum of 48 hours for voting and the electronic means of voting must achieve quorum. The CA Board's Secretary shall include in the minutes a copy of the resolution or motion and a copy of the notification, showing that it was sent to all the CA Board's Directors.**

### Rationale

Historically, if the CA Board were able to meet in person, or by Zoom, and achieved quorum, they would be in an authorized position to vote yea or nay on resolutions regardless of the total number of Board members at the meeting. Provided all CA Board members were emailed to vote electronically, why should an email vote be 100% response or automatic fail in this type of situation only? This modification makes the requirements for passing a resolution or motion electronically identical to the requirements for doing so in person or by Zoom.

# Resolution 3

**Proponent:** Airdrie East

**Document/Location:** Code of Conduct, Article 2

**Update Type:** Add New

**Threshold:** 50%

## Updated Wording

**2.h. Not to be reprimanded for exercising their freedom of expression unless such expression constitutes an offence under the Criminal Code or other legislative act.**

## Rationale

The UCP prides itself in supporting and encouraging free speech, even speech with which we do not agree.

Freedom of expression is guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the Alberta Human Rights Act. The Party should respect those rights and not subject any Member to sanction unless such expression is an offence under Federal or Provincial Laws.

# Resolution 4

**Proponent:** Edmonton Decore

**Document/Location:** Bylaws, Article 4.7

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 75% (Special Resolution)

## Updated Wording

4.7.3 For the purpose of **member** voting at any level (e.g. AGM, Nomination or Leadership Vote etc.) voters must be a members in good standing for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the vote.

**4.7.4 For the purpose of member voting at any AGM, SGM, or Leadership review, voters must be members in good standing at the time that the CA Board or Party formally announces the upcoming vote date or starting vote date.**

## Rationale

The current membership qualification period prior to voting enables special interest groups to mobilize massive membership drives to determine Party and CA: policy, governance, directors, etc. Special interest members seldom stay on as members and become engaged with their CA or the Party and seldom contribute financially beyond their membership fees (that can now be paid for by others!).

The current system disenfranchises the long term members who are the core of the party, both in volunteering their time and contributing financially. This change would bring much needed integrity to the voting process, instead of special interest groups' 'one-time voting members' distorting the choice of the long term membership, while allowing various elections' candidates to sign-up members during their campaigns.

Do we, as a political party, value the membership fees received from 'one-time voting members' over the values and commitment of its long term, loyal members?

# Resolution 5

**Proponent:** Airdrie East

**Document/Location:** Bylaws, Article 6

**Update Type:** Add New

**Threshold:** 75% (Special Resolution)

## Updated Wording

**6.7 Results of all party election votes shall be distributed to all registered Constituency Association presidents.**

## Rationale

In order to create a clear and transparent process and encourage participation from the membership the results of all party votes shall be published and distributed to the CA presidents.

# Resolution 6

**Proponent:** Calgary Elbow

**Supported By:** Calgary Glenmore, Airdrie Cochrane

**Document/Location:** Bylaws, Article 8.3

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 75% (Special Resolution)

## Updated Wording

8.3 Governance of the Association between its general meetings resides in the Board ~~and the Leader.~~

## Rationale

The Leader of the party is a member of the Board. By including "and the Leader", it is reasonable to conclude that the Leader possesses a veto power over decisions made by the Board. This is not consistent with the intentions of the party when this resolution was drafted, and should be remedied.

# Resolution 7

**Proponent:** Arbitration Committee

**Document/Location:** Bylaws, Article 4.7.3, 4.8 and 11.2

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 75% (Special Resolution)

## Updated Wording

4.7.3 For the purpose of voting at any level (e.g. AGM, **SGM**, Nomination, Leadership etc.) voters must be a member in good standing for a ~~minimum of~~ **at least** twenty-one (21) days prior to the vote **voting commencing**.

4.8 A member in good standing is a person who has ~~a current membership number as provided by the Party~~ **complied with Article 4.1 herein regardless of the processing time required by Association staff.**

11.2 Notice of Board meetings shall be given by the President or the Leader in the following manner and shall specify the place, the day and hour of the meeting:

11.2.1 **at least** 21 days' notice is required where the notice is provided in writing through mail; and

11.2.2 **at least** 7 days' notice is required where notice is provided by telephone, fax or e-mail.

## Rationale

The wording "at least x days" is the predominant language in our documents and carries a specified meaning as stated in the Chestermere Decision (as per the Interpretation Act) – one does not count the date of giving notice nor the date of the event, therefore, it is "x" clear days. This is staff's current understanding and needs to be the methodology throughout our operations to be consistent. The change to the last few words of 4.7.3 takes into consideration voting that may occur over time such as mail or electronic.

The change to 4.8 clears up the lag time issue when staff may not be able to process the volume of applications arriving at or near a deadline and takes away any complaints/questions about when someone has become a voting member.

# Resolution 8

**Proponent:** Edmonton Decore

**Document/Location:** Standing Committee List, Article 1

**Update Type:** Add New

**Threshold:** 50%

## Updated Wording

**1.2 The Party will maintain a page on its website that will provide the names and the regions of residence for each member of each committee of the Standing Committee list.**

## Rationale

The Standing Committee List on the Party's website shows that there are a total of 7 committees. However, there is little, if any, information available as to which members are on each committee, or even which committees have been formed. In the interests of transparency and openness, this additional clause will provide the members with this information.

# Resolution 9

**Proponent:** Calgary Elbow

**Document/Location:** Bylaws, Article 11

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 75% (Special Resolution)

## Updated Wording

11.2 Notice of Board meetings shall be given by the President ~~or~~, the Leader **or by, or on behalf of, ten (10) Directors requiring a meeting** in the following manner and shall specify the place, the day and hour of the meeting:

11.2.1 **at least** 21 days' notice is required where the notice is provided in writing through mail; and

11.2.2 **at least** 7 days' notice is required where notice is provided by telephone, fax or e-mail.

11.3 ~~A majority of~~ **Ten Directors** present at any Board meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business.

## Rationale

Currently, only the President or the Leader can call a Board meeting. For what should now be obvious reasons, there must be a way for Directors to call a meeting if enough of them wish. The Board's ultimate responsibility is to protect and govern the Party. In some circumstances, the Board and the leadership may not be sympatico. The existing quorum language is nonsensical from a governance perspective. There are 18 voting members on the Party Board. Therefore, ten is a majority. Ten Directors are voted in regionally and the Executive is voted in. They are answerable to the Members.

# Resolution 10

**Proponent:** Edmonton West Henday

**Document/Location:** Standing Committee List, Article 3.1.1; General Dispute Resolution Process, Article 6

**Update Type:** Modify

**Threshold:** 50%

## Updated Wording

### Standing Committee List

3.1.1 No member of the Arbitration Committee shall be: a Director **serving on the Party's Board, an employee of the Party, a subcontractor to the party, an employee of a subcontractor to the party, an MLA** or Caucus advisor, **or any immediate family member of this list of persons**. The chair of the Arbitration Committee and at least five members of the Arbitration Committee shall have legal training or experience sitting on administrative panels. Members of the Arbitration Committee shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years and may not be removed by the Board without cause.

### General Dispute Resolution Process

#### 6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PANEL

Upon receipt of such notice, the President of the Association will communicate with all parties to the Dispute process and request the Chair of the Arbitration Committee to appoint the Dispute Resolution Panel (DRP), which shall be comprised of two (2) Members who sit on the Arbitration Committee and have legal training or administrative panel experience and a third member of the Arbitration Committee. ~~If the Dispute involves or affects a CA, the third member of the DRP shall be a Regional Director from the Board selected by the Chair of the Arbitration Committee.~~ The members of a DRP shall not be from the region in which the dispute originated. The members of the DRP shall select a Chair from their number.

## Rationale

Having a Party Board Director, or someone affiliated to the Party Board, on this Committee could be a conflict of interest, as most disputes will be between a CA and the Party Board or the Party/Association. These changes are required to clarify which type of Party members can and cannot be members of the Arbitration Committee to avoid a conflict of interest, or even a perception of a conflict of interest. Also, the deleted sentence in Section 6 is in direct conflict with Section 3.1.1 of the Standing Committee List even before this resolution's changes.

# **POLICY**

# Resolution 1

**Proponent:** Edmonton Centre

**Location:** 404.2 (Infrastructure)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**c) Work with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba to secure a Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) to the Port of Churchill to enable expansion of our commodity exports into Europe.**

## Rationale

Modern seafaring technology allows ships to travers Hudson's Bay in first year ice.

Alberta must do its part to help European states break their dependency on Russian oil and gas.

This will be a major nation building project that will require a long-term commitment to see through to its conclusion.

# Resolution 2

**Proponent:** Cardston Siksika

**Location:** 208.2 (Industry)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**b) Protect agribusiness from Federal Regulations that are harmful to Agribusiness and the global food supply.**

## Rationale

Alberta is a world leader in agribusiness and efficient farming practices. The Federal Government is threatening the ability of agribusiness with reducing fertilizers and other modern farming practices in the false name of climate change. These modern farming practices have increased production safely to meet Alberta and world demand for food. Alberta needs to ensure agribusiness is able to safely use all options available for crop, produce, and animal production.

# Resolution 3

**Proponent:** Vermillion Lloydminster Wainwright

**Location:** 203.1 (Energy)

**Update Type:** Add New

Updated Wording

**c) review our electricity pricing system with the goal of reducing transmission and distribution costs.**

Rationale

We should focus on ensuring that new generation is reliable and affordable for Albertans.

The costs to move new generation to the distribution system should be as limited as possible.

# Resolution 4

**Proponent:** Calgary Fish Creek

**Location:** 205.5a (Finance)

**Update Type:** Modify

## Updated Wording

a) continually advocate for a more equitable federal-provincial system and ~~hold a provincial referendum to determine if Albertans wish to renegotiate section 63.2 of the Constitution Act, Equalization Payments to provinces.~~ **initiate discussions with provincial counterparts to start negotiations for a more equitable federal-provincial fiscal arrangement.**

## Rationale

We are pleased to see that Finance policy 205.5 approved by the UCP Members in 2020, was followed through with a referendum in October 2021. That referendum question received a 62% support by Albertans. We believe that support places increased pressure on the Provincial government to take some concrete steps to follow through on the mandate that they have been given. Our 2019 policy can be replaced with the next concrete step in this process.

Interprovincial issues are perhaps best summarized and defined by the fiscal arrangements defined in transfer payments. The success of the referendum in Alberta will be irrelevant and ignored unless Alberta takes an assertive stance in their discussions with other provinces. During 2023 negotiations to renew the equalization formula, something must be done differently than our ignored protests from past negotiations. The success or failure of this process will determine Alberta's next steps.

A constitutional review is enormous and risky. Each province would be looking for something to gain. The recent appeal by the Federal government of the Alberta Court of Appeal ruling in May, has sparked the interest of all the provinces. As the provinces work through the implications of Bill C-69 on each of their provinces, it may be a spring board to broaden the discussion of other areas of federal intrusion into the provinces.

These types of discussions will show the seriousness of Alberta's determination to make change, raise the public profile of the imbalances currently in the federation and signal to the Federal government that we are serious.

# Resolution 5

**Proponent:** Edmonton West Henday

**Location:** 202.6 (Education)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**h) halt the practice of any student being taught that by reason of their ethnic heritage they are privileged, they are inherently racist or they bear historic guilt due to said ethnic heritage or that all of society is a racist system. Further any differential treatment practiced by any educator due to said ethnic heritage will be halted. Instruction of these concepts will not take place whether it is advanced under the title of so called critical race theory, intersectionality, anti-racism, diversity and inclusion or some other name.**

## Rationale

In 2021, Edmonton media reported an anonymous student at Strathcona High School, on Instagram, objected to being subjected to what that student described as "anti-white tirades" in the classroom. The anonymous student went on to quote Martin Luther King and called for all students to be treated equally regardless of race. The school administration reported they had "zero tolerance" for the hateful call for colour blind education by contacting the police (though on what basis is unclear), and a spokesperson for the Edmonton Public School Board stated that the student's objection demonstrated the need to fight "systemic racism in our education system".

A public education system should not be ideological in its outlook or focussed on promoting a political message to impressionable students. The aims of our education system should be focussed on teaching literacy, numeracy, and be skills and knowledge based. The premise that any individual is morally blameworthy for the circumstances of his birth or for the actions of people whom were long dead prior to his birth is an illogical and irrational ideological proposition that is not suitable for teaching within schools and not something the provincial government should permit or endorse.

# Resolution 6

**Proponent:** Calgary Fish Creek

**Location:** 206.6 (Health)

**Update Type:** Modify

## Updated Wording

~~b) monitor and regularly publish key health care sector outcome measures for Alberta and top-performing international jurisdictions.~~

**b) Remove barriers to better health care by reducing the number of bureaucrats/managers in AHS and hiring more primary health care providers (doctors, nurses, and ancillary/alternative health providers)**

**c) The “sunshine list” of AHS staff (position of management/administration earning >\$140,000) should be reduced from over 900 to 200. Most of the positions should be abolished with the savings going towards nurses and family physicians.**

**d) Increase funding to preventative health care, rather than reactive medical treatments, through actively funding mental health, gut health, spiritual health, and promoting/subsidizing outdoor and physical programs.**

## Rationale

Alberta, has the most expensive/least efficient system within Canada, making us one of the worst universal health care systems in the developed world. Not due to funding, but rather to allocating funding to bureaucrats, and managers, who add very little in the way of productivity. A recent report published by the OECD showed that the AHS had 10x as many administrators per capita than the most efficient universal health care systems. We need more health providers and less managers (just ask the doctors and nurses).

The lack of nurses, family physicians, and other healthcare practitioners means Albertans wait longer for health services than the majority of the developed world, whilst paying more in taxes. Prolonged wait times for cancer and heart disease have been associated with increased risk of morbidity and mortality. Likewise, it's been shown that patients suffering from mental health conditions, who do not receive timely access to care, often experience a rapid decline in their condition. Worse health outcomes are often associated with higher costs to individuals, as waiting for care may be burdened by a loss of income due to the inability to work. As the number of Albertans waiting for crucial healthcare grows, so too does the impact on their wallets and workplaces.

Finally, we continue to increase our spending on health care, largely because our populations continue to age and get sicker. We spend more and more on treatment, yet spend less on prevention and good health. We need to promote and fund better mental, gut, and spiritual health, as well as outdoor activities and exercise.

# Resolution 7

**Proponent:** Calgary Edgemont

**Location:** 205.4 (Finance)

**Update Type:** Modify

## Updated Wording

~~a) repeal the provincial carbon tax and vigorously oppose the imposition of any federal carbon tax.~~

**a) Vigorously oppose the imposition of any federal carbon tax on Alberta consumers and farmers.**

**b) Continue to support made-in-Alberta industrial and heavy emitter carbon pricing schemes that:**

- **are supported by the industry being taxed;**
- **enable Alberta Environment, Social, & Governance Secretariat (ESG Secretariat) investments in Alberta's energy sector that will support the global low carbon transformation.**
- **direct all revenues to funding technology-based climate change programs that will make Alberta companies more competitive in the global market.**

*(renumber existing 205.4b and subsequent articles.)*

## Rationale

Currently at \$50 per tonne the Federal Government's Carbon Tax is punitive to consumers and farmers who are trying to make ends meet. The current federal government plans to increase their Carbon Tax 425% to \$170 by 2030; crippling Albertans' ability to put food on the table, go to work, take their kids to school and activities. A \$170 per tonne Carbon Tax will devastate Alberta Farmers if the harvest season has more precipitation and they must dry their crops prior to transport.

From an Industry and heavy emitter perspective; existing tax-based grants have proven results addressing climate change while making Alberta industry more competitive. Methane emissions in Alberta will be reduced 45% by 2025. TIER (Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulations) helps industrial facilities find innovative ways to reduce emissions by at least 10% below 2016 rates and invest in clean technology to stay competitive and save money. CCUS (Carbon Capture Utilization & Storage) technologies have promising future but require continued investment to realize their full potential.

The Alberta ESG Secretariat is working hard to drive impact and create positive change to a sustainable, low carbon global economy. With leading industry expertise and a diverse workforce to address today's challenges, investments into Alberta's energy sector will support the global low carbon transformation.

# Resolution 8

**Proponent:** Taber Warner

**Location:** 204.3

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**b) restrict solar and wind energy or municipal development on highly productive irrigated land such as that being used for the Agri-Food Corridor in Southern Alberta, keeping solar panels and wind farms to lower grade, dry land areas.**

## Rationale

Southern Alberta's irrigated land is some of the best in the world and should be protected, reserved, and even expanded, to help meet domestic and global food requirements.

# Resolution 9

**Proponent:** Calgary Fish Creek

**Location:** 203.3 (Energy)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**b) Instruct the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) to not implement the federal government's net-zero power grid plan.**

## Rationale

The federal government has pledged Canada will achieve 100% net-zero emitting electricity systems by 2035. The "AESO Net-Zero Pathways Report updated July 7th 2022" states meeting net-zero would come with rapidly increasing costs and is operationally unrealistic. It is critical that Alberta politicians listen to the AESO as they are responsible for the reliability of Alberta's power system.

AESO estimates the capital cost at \$52 billion with estimated increases in consumer energy costs of 40% by 2035. This increase in costs makes no economic sense to Alberta consumers or businesses. Other jurisdictions like California, Ontario and Europe with high levels of renewables have high costs and issues with grid reliability. Also, achieving the 2035 targets is heavily dependent on future development of significant infrastructure in areas such as carbon capture, hydrogen production and transportation.

# Resolution 10

**Proponent:** Taber Warner

**Location:** 301.1

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**n) actively and transparently reduce overheads and accelerate the elimination of the layers of bureaucratic administration, to improve outcomes more cost-effectively, and so conservative minded voters may see that it is happening.**

## Rationale

Alberta currently spends more per capita, with lower outcomes, in several significant categories of its responsibilities to the citizens of our province, than comparable jurisdictions in Canada and globally. This is detrimental to the health and welfare of our people, and to the reputation of our party. Cuts should be made at the top, not at the “delivery end” – i.e., front lines. Public service unions should be allowed to strike, and right-to-work laws should be passed to ensure/allow others to step up to fill the PSU vacancies created if/when strikes occur. (Remember President Reagan and the air traffic controllers.)

# Resolution 11

**Proponent:** St. Albert

**Location:** 402.2 (Labour and Employment)

**Update Type:** Add New

Updated Wording

## **.5 HEALTH CARE**

**b) ensure that licenses, certificates and the experience necessary for employment in a particular profession, occupation or trade are easily and efficiently reviewed and provided within a specified period of time.**

Rationale

Many newcomers to Alberta have extensive education and licenses and credentials issued by other jurisdictions; however, in many instances these individuals are unable to have their credentials reviewed in a timely manner or to obtain the experience needed to practice within Alberta.

# Resolution 12

**Proponent:** Edmonton Decore

**Location:** 301.1 (Government)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**I) bring government management structures into line with modern management methods including a cultural transformation for government ministries to be focused on Albertans (i.e. the customer). Modern management methods include goals, means and metrics, direct and provide continuous improvement, cost effectiveness and efficiency.**

## Rationale

Most government departments have too many levels of management. For example, AHS has 10 levels of management. Reducing AHS management to 3 levels, not counting the responsible Minister, would lead to better communications and more sound and swifter decision making.

With up to 10 levels of management, it is virtually impossible that government departments can be agile in dealing with the goals of their mandates. Departmental visions and goals should be set top down and the means to accomplish them be developed from the bottom up, as staff in the bottom levels are better attuned with Albertans and should best know the problems and the solutions required.

# Resolution 13

**Proponent:** Edmonton Decore

**Location:** 301.1 (Government)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**e) amend both the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act and Municipal Authority Act to restrict third party advertising funding to the rules for people running for provincial office and introduce rules for third party advertising funding for people running for municipal office in Alberta.**

## Rationale

More often than not, Political Action Committees (PACs) reflect the views of special interest groups who do not represent the majority of Albertans.

Donations to 3rd party PACs should have the same annual limit as those running for office and all donations must be from Alberta residents only. Therefore only an individual Albertan may donate to any political cause within Alberta.

A good example of this is billionaire George Soros, an American, who funds PACs in Canada and may have been instrumental in the cancellation of the XL pipeline, thereby preventing Albertans getting maximum value for their resources.

# Resolution 14

**Proponent:** Calgary North West

**Location:** 302.5 (Government)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

**d) achieve perceived and real transparency associated with lobbying the Alberta provincial government by requiring disclosure as lobbyists from the following:**

- **members of a council or other statutory body charged with the administration of the civic or municipal affairs of a municipality, or individuals on the staff of any of those members; and**
- **officers or employees of municipalities.**

## Rationale

Currently, they are exempt from disclosure in the Lobbyists Act. It should require them to be held to the highest standards of accountability and transparency in all areas of their activities/operations and exercise of their judgment and authority, including any and all lobbying of members of the legislative assembly and officers, employees, or agents of the Government of Alberta.

Alberta municipalities serve not only as regulators of many aspects in the lives of citizens of Alberta, but they also establish costs and rates charged to Albertans. The special authority and responsibility granted to municipalities (and thereby the officers and employees of municipalities) is entirely by way of legislation passed by the Government of Alberta.

# Resolution 15

**Proponent:** Cardston Siksika

**Location:** 403 (Rights)

**Update Type:** Add New

Updated Wording

## **.4 HEALTH CARE**

**The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should...**

**a) protect an individual's right for their own healthcare choices and ensure individuals are not discriminated against for their personal healthcare choices.**

Rationale

Recent issues with COVID has shown that the government and/or bureaucrats, government boards, and private business have the authority to discriminate based on someone's health and vaccination status. This discrimination affects peoples ability to fully participate in worship services, social activities, employment, and mobility within their own country and internationally.

# Resolution 16

**Proponent:** Airdrie East

**Location:** 201.1d-e (Community)

**Update Type:** Modify

Updated Wording

**d)** ~~Support~~ **affirming** the family unit as the ~~basis~~ **foundation** of society in Alberta and that decisions regarding children should reside solely with the parents, legal guardians, and caregivers.

~~de)~~ upholding and protecting parental rights and authority in health care and education.

~~ef)~~ ~~affirming that the family is the basic unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State to ensure~~ **ensuring** that parents, **legal guardians and caregivers** have the right and responsibility to oversee the healthcare and education of their own children, including but not limited to the cultural, linguistic, religious, spiritual and moral upbringing and heritage of their children;

Rationale

Our UCP Government believes that the family unit is the basis of society in Alberta and that decisions regarding children should reside solely with the parents, legal guardians, and caregivers.

# Resolution 17

**Proponent:** Airdrie East

**Location:** 201.2 (Community)

**Update Type:** Modify

## Updated Wording

- a) ensure the protection and well-being of all children, alongside full respect for parents, **legal guardians and caregivers, roles, responsibilities**, rights, freedoms, and authority.
- b) protect victims of abuse and provide effective supports to aid in their recovery.
- c) ensure foster parents have the necessary supports to manage the children in their care, including increased utilization of counselling, trauma treatment and other programs to help improve the care and placement of foster children.
- d) affirm the freedom of religion and conscience rights of adoptive and foster parents.
- e) uphold the best interests of children in cases where intervention in the family home occurs to ensure the least disruption to the child is achieved.**
- f) affirm the freedom of religion and conscience rights of parents and their children, ensuring the government does not interfere with the teaching and training of their children as such, including in matters with respect to identity, sexuality and morality.**
- g) uphold the rights of parents and caregivers so as not to require them to affirm or socially condition a child in a gender identity that is incongruent with the child's birth sex.**

## Rationale

Our UCP Government believes that the family unit is the basis of society in Alberta and that decisions regarding children should reside solely with the parents, legal guardians, and caregivers.

Barring evidence of criminal neglect or abuse, we start with the assumption that parents are best suited to guide their child's development.

# Resolution 18

**Proponent:** Calgary Edgemont

**Location:** 206 (Health)

**Update Type:** Add New

## Updated Wording

*(add a new section 206.8)*

**The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should:**

**Develop and implement a comprehensive domestic health and pharmaceutical plan that protects the health of Albertans while strengthening and diversifying the Alberta economy. Such a plan includes:**

- **Supporting local biomedical and pharmaceutical companies to create and develop domestic biomedical and pharmaceutical goods**
- **Promote public policy research, particularly in health and medicine, to identify best practices to mitigate illness/death, societal disruption, and economic damage/disruption, which in turn can be used as an alternative measure to address medical emergencies instead of lockdowns**
- **Invest in health research and development, allowing for the supply of affordable and easily available biomedical products to the public**

## Rationale

The COVID 19 pandemic has demonstrated the need for improving our current system of delivering fast, effective, and easily available medical and pharmaceutical products to the public. Throughout the pandemic, the Canadian government has relied on foreign producers to supply us with vaccines and other goods. Despite the presence of at least 1 vaccine manufacturer in Alberta, no support was provided to promote domestic production of biomedical goods, and no domestic vaccine was approved.

With the current instability in the international sphere, having local and domestic producers allows for easily available and affordable biomedical and pharmaceutical goods. The Government of Alberta should support local and domestic producers in the production of these goods, so that there are readily available solutions to prevent serious illnesses or deaths. In turn, these improved products and practices can be used as an alternative measure to address medical emergencies instead of lockdowns.

This also serves the purpose of diversifying Alberta's economy, creating a high-technology industry in the biomedical and pharmaceutical fields in the province. By developing this industry within, local and domestic producers can provide products to other provinces without the instability and uncertain of importing from other countries. As health is constitutionally a provincial responsibility, Alberta should take the lead to ensure effective planning and delivery of these products.

# Resolution 19

**Proponent:** Calgary Klein

**Location:** 301.2a (Government)

**Update Type:** Modify

## Updated Wording

~~a) conduct genuine consultations with stakeholders and the public before enacting significant legislation.~~

**a) establish statute requirements for consultations with stakeholders and the public before enacting significant legislation.**

## Rationale

The UCP government continues to show a lack of communication with stakeholders. There have been noteworthy bill and policy mistakes and walk-backs (e.g. traffic court).

Ministries either appear to lack training, proper advisory capacity and expertise or check-lists.

Past walk-backs of note:

- insulin pumps
- traffic court
- education curriculum
- coal licensing
- parks

Cost Estimate: low

# Resolution 20

**Proponent:** Airdrie East

**Location:** 203.2a (Democracy)

**Update Type:** Modify

## Updated Wording

e) strengthen and promote Alberta's global energy leadership in ~~Environment, Social, and Governance ("ESG") standards~~ **environmental practices and stewardship;**

## Rationale

The UCP government is committed to cutting red tape and limiting bureaucratic interference in the energy sector. ESG implements private sector "red tape" making it difficult for businesses to focus on what is important for the functioning of their businesses.

Most members aren't familiar with the acronym ESG or what ESG entails. To avoid confusion, we recommend removing the term 'ESG' but state our continued commitment to the already growing leadership the Alberta Energy sector has shown in its environmental practices and stewardship.