



# Backgrounder

## For Immediate Release

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Complete list of questions to PC leadership candidates in *A Taxpayers' Platform*:

1. Will you commit to eliminate the health care premium tax?
2. Will you commit to eliminate the hidden sales tax on insurance premiums?
3. Will you commit to reduce or eliminate the education property tax?
4. Will you commit to enact legislation implementing a municipal property tax cap to ensure municipal property taxes don't increase by more than the rate of inflation without a referendum?
5. Will you commit to an 8 per cent general business tax rate as promised in the 2001 provincial budget?
6. Will you commit to amend the *Taxpayer Protection Act* such that any new provincial tax or an increase to an existing tax could only be approved through a successful provincial referendum?
7. Will you commit to introduce legislation capping annual provincial spending increases at a rate of the combined growth in the inflation and population rate?
8. Will you commit to introduce legislation that restricts the government from increasing spending during the fiscal year (other than declared emergencies)?
9. Will you commit to roll back the *Fiscal Responsibility Act* such that only the first \$3.5-billion of non-renewable resource revenues could be used for budgeting and program spending?
10. Will you commit to legislating a minimum of 50 per cent of resource revenues be saved each year?
11. Will you commit to introduce fixed election dates for Alberta's general elections?
12. Will you commit to introduce legislation giving citizens the right to recall their MLA?
13. Will you commit to introduce citizens' initiative legislation giving citizens the right to initiate and vote in a referendum on issues of importance?
14. Will you commit to disclose a complete list and dollar amount of all campaign contributions you have received during this PC leadership campaign prior to the first ballot vote?



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15. Will you commit to introduce legislation requiring pre-election campaign contribution disclosure for all future elections (general provincial, municipal and party leadership elections) in Alberta?
16. Will you commit to give Albertans the ability to purchase private health insurance to cover costs incurred by those who pay for timely access to medically necessary procedures?

Copies of *A Taxpayers' Platform* can be found on-line at:

[http://www.taxpayer.com/pdf/A\\_Taxpayers\\_Platform\(OCT\\_2006\)Web.pdf](http://www.taxpayer.com/pdf/A_Taxpayers_Platform(OCT_2006)Web.pdf) or by contacting the Alberta office at 1-800-661-0187.