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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

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CORDOVA CALLS FOR FEDERAL INTERVENTION IN GEORGIA FARM SEIZURE, UNVEILS COMPREHENSIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL SOVEREIGNTY PLATFORM

Platform Includes PE and Foreign State-Linked Ownership Ban, Fair Compensation Fund, Top Tier Organic National Standard, Eminent Domain Reform, and Two-Tier National Registry

MANTECA, CA — Presidential candidate Vincent Cordova today called for immediate federal intervention in the eminent domain seizure of Jeff Melin's multi-generational cattle farm in Spalding County, Georgia, and announced a comprehensive agricultural sovereignty platform that he described as "the most complete federal commitment to the American farmer and the American food supply that any candidate has put forward in a generation."

"They took a man's cattle farm — a farm his family has worked for generations — to build runways and hangars for corporate jets," Cordova said. "They paid him a fraction of what the land is worth. They gave him 90 days to move his herd and clear out 75 years of his family's tools. And they cut down century-old pecan trees before the legal process was even finished. That is not eminent domain. That is government-backed theft on behalf of private interests. And it is happening to family farms across this country every single day."

Federal Action on the Melin Case

Cordova announced that on the first day of his administration he would direct the Federal Aviation Administration to freeze all federal approvals and Airport Improvement



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Program grants for the Spalding County Airport project, and the Department of Justice to open an investigation into whether compensation paid to Melin meets the constitutional standard of just compensation.

Ending Private Equity and Foreign State-Linked Farmland Ownership

The platform calls for a full prohibition on private equity ownership of food-producing farmland, with mandatory divestiture and right of first refusal returned to the original farming family. It separately prohibits foreign state-linked entities — sovereign wealth funds, state-owned enterprises, and foreign government-controlled corporations — from holding any interest in American agricultural land.

Cordova was careful to distinguish between foreign state-linked entities and private foreign investors. "We are not closing America to the world," Cordova said. "We are closing a specific vulnerability: foreign governments acquiring direct control over the land that feeds our people. Private capital, responsibly disclosed, remains a partner in American agriculture."

Fair Compensation for Required Divestitures

The platform includes an Agricultural Land Repatriation Compensation Fund that will pay full independently-appraised fair market value plus a ten percent goodwill payment to any foreign state-linked entity required to divest under the new rules. "Some of these investors acted in good faith under the laws as they existed," Cordova said. "Previous administrations failed to establish these protections. We will correct that failure — but we will do it honestly, not by blindsiding investors who played by the rules we had at the time."

Top Tier Organic Production and Care National Standard

A centerpiece of the platform is the establishment of a unified Top Tier Organic Production and Care Standard applicable to all agricultural operations on United States soil — regardless of ownership. The standard governs soil health (no synthetic fertilizers, GMOs, or sewage sludge), animal welfare (free-range systems, no growth hormones, no routine antibiotics), input transparency (full disclosure, prohibition of glyphosate and neonicotinoids), labor conditions, and independent third-party certification.

The standard phases in over seven years, with voluntary conversion incentives including tax credits and low-interest USDA loans in the first two years. Imported food must meet an equivalent standard to be sold in the United States.



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"Protecting who owns the land is not enough," Cordova said. "We must also protect how the land is farmed, how animals are raised, and what goes into the food our families eat. One standard. No double standards. No race to the bottom."

Two-Tier National Registry with Due Process Protections

The platform establishes a National Agricultural Land Registry with a public tier — aggregated data by county and country of origin — and a classified tier with precise geolocations of all foreign state-linked holdings, accessible only to authorized federal agencies and cleared congressional oversight committee members, with annual GAO audits.

For cases where the government asserts that an entity is subject to foreign state operational influence below the five percent ownership threshold, independent administrative law judge hearings with full due process protections will be required before any enforcement action. "This prevents abuse of executive authority," Cordova said. "Fairness and national security are not in conflict. This policy insists on both."

Call to Congress

Cordova simultaneously sent a formal letter to all members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives calling for passage of the American Agricultural Sovereignty Act encompassing all elements of the platform. "I am prepared to work with any member of Congress — Republican or Democrat — who is willing to put the American farmer and the American food supply ahead of private equity and foreign capital," Cordova wrote.

A Personal Message to Jeff Melin

Cordova also sent a personal letter directly to Jeff Melin inviting him to share any documentation, evidence, or correspondence related to his case with the campaign at melin-farms@vincentcordova.com. "Jeff Melin said the better and longer you take care of your land, the more at risk you are to losing it," Cordova said. "That should never be true in America. I intend to make sure it no longer is."

ABOUT VINCENT CORDOVA

Vincent Cordova is a candidate for President of the United States in 2028. His campaign is focused on restoring democratic sovereignty, ending corporate and government collusion against American citizens, protecting domestic food security and



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farmland, and rebuilding the institutions of accountability that working Americans depend on. All campaign documents are available at vincentcordova.com.

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