

February 1, 2012

Mr. Brian Wahby
Chair
Democratic Central Committee
PO Box 1233
Saint Louis, MO 63188

Dear Chairman Wahby:

Last week I contacted the State Democratic Office to obtain access to the VAN. I advised them that I am an alderman and a candidate for City Treasurer. I also stated that you will be one of my opponents. I was told by Sara Ferrill that access through the State Committee would not be a problem but due to the meeting schedule, she would contact me via e-mail in a few days to make the arrangements.

Yesterday, I received an e-mail that the policy was changed over the weekend and that access to VAN must come from you as Central Committee Chair. This is my formal request for the information.

I find the timing of the change in policy to be suspicious, to say the least. I think that your control over VAN access is a clear conflict of interest. As a candidate for city wide office, you should not have final say as to who gets access to the Democratic voter file and who does not.

Fair elections are an essential part of the democratic process. You should do the right thing and step down as City Chairman if you continue in the race for Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Fred Wessels
13th Ward Alderman

xc: Hon. Jeffrey Boyd
Hon. Tishaura Jones