



SPOKANE COUNTY **REPUBLICAN PARTY**

Press Release

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To: All Media Outlets, and Public

From: MJ Bolt, Chairwoman, Spokane County Republican Party

Subject: 2024 Washington Republican Party State Convention held in Spokane April 18-20

We, the Spokane County Republican Party, were honored the Washington State Republican Party hosted its 2024 Convention in Spokane from April 18th to 20th. Our delegation brought over 200 elected representatives from Spokane County, who participated in this historic event. The convention was a great success, and we hope the residents of Spokane were encouraged by the actions taken.

However, we feel the need to address the coverage and mischaracterizations by reporters and the media regarding what transpired at the convention. The convention, attended by over 1800 delegates from all 39 counties in Washington, had the purpose of endorsing candidates for statewide positions, electing delegates to the national convention, and voting on the party's platform and resolutions.

The delegates, elected at county conventions, came to Spokane to engage in the true grassroots Republican election process, primarily endorsing their choice for the gubernatorial candidate, either Dave Reichert or Semi Bird. The Washington State Republican Party's Candidates Committee vetted both candidates, initially approving them for the endorsement ballot.

However, late in the process, the Candidates Committee recommended rescinding their approval of Semi Bird, leading to a contentious moment during the convention. Despite this, through the proper process and with an overwhelming majority, the delegates reversed the Committee's ruling, allowing the endorsement process to proceed. Unfortunately, Dave Reichert, unseen for the duration of the event, decided to withdraw from the process, citing concerns about the party's integrity. His absence was disappointing for many delegates who supported him and had traveled to advocate for his candidacy.

While the media portrayed the convention as chaotic, we want to clarify that the delegates were orderly and engaged in the process, following "Robert's Rules of Order" and the Chair, Jim Walsh, was honorable, to ensure a fair outcome. In the end, Semi Bird was endorsed by the Washington State Republican Party with 72% of the vote. We look forward to supporting all the endorsed candidates from this convention and working towards a better future for our state and country.

Respectfully,

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