



March 27, 2024

Statement from the Catoosa County Republican Party:

We are grateful that our appeal is moving forward. The Catoosa GOP is committed to continue fighting for the constitutional right to freedom of association. The government does not have the constitutional authority to force a private entity such as a political party to publicly associate with someone who does not represent their values.

We appreciate that Judge Thompson and the other three judges on the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit have recused themselves to ensure this case can be given fair and unbiased consideration.

Last Saturday we hosted one of the largest attended Catoosa County GOP Conventions in recent history and if any Republican voters had concerns about the Catoosa GOP leadership, they did not show up at the convention. The unity and enthusiasm in the room was unmistakable. None of the people trying to force their way on to the Republican Party ballot or their alleged supporters were in attendance. We appreciate the unified support from Republicans in the community in only having Republicans on the Republican primary ballot.

The Catoosa GOP Convention unanimously passed the attached resolution in full support of the Catoosa GOP leaders in their fight for freedom of association.



**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEADERSHIP
OF THE CATOOSA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
AND CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

WHEREAS, the Catoosa County Republican Party properly adopted rules and qualifications to run as a representative of the Republican Party, per O.C.G.A. 21-2-153;

WHEREAS, Larry Black, Steven Henry, Vanita Hullander, and Jeff Long failed to be authorized as candidates and participants on the Republican Party primary ballot, and have sued to override this process; and

WHEREAS, Georgia and Federal Law confirms the right to freely associate in Duke vs Massey 87 F. 3d 1226, 1234 (11th Cir. 1996), et al;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Catoosa County Republican Party supports our party leadership and calls for the reversal and reconsideration of the judicial ruling, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

the Sheriff, District Attorney, and County Attorney prosecute any legal violations.

the Catoosa County Board of Elections remove Larry Black, Steven Henry, Vanita Hullander, and Jeff Long from the Republican Party Primary Ballot.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2024, by the County Convention of the Catoosa County Republican Party.