



Senator Amanda F. Chase
12126 Point Placid Drive
Midlothian, Virginia 23112

September 27, 2019

Dear Senator Chase:

The Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia (Party Plan) sets forth requirements for participation in Party Actions, including membership in unit committees. The Party Plan recognizes a higher standard for participation by Committee members than for Republicans who are not members of Republican committees.

While there is an expectation that members of the CCRC will support all of our nominees for public office, there is a requirement that no member publicly support any candidate in a general election who is running against one of our nominees. This standard is taken so seriously by the Party Plan that a member of an official committee, such as the CCRC, automatically loses his or her membership on the Committee if the member takes one or more of the specific actions spelled out in Article VII, Section C.

The Party Plan also states that a majority of the elected officers of the Committee are charged with recognizing when a violation of this provision occurs.

Over the last several weeks, you and your campaign have promoted the candidacy of an independent candidate who is running against our Republican nominee for Sheriff, Karl Leonard. This promotion has occurred, not inclusively, in the form of the posting online, through Facebook, photos, statements and a video of the independent candidate in which it is clear that the opponent is a candidate for Sheriff; paid Facebook ads featuring this candidate for Sheriff, in which he identifies himself as a candidate for Sheriff and claiming to be a conservative Republican (thus implying that he is the Republican candidate for Sheriff); and a statement in the September 18 edition of the Chesterfield Observer touting the independent candidate as "more of a Republican" than the Republican nominee.

We are aware of several conversations with you by local Republican leaders and activists attempting to persuade you to cease supporting - or giving the appearance of supporting - the independent candidate for Sheriff. It is apparent that, to date, you have not taken these conversations to heart as there has been no removal of the supporting video, photos and posts, nor have you made a clear public statement that you do not support the independent candidate for Sheriff. Furthermore, you appear to have recently escalated the situation by introducing the independent candidate for Sheriff to numerous people at a public event and by launching a social media attack campaign against our Republican nominee, Sheriff Leonard. These are actions that the Republican Party will not condone.

Regretfully, a majority of the officers of the CCRC have recognized that certain actions have been taken that are inconsistent with the Party Plan and, if not cured, may cause you to be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

Specifically, we recognize that:

1. Your campaign has paid for Facebook ads that must be reported as an in-kind contribution to the independent candidate's campaign;
2. You have knowingly allowed your name to be publicly used by a candidate in opposition to a Republican candidate for public office;
3. You have made a public statement in the Chesterfield Observer that appears to be in support of the independent candidate;

The Party Plan defines "allows" as meaning that you have either (a) affirmatively given your permission for your name to be used; or (b) refused to publicly disavow the use of your name upon receiving notification by an official Committee chairman that it is being used.

It is our sincere hope that you are not supporting the independent candidate for Sheriff and that you will take corrective action so we can resolve this matter privately and avoid public action. You can make this clear by removing the video, supportive posts from your Facebook page(s) and any other media, removing any attacks on our Sheriff, and by making a public post/statement you are NOT supporting the independent candidate for Sheriff and disavow the use of your name by anyone that suggests in any way that you support him.

Please know that there are many members displeased by the current state of affairs and your prompt attention to resolve the current situation is critical. We wish to avoid any further displays of disunity that hamper our crucial elections this year. It is our further hope that you will decide to remain a member of the CCRC by taking the actions required. We do not intend to release this letter publicly unless you decline or fail to comply with the above by Noon on Monday, September 30, 2019.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tara C. Carroll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left from the first letter 'T'.

Tara C. Carroll, Chairwoman
Chesterfield County Republican Committee

cc: Carey Allen, Vice Chair-Organization, Chesterfield County Republican Committee
Stacey Davenport, Vice Chair-Finance, Chesterfield County Republican Committee
Patrick Regan, Treasurer, Chesterfield County Republican Committee
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Jerry Baldwin, Immediate Past Chairman, Chesterfield County Republican Committee
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