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Dear Fellow ORP State Central Committee Members,

After much consultation and deliberation with many committee members, I have decided to be a candidate for the chairmanship of the Ohio Republican Party at our organizational meeting in January.

I believe I have the proven experience to capably serve as your State Chairman. For thirty-five years I have won (and lost) elections as a candidate, party chair and campaign volunteer for countless campaigns.

Since 1988, I have personally raised millions of dollars for my county party, my personal campaigns and many statewide elected officials.

I am fully committed to working with all members of the committee to strengthen our party in ways beyond wins and losses at the ballot box. When I disagree with a fellow Republican, I do not cast them aside. I engage.

I believe in the wise example set by Chairmen Ray Bliss and Robert Bennet, the party should be a resource for all candidates, knowing that our party faithful will nominate with their votes in Primary elections.

If the ORP elects me to serve as Chairman, I commit to perform these duties full time, with no outside or secret consulting income. I will support, and insist the ORP support, each nominee in the General election, without exception.

In asking for your consideration and vote, I offer my vision on how we can protect and expand our conservative party through improved party unity, operational professionalism and the establishment of a conservative Ohio Republican Party platform.

In the days remaining before our vote, I will reach out to you to further discuss the attached plan for our party. I welcome your calls at any time – (614) 359-4846.

Sincerely,

## **ORP Bylaws Reform**

Nothing has contributed more to conflict and disunity on the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committees than our current bylaws -- which are silent, vague and even contradictory.

As your chairman, I would lead an inclusive year-long process to overhaul our bylaws. Each committee member who is interested, will be appointed to the bylaws committee. The committee meeting schedule would be published for all to attend or submit written input.

As your Chairman, I will offer you my best advice from thirty-five years of party experience at the county and state level. Here are a few key areas.

Endorsements – We should require a two-thirds supermajority of the committee (40 votes) for all candidate endorsements following the filing deadline. Some say the RSCC should not endorse at all. However, since a supermajority of the committee may always suspend the rules, it technically not possible to prohibit all endorsements.

Finances – The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) should be a qualified professional, appointed by and reporting to the RSCC. While the ORP Chairman should retain the primary fundraising duties, the Chief Financial Officer should be responsible for processing, accounting and reporting on party finances to the Chairman and the RSCC. If the ORP Chairman requests payment for unbudgeted expenses or candidate support prior to an endorsement of the committee, an independent CFO could refuse until approved by the RSCC Executive Committee.

Parliamentarian – The parliamentarian serving at RSCC meetings should be appointed by majority vote of the committee.

### **Party Finances – Audit, Reporting, Controls**

If elected chairman, I will retain an independent certified public accountant to conduct a comprehensive audit. Audits should be required every two years.

The Chief Financial Officer will file all finance reports in a timely manner.

The RSCC Finance Committee will establish written expenditure procedures which document the approval and expenditure of all party funds.

The mail franking program will likewise be operated with written guidelines, in accordance with federal law, and be administered under the direction of the Chief Financial Officer. County parties, state caucuses and candidates will understand the approved rules which will be implemented without favoritism or bias.

## **Fundraising**

The current fundraising initiatives of the ORP -- *digital, direct mail, major events, regional events, and direct major donor solicitations* -- should continue.

If chosen as your Chairman, I would establish a “joint fundraising agreement” program where the ORP assists county parties with coordinating nationally recognized event speakers at Lincoln Day Dinners. The ORP and the county party would split the revenue of the local event 80-20. This will strengthen the working relationship between the ORP and county parties.

In the end, there is no magic to fundraising. Our Chairman must be committed to fundraising throughout the year.

## **Ohio Republican Party Platform**

I believe the role of the ORP is to establish an Ohio Republican Party platform which we expect our statewide elected officials to follow while in office. It is not enough to simply elect Republicans. We must stand for something.

The Platform Committee should incorporate input from stakeholders beyond our RSCC membership, such as county chairs and state party finance committee members.

## **County Party Support**

I believe the state party should re-establish chairman Timken’s sustained county party support efforts. These efforts should include strategy meetings with urban, suburban and rural county parties. Offer data sharing, digital services and voter targeting for local races. And as previously stated, support county party Lincoln Day Dinner fundraising efforts. Strong county parties make for a stronger state party. We win from the grass roots up.

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## **Resume of Political Experience**

2019 – present	Elected Vice Chairman of the Ohio Republican Party State Central and Executive Committee.
2015 -present	Elected Chairman of the Summit County Republican Party Executive Committee.
2014 – present	Elected Board Member of the Summit County Board of Elections.
2010 – present	Represent the Associated Builders and Contractors of Ohio.
2011 – 2013	Elected Ohio State Board of Education.
2004 – 2010	Director and Deputy Director of the Summit County Board of Elections.
1997 – 2004	Elected State Representative from Summit County, four terms.
1991 – 1997	Appointed Court Administrator of the Summit County Juvenile Court.

## **Education**

1988	Graduated The American Campaign Academy, Washington, D.C.
1987	Graduated Denison University, Granville, Ohio with a B.A. in Political Science and History.
1983	Graduated Walsh Jesuit High School, Stow, Ohio.

## **Personal**

- Married to Maria Williams in 1996 with three children.
- Life member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.