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***HAND-DELIVERED***

To: All Members of the Washoe County Republican Central Committee

Please be advised that this office represents Gary Schmidt, Sharon Anderson, and other members of the Washoe County Republican Central Committee (WCRCC). Due to the fact that apparently all officers of the WCRCC have effectively resigned and my receipt of the WCRCC's letter to Mr. Rew Goodenow dated March 21, 2016 wherein the Central Committee claims that Mr. Goodenow does not now or has he ever represented the WCRCC, I am directing this letter to the WCRCC with a copy to Mr. Goodenow out of an abundance of caution. (See copy enclosed).

Gary Schmidt was elected as the Chair for Precinct 8236 on February 23, 2016. He and Sharon Anderson were also among the fourteen Delegates elected to the County Convention at that meeting, as well as among the fourteen persons nominated for the Central Committee. The Delegate status of both Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Anderson was held up for over one-half of the Convention inappropriately and we believe with malice of forethought by certain individuals. During that period, a new Bylaw was allegedly adopted that was obviously a punitive measure directed at Mr. Schmidt in retaliation for his having brought a law suit against certain Officers of the Central Committee for flagrant violations of State Statutes and Central Committee Rules of Order. Mr. Schmidt and Sharon Anderson (as well as others) were inappropriately denied the opportunity to participate in the discussion of that matter and the vote on it. We believe these denials were in violation of both State and Federal law, Central Committee and Convention Rules and Bylaws, as well as perpetrated purposefully in a malicious and intentful manner. These transgressions have caused personal and professional injury to my clients that is ongoing.

My clients and this office believe that not only is the alleged Bylaw void on its face, it also violates the United States Constitution as well as State Statutes.

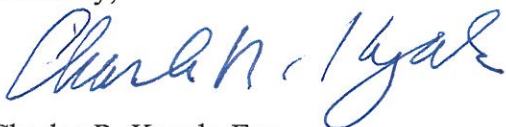
It is not this office's nor my clients intent to be overly litigious in this matter but we are prepared to bring actions against certain individuals as well as the Washoe County Republican Central Committee in either Federal or State District Court or both if these matters are not satisfactorily rectified forthwith.

We would hope that some positive action will be taken at the Central Committee meeting scheduled for April 26, 2016 towards rectifying this egregious miscarriage of justice and the personal assault upon my clients.

In a tangentially related matter, even if the process of adopting that new Bylaw was not deeply flawed and it was not "illegal" on its face, the process that is due to attempt to use it to remove Mr. Schmidt from his lawfully elected position as a Central Committee member in the new Central Committee was again not adhered to (please see Investigative Committee report presented to the Central Committee on March 17, 2016). It would appear that Secretary Barbara Hawn did unilaterally and perhaps with the consent and/or assistance with other conspirators remove Mr. Schmidt from the roster of the Central Committee based on the alleged adoption of the new Bylaw without the process that would be due for such an action of formal charges; i.e., a call for the empanelment of an Investigating Committee, the investigation and report to the Central Committee, and then a decision by the Central Committee. Any attempt to deny Mr. Schmidt his status currently as a Central Committee member will in all likelihood just lead to more litigation.

We strongly suggest that affirmative steps be taken towards repealing the illegal and offensive Bylaws referenced above at the April 26, 2016 WCRCC meeting in order to prevent further needless and expensive litigation on all sides. We would also point out that the actions of those responsible for the retaliatory Bylaws are in violation of the Settlement Agreement which resolved all claims between Gary Schmidt and the WCRCC at a previous Central Committee meeting. The Courts do not hesitate to award attorney's fees and sanctions against parties who attempt to circumvent good faith settlements in such a heavy handed and obvious manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles R. Kozak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles R. Kozak, Esq.

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cc: Rew Goodenow, Esq.

Attachments