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**Subject:** Response to: The New Clark County Conservative Movement - Addressing persistent misinformation

Mark,

While I applaud you for your involvement and I am happy to see so many people interested in running for PCO, I have several concerns with the message you disseminate and the actions you and your group are taking. Since I do not have access to the email list you have used, I will be attempting to disseminate my concerns and objections through other available means.

First - I find your first statement to be misguided and factually untrue: after reviewing your list of endorsed PCO candidates I found that out of the 158 you list on your website 104 of them are Ron Paul supporters and another 20 of them either didn't attend the caucuses or remained "Undecided" - a Ron Paul tactic that has been practiced since the 2008 caucuses. How are we to believe that this isn't a veiled attempt by Ron Paul's supporters to take over the Clark County GOP when it isn't even veiled all that well? As to the remaining candidates - you have a total of **ONLY TWO ROMNEY SUPPORTERS.... TWO TOTAL OUT OF 158!** And they're in uncontested races. How can you propose to speak for the Republicans of Clark County when the candidate that won the Clark County straw poll hands down and had the most public support locally isn't even a blip on your radar? This is a blatantly misleading point by you, and I would ask that you either do more diligent research or stop willfully deceiving people.

Tied to my concern stated above is your endorsement process for these races - how did you come to your decisions, because frankly, as a long-time conservative and Republican I question your decisions. There are multiple elected Republicans and long-time conservatives that you are either actively opposing or are not willing to support:

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING Representative Paul Harris,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING current County Chairwoman Stephanie McClintock,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING long-time activist Mary Graham,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING former County Chairman and current State Committeeman Ryan Hart,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING both current PCO Kelly Hinton and County Commissioner Marc Boldt,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING long-time activist and 2012 Platform Committee chairman Jonathan Sauerwein,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING Republican candidate and staunch conservative Carolyn Crain,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING former County Chairman Mike Gaston,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING former Clark County Commissioner Vern Veysey,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING long-time activist and the 2011 Ridgefield Citizen of the Year David Standal,

You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING former Clark County GOP Chair and current Washougal City Councilman Brent Boger,  
You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING long-time activist and leader of the Clark County Republican Roundtable Tom Higdon,  
You ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSING Peter Gilmour a GOP office volunteer and board member who has put up more than 400 signs for candidates this year and authored the GOP Candidate Manual.  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT Republican candidate Julie Olson even though she's unopposed,  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT current Clark County Assessor Peter VanNortwick even though he's unopposed,  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT current Clark County Sheriff Garry Lucas even though he's unopposed,  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT current Battle Ground City Council member Adrian Cortes even though he's unopposed,  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT current Clark County Clerk Scott Weber even though he's unopposed,  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT Clark County Republican Party Volunteer of the Year Tanna Chattin even though she's unopposed,  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT former County Chairman Margie Ferris even though she's unopposed, and  
You REFUSE TO SUPPORT current Camas Mayor Scott Higgins even though he's unopposed.

Clearly your efforts are about control, not building the party. A key job of a PCO is to represent your precinct and help elect Republican candidates. How can we believe that you will support Republican candidates in November when you won't even support our GOP elected officials and candidates in their own PCO races? How does this help the conservative cause? How does this help the party? Not only are your endorsements obviously poorly thought out, but they are a slap in the face to those of us who have volunteered over the years to get these and others elected.

I'm a current PCO in XXX; I'm a staunch conservative; I was a Rick Santorum supporter at the caucus; and I am being opposed in my bid for re-election. Without understanding where I stand on the issues, your group has endorsed the person running against me.

Secondly - you say that you can work together with others and different levels of the organized Republican Party. It has been made abundantly clear that while you say you can do so, you have no real intention of doing so - in fact, you would like to replace the majority of our hard-working, all-volunteer board. This is a board of committed conservative Republicans that has helped put the Clark County Party in a much better situation than it's ever been before: it has a more active presence in the community, it has helped elect a majority of Republicans to county seats, it has attracted more volunteers and has raised more money than any time I can recall.

In your letter you contradict yourself and your stated goals - this too bothers me: at one point you say that there is no litmus test for conservatism - and then you rail against 'RINOs'. Which is it? Ronald Reagan built a big-tent party by bringing people together that didn't always agree - they weren't all social conservatives, they weren't all fiscal conservatives, they weren't all defense-minded conservatives... but they agreed on a good deal of the issues in front of them, and the

person who is with us 80% of the time is not our 20% enemy. Is there room for debate and disagreement with you in your new conservative coalition or not? Because it seems that you want to take over an already conservative local party and make it more stringent than it already is.

Once again I ask - how do your actions help the conservative movement and the Republican Party? In my opinion, they do not - they are divisive and only serve to alienate people, and I strongly urge you to reconsider the course of action you are taking as it appears to be destructive to our common goals.

Let's stop the civil war and work to defeat the liberal Democrats. To all who have received this email, please feel free to forward it to your Republican friends in Clark County.

Sincerely,  
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PCO XXX