

Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5

The rules of the Indiana Republican Party exist for the proper functioning and good of the Party as it operates to fulfill its mission. The rules do not exist for use as a bludgeon by individuals with a record of attacking the Republican Party to attack those who do the hard and often thankless work of maintaining a properly functioning and successful Republican Party. The rules do not exist as a mechanism for the public airing of personal grievances or the settling of policy disputes. Well-intentioned Republicans can disagree about local policy issues like zoning, sewers, development, and many others while still being good Republicans.

This hearing dismisses the complaint against Chairman Bowman with prejudice. We find Mr. Clark to not be in good standing with the Republican Party for a period of five years because of his long and well-documented history of opposition to Republican candidates, financial support for candidates opposing Republican nominees, and frequent public self-declarations of being an independent. We find Mr. Stanley to not be in good standing with the Republican Party for a period of five years because of his contribution to independent candidate Greg Taggart. We request Chairman Bowman review the conduct of Brown County Republican precinct committee chairs and vice chairs in the recent general election as it pertains to Rule 1-25 and in compliance with Rule 4-7. Any further dispute within the Brown County Republican Party over Chairman Bowman's performance in his position can be resolved through the quadrennial reorganization process coming in 37 days' time.

Passed this 23rd day of January by the Indiana 9th District Executive Committee by a vote of 4-0.