

Exhibit 1

Matthew DePerno <matthew@deper nolaw.com>

Re: Ex parte motion and proposed order and proof of service

1 message

jimmy@jimmythomaslaw.com <jimmy@jimmythomaslaw.com>

Mon, May 22, 2023 at 6:28 PM

To: Matthew DePerno <matthew@deper nolaw.com>

There are only two defendants. You have raised the issue on more than one occasion that we have not named properly the Kalamazoo executive committee. Being its unincorporated, I have to rely on the bylaws and the KGOP letterhead/checks that have been used. The KGOP bylaws call it Republican Party of Kalamazoo, state of Michigan it is also referred to KGOPEC which is the Kalamazoo Grand Old Party Executive Committee and on the KGOP letterheads and on checks written to members who were issued refunds it says Kalamazoo County Republican Committee. If you want to disclose to me the proper name that the EC is properly known for it will save everyone time. I will be asking in our discovery request anyway. But to answer your question, no one is added or deleted, there are two defendants only, the executive committee and sackett. There were originally just the two summons issued. There are not three defendants and never has been three.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 22, 2023, at 6:07 PM, Matthew DePerno <matthew@deper nolaw.com> wrote:

It doesn't clear the issue. Are you adding a party? Are you removing a party? How many Defendants are there? Your amended complaint only defines 2 defendants, correct?

Plus, there has only been 1 summons issued by the court, or am I wrong? Did the court issue more than 1 summons when you filed the initial verified complaint?

So unless you can explain this, I object to amending the case caption because there are only 2 defendants and it appears you want the case caption to say 3 defendants.

What am I missing?

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Exhibit 2

**BYLAWS
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

I. NAME

The name of the Kalamazoo County Republican Committee shall be the Republican Party of Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan. Hereafter, it will be known as *the Party*.

II. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Party shall be to

- Promote the ideals and policies of the Republican Party,
- Perform all duties required of the Party, its Committee, its Executive Committee and Officers, by law (Michigan Election Law, 1954 Act 116, effective June 1, 1955, as amended), those delegated or advanced by the Republican National Committee and the Republican State Committee and such other duties not prohibited by law as will benefit the Party.
- Recruit and assist candidates for public office and manage the affairs and business of the Party.

III. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 – Establishment

This committee is established by law (section 168.599 MCLA) and State Party Rules.

2 – Duties

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to establish general policy and to conduct the affairs of the Party in accordance with these bylaws.

3 – Membership

The membership of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

A. Those persons who shall have been most recently nominated at the last two (2) preceding fall primary elections for county and state legislative offices in the fall elections of even numbered years. These persons shall be known as *Statutory Members* of the Executive Committee.

B. A number of persons, equal to the number of candidates of the Party for election to county and state legislative office in Kalamazoo County, shall be selected by the precinct delegates to the Fall County Convention of the Party taking place in even-numbered years. These persons shall be known as *Elected Members* of the Executive Committee.

C. The President or Chairman of any Republican Organization in Kalamazoo County shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Executive Committee. The committee may appoint other ex-officio members by majority vote. Ex-Officio members shall have a voice on the Executive Committee, but not a vote.

4 – Selection

A. The precinct delegates to the Fall County Convention shall convene at the call of the Party Chairperson within twenty (20) days following the November election for the purpose of selecting the Elected Members of the Executive Committee. [MCL 168.599(1)]

B. The nomination of the delegate appointed members of the Executive Committee shall be made by a Convention Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the County Chair and approved by the Executive Committee, one member shall be a county official candidate and one a state official candidate, at least thirty (30) days prior to the November convention called for the purpose of selecting the delegate members. The minimum number of candidates nominated by the Convention Nominating Committee shall be the number of delegate appointed members to be selected at the convention. They shall be nominated prior to the County Convention and their names imprinted upon a ballot which shall also provide blank spaces for additional nominees to be nominated by the delegates attending the convention.

5 – Term of Office

The term office of the Elected Members of the Executive Committee commences at the adjournment of the Fall County Convention and terminates at the adjournment of the Fall County Convention two years later.

6 – Vacancies

A. If a vacancy occurs in the position of a Statutory Member of the Executive Committee and there is a special election held to fill the office, the vacancy may only be filled by the person who is the new Republican nominee for the office in question. If the office is filled by appointment and the new official is a member of the Party, he shall fill the vacancy and if an Elected Member, shall surrender this position.

B. If a vacancy occurs in the position of an Elected Member of the Executive Committee, the remaining Elected Members of the Executive Committee shall select a person to fill the vacancy by majority vote, with a runoff if necessary. The committee members shall receive a minimum of ten (10) days notice prior to any vote to fill a vacancy.

7 – Roles and Responsibilities of Executive Committee Members

A. All members of the Executive Committee are expected to participate fully in promoting the goals and purposes of the Party.

B. Each Executive Committee member shall be a registered voter in Kalamazoo County. Executive Committee members have the right to vote on all matters which come before the Executive Committee, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws.

C. They also shall be dues-paying members of the organization, and attend all regular and special meetings unless unable to do so. If a member's dues are not paid by February 1, his power to vote shall be suspended until they are paid.

D. Elected Members are subject to removal from the Executive Committee should they fail to fulfill the responsibilities of their office. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to attendance at regular monthly meetings, special meetings and sponsored events of the

organization. Elected Members who are unable to attend a regular monthly or special meeting have a responsibility to notify the Chairperson, or another officer of the Executive Committee of their inability to attend. Their failure to do so will be classified as an unexcused absence. **Elected Members who have three consecutive unexcused absences, or six unexcused absences in a calendar year are subject to dismissal from the Executive Committee.**

E. A motion to consider the removal of an Elected Member from the Executive Committee requires a two-thirds vote of the Elected Members present at a regular meeting of the committee. If the motion to consider removing an Elected Member is approved, a letter must be sent to the delegate informing him of the action taken, and the right to appear at the next regular meeting of the organization to appeal the action taken. Final approval to remove an Elected Member requires a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting held subsequent to the one where the motion to consider removing an Elected Member was approved.

8 – Selection of Officers, Term and Vacancies:

A. Within thirty (30) days following the convening of the Fall County Convention (convened in even numbered years), the Executive Committee shall meet and select a temporary chairperson and a temporary secretary. The temporary officers shall serve only during the selection of the officers of the Executive Committee, who shall also serve as the officers of the County Committee for the two (2) years commencing on January 1 next (odd numbered years). Newly elected officers shall be sworn in at the December Executive committee meeting.

B. The officers of the Executive Committee and the County Committee shall be: The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall automatically assume the duties and powers of this office. Any other vacancies shall be filled by election of the Executive Committee at the next Executive Committee meeting.

D. The Committee has the power to elect other officers as they determine are necessary.

E. An officer of the Executive Committee can be removed from office or a vacancy in an office may be declared by a two thirds vote of the members of the committee, provided, however, that such person shall be furnished with notice in writing that removal will be sought, and the grounds upon which such action is based, and signed by not less than one third of the members of the Committee. Such person shall be given 30 days to appear and respond to the allegations. The Chairperson is required to include the letter to remove on the agenda of the next regular meeting after the 30 days and entertain a motion pursuant to the request. The Chairperson must allow for discussion of the motion to remove. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside as Chairperson at the next regular meeting should the Chairperson be the subject of the motion.

IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1 – Chairperson

A. In all official business, the Chairperson shall be referred to as Chairman or Chairwoman, as appropriate.

B. The duties of the Chairperson shall be those provided by law and also such other duties not prohibited by law as may be required by action of the Executive Committee, including but not limited to the following:

- The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the executive committee and shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.
- The Chairperson shall be responsible for directing the day-to-day affairs of the organization and shall coordinate the activities of the Republican Party organizations within the County.
- The Chairperson shall submit reports to the Executive Committee, as may be required by action of the Committees; shall keep the Committees informed of Republican Party programs and activities; and may assign to other officers and committees such duties as may be necessary.
- The Chairperson shall be the official spokesperson and shall oversee media relations unless the Executive Committee appoints another person to fill that role.
- The Chairperson shall call and preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee.

2 – Vice-Chairperson

A. In all official business, the Vice-Chairperson shall be referred to as Vice-Chairman or Vice-Chairwoman, as appropriate.

B. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee in the absence of, or at the request of the Chairperson and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Chairperson and/or the Executive Committee. In the event the Chairperson is unable to act, the powers and duties of the Chairperson shall be assumed by the Vice-Chairperson until such inability is removed or until the Chairperson shall again take up the duties of the office.

3 – Secretary

The Secretary shall perform all the duties normally incident to the office of Secretary and in particular shall keep a permanent record of the minutes and attendance at all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall make these records available for inspection and copying by any member of the Committee who requests the minutes of the most recent meetings and shall see that all notices are duly given as required by law and by these bylaws.

4 – Treasurer

A. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies paid to the Party and shall deposit the same in the name of the Party in a bank designated by the Executive Committee and shall pay all duly authorized bills. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper and timely filing of all financial reports required by law.

B. The Treasurer shall keep an account, in permanent records, of all financial transactions of the Party. A statement of financial conditions (revenues, expenditures, outstanding obligations and cash balances) will be made at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee. Upon reasonable request, all records shall be open to inspection.

C. Within 30 days of the close of each calendar year, the Treasurer with the assistance of the Finance and Budget Committee shall prepare an annual, accurate statement as of December 31st of each year setting forth the financial condition of the Party. The Treasurer shall forward this report to the officers by the first day of February for the year following and shall present a copy of the report to the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.

D. Upon leaving office, the Treasurer shall furnish to his successor all funds, accounts and other property pertaining to the affairs of the Treasurer.

V. MEETINGS

1 – Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once in each calendar month at a time and place to be determined by the Chairperson, provided, however, that by a majority vote of the elected and appointed members of the Executive Committee the regular meetings of the Executive Committee may be held every second month. The Chairperson may cancel a meeting if extenuating circumstances arise. During convention months, the Executive Committee meeting will precede the county convention.

2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be called by the County Chairperson upon the written request of the number of members of the Executive Committee that would constitute a quorum or by the County Chairperson on his own motion. Upon receipt of such a request, the Chairperson has up to five business days to schedule the special meeting. It shall be scheduled between five and ten business days after its time is decided. Notice of special meetings must be given to all Executive Committee members when its time is decided and must specify the purpose(s) of the meeting.

3 – Quorum

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of at least 30 per cent of the total voting members of the Executive Committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of those present shall be necessary to take formal action, except as otherwise provided herein or by law.

4 – Electronic Votes

In the event of an urgent matter which cannot wait until the next Executive Committee meeting, the Chairperson may call for an electronic vote. Such a motion is non-amendable and non-debatable. The vote will be conducted by email and members shall have 48 hours to vote. The results of the vote shall be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5 – Robert’s Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall generally govern the Executive Committee in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or special rules of order of the Executive Committee. A vote of one third of the members present at the Executive Committee meeting will suffice to strictly apply Robert’s Rules for the remainder of that meeting. The Chairperson may appoint a parliamentarian to assist in the interpretation of these bylaws or Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The person appointed as parliamentarian need not be a member of the Executive Committee.

6 – Proxies

Candidates for legislative offices consisting of more than one county may give a written proxy to other members of the Executive Committee. No other proxies shall be permitted.

VI. COMMITTEES

1 – Membership

A. At the first Executive Committee meeting following the selection of the new Chairperson, Executive Committee members shall volunteer for standing committees. Each Executive Committee member shall be an active member of at least one standing committee. Each committee shall select a chairman. All members of standing committees must be members of the Party, but need not be Executive Committee members. Party members and unsuccessful applicants for Executive Committee should be contacted and encouraged to join committees.

B. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of each of the standing committees, with full voting rights. The Executive Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall be members of the Finance and Budget Committee with full voting rights.

C. At least one of the members of the Executive Committee shall be on each standing committee.

2 – Scope and Structure of Committees

A. The general scope, but not the details of the activities of each committee, shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Executive Committee.

B. Nothing herein shall prohibit the appointment of other committees as are deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

3 – Standing Committees:

A. Finance and Budget

Mandates:

- Develop a budget for the Party at the beginning of each year and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Oversee party spending to make sure that the Party stays on budget.
- Evaluate the dues structure of the Party as necessary.

B. Fundraising

Mandates:

- Solicit donors to raise money for the Party. Solicitation can be by mail, email, or in person.
- Develop and oversee fundraising events to raise money for the Party.
- Events should include, but not be limited to Lincoln Day, which could be run by a subcommittee.
- Set a specific goal for how much money should be raised.

C. Outreach and Public Relations

Mandates:

- Reach out to groups that share common interests, generally by attending their meetings. Such groups include, but are not limited to Tea Party, homeschoolers, gun groups, churches, businesses, College Republicans, Young Republicans, farmers, Michigan Townships Association.
- Coordinate writing of letters to the editor concerning elections and other important issues.
- Assist the leadership in writing press releases and opinion pieces. Anything appearing under the name of the Party should be approved by the Chairman or the Executive Committee.
- Make recommendations for changes or additions to the website. (The committee would not necessarily control the website; it would submit changes for execution.)
- Participate in functions to get the Party name out. These could include parades, softball games, candidate forums, etc.

D. Volunteer Coordination

Mandates:

- Obtain information on Party volunteers from databases, candidates, and other sources.
- Pass this information to committee chairmen to contact volunteers.
- Work with staff to examine and keep up to date the Party database.

E. Candidate Recruitment and Assistance

Mandates:

- Recruit candidates for offices without qualified Republicans running. Coordinate recruitment so that more than one candidate is not recruited for the same office.
- Recruitment should include nonpartisan offices such as city commission, school board, and library board.
- Meet with candidates immediately after the filing deadline (primary in the case of contested partisan primaries in which the Party has not endorsed) and offer assistance and advice from elected officials and experienced campaign managers and office workers. (This is particularly for first-time candidates.)
- Put together booklets of relevant information to give to candidates and offer information about campaign schools.
- Attempt to ensure that candidates in competitive elections actively campaign for office. Intervene when needed.
- Maintain contact with current elected officials and inform them of local events.

F. Planning

Mandates:

- _ Evaluate rules and bylaws as necessary.
- _ Create and maintain a Master Copy of Party bylaws and policies.
- _ Develop a Strategic Plan for the Party at the beginning of every two-year cycle and submit to the Executive Committee for approval. Incorporate the goals of the officers.

- Develop plans to reform the structures and functions of the Kalamazoo GOP and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval as necessary.

4 – Reports

Committees should submit written reports to the Secretary after each meeting for dissemination by email to the Executive Committee. Reports should include specific information on what the committees did to achieve their mandates (e.g. how many dollars raised, letters written, etc.) Committees should meet when necessary. This may not be every month.

VII. DISPERSEMENT OF FUNDS

1 - Regulations

The receipt, maintenance and disbursements of funds on behalf of the Party shall be in accordance with written regulations and policies adopted by the Executive Committee. Such regulations and policies shall be recommended by the Finance and Budget Committee and shall be effective upon approval by a majority of the Executive Committee.

2 – Banking and Appropriation of funds

All organization funds contributed to or received on behalf of the Party shall be deposited in a bank. All expenditures, withdrawals or appropriations therefore shall be made only upon the authorization of the Officers or the Executive committee. The Executive Committee may authorize the expenditure of small amounts by the Chairperson without prior approval. Checks shall be drawn by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairperson, or another officer.

3 – Intent

All Party funds should be used to further the Party’s purposes and goals.

XIII. AMENDMENTS, POLICIES, ENDORSEMENTS

1 – Amendments

All proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be first submitted in writing and presented to the Executive Committee at least one month prior to the date on which such proposed amendments are to be voted. They shall be referred to the Planning Committee for study, and it shall make its report on said amendments to the Executive Committee. Adoption of an amendment requires a majority vote of the total voting membership of the Executive Committee.

2 – Policies

The Executive Committee may implement policies by majority vote, provided that they do not conflict with these bylaws. All proposed policies shall be first submitted in writing and presented to the Executive Committee at least one month prior to the date on which such proposed policies are to be voted. They shall be referred to the Planning Committee for study, and it shall make its report on said policies to the Executive Committee.

3 - Endorsements

The Executive Committee may endorse, support or disavow an individual candidate in contested Republican primary election; provided that resolution to endorse or disavow a particular

candidate be adopted by two thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee present and voting and provided notice of the resolution is given at least one month prior to the date on it is to be voted, with the consent of the candidate to be endorsed where an endorsement is proposed.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO THEM

These Bylaws and all amendments to them are effective upon their adoption by the Executive Committee; and they supersede all prior motions/resolutions adopted in Executive Committee meetings.

Adopted by the Kalamazoo County Republican Party Executive Committee April 19, 2012.



Amended by the Kalamazoo County Republican Party Executive Committee December 8, 2014.

Amended by the Kalamazoo County Republican Party Executive Committee February 9, 2015..

Exhibit 3

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM FOR POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES

Print, sign, and mail a copy of this Statement of Organization to the Bureau of Elections to complete this request. All information disclosed on this form will be available to the public.

Committee ID: 1353	Type of Filing: amendment	Date Submitted: 12/30/2022	Date Committee Formed: 01/01/1977
Type of Committee. County Pol. Party KALAMAZOO			
Full Name of Committee (must include Candidate's first and last name) KALAMAZOO COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE			
Primary Email Contact Treasurer CHAIR@KGOP.US			
Committee Street Address - No PO Boxes 1911 W CENTRE AVE SUITE A PORTAGE MI 49024		Committee Mailing Address - May be PO Box 1911 W CENTRE AVE SUITE A PORTAGE MI 49024 2693230067 CHAIR@KGOP.US	
Treasurer Full Name AUSTIN RONALD JOSEPH			
Treasurer Business Address		Treasurer Mail Address 3717 WINCHELL AVENUE KALAMAZOO MI 49008 2692176290 TREASURER@KGOP.US	
Designated Record Keeper Full Name SACKETT KELLY ANN		Designated Record Keeper Address 7396 MORGANSHIRE COURT KALAMAZOO MI 49009 2692074111 CHAIR@KGOP.US	
Official Depository HUNTINGTON BANK 416 W. CENTRE AVENUE PORTAGE MI 490244634		Secondary Depository HUNTINGTON BANK 416 W. CENTRE AVE PORTAGE MI 49024	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic Filing			
Reporting Waiver		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Verification: I/We certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of the above statement and that the contents are true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. If filing electronically, we further agree that the signatures below shall serve as the signatures that verify the accuracy and completeness of each statement filed electronically by the committee. I/We certify that all reasonable diligence will be used in the preparation of each statement electronically filed by this committee and that the contents of each statement will be true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief. (Sign Name and Date)			
Treasurer:	Date:	Designated Record Keeper	Date:
	12/27/2022		12/27/2022

Please email, fax, mail, or hand deliver a signed copy of the Statement of Organization using one of the following methods:

Email: Disclosure@Michigan.gov

Fax: 517-335-3235

First Class, Certified, Registered and Priority Mail:

Michigan Department of State

Bureau of Elections

P.O. Box 20126

Lansing, MI 48901-0726

Hand Delivered and Overnight Delivery Service:

Bureau of Elections

430 West Allegan Street

1st Floor, Richard H. Austin Building

Lansing, MI 48918

eSofO-ID: 8133

Authority granted under Act 388 of 1976, as amended

Exhibit 4

Charley Coss - Final Rules as Voted On (with edits to reflect EC seat adjustment [Kazoo/Calhoun] and One committee member required minimum per county)

From: Charley Coss
To: Joel Studebaker; Jeannie Burchfield; Kenny Clevinger; Joshua Przygock...
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 7:34 AM
Subject: Final Rules as Voted On (with edits to reflect EC seat adjustment [Kazoo/Calhoun] and One committee member required minimum per county)
Cc: chair@kgop.us; vice.chair@kgop.us
Bc: Charley Coss
Attachments: Convention Rules As Adopted by the County Chairs (2-16b-2023).pdf

Hi All,

Attached is the final rules as unanimously voted agreed to last night.

See You There.

Charley & Kelly

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Charley Coss - Re: Final Rules as Voted On (with edits to reflect EC seat adjustment [Kazoo/Calhoun] and One committee member required minimum per county)

From: Kelly Sackett <kellysackett@sbcglobal.net>
To: Charley Coss <charley.coss@coscomm.com>
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 8:36 AM
Subject: Re: Final Rules as Voted On (with edits to reflect EC seat adjustment [Kazoo/Calhoun] and One committee member required minimum per county)
Cc: Jeannie Burchfield <chair@calhouncountygop.com>, Eric Stoub <EricWstoub@...

The Calhoun total should be 2 on the reappointment

Sent from my iPad

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From: Joel Studebaker <joelstudebaker@protonmail.com>
To: Charley Coss <charley.coss@coscomm.com>
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 8:40 AM
Subject: Re: Final Rules as Voted On (with edits to reflect EC seat adjustment [Kazoo/Calhoun] and One committee member required minimum per county)
Cc: Jeannie Burchfield <Chair@calhouncountygop.com>, Eric Stoub <EricWstoub@...

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Joel Studebaker
Ottawa County Republican Party
Executive Committee Chair
Delegate, Jamestown Precinct 2
[616.581.3696](tel:616.581.3696)

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

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From: Charley Coss
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Subject: Fwd: Re: Final Rules as Voted On (with edits to reflect EC seat adjustment [Kazoo/Calhoun] and One committee member required minimum per county)
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Can you look at these comments

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To: Joel Studebaker <joelstudebaker@protonmail.com>
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Cc: Charley Coss <charley.coss@coscomm.com>, Jeannie Burchfield <Chair@calh...

Yea, we need updated ASAP!

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Joel Studebaker
Ottawa County Republican Party
Executive Committee Chair

Delegate, Jamestown Precinct 2
[616.581.3696](tel:616.581.3696)

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On Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at 8:53 PM, Shawn Caulder
<shawncaulder08@gmail.com> wrote:

Rules 2

Thursday, February 16 · 9:00 – 10:00pm

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Organizer: Shawn Caulder

Shawn Caulder

Charley Coss - Re: Rules 2

From: Charley Coss
To: Jeannie Burchfield; Eric Stoub; Joshua Przygocki; Kenny Clevinger; S...
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 12:17 AM
Subject: Re: Rules 2



Exhibit 5

4TH DISTRICT COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES - 2023 DISTRICT CAUCUS

1. The Caucus will follow Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, otherwise all State Party Rules and or Bylaws shall govern the proceedings.
2. The purpose of this caucus is to elect the following District 4 positions:
 - a. One (1) District Chair.
 - b. One (1) District Vice Chair.
 - c. One (1) District Secretary.
 - d. One (1) District Treasurer.
 - e. Six (6) State Committee members (per MRSC bylaws Rule III A)
 - f. Fifteen (15) Executive Committee members.
3. The caucus be run by the Temporary Chair & Secretary (per MSRC bylaws and rules) until the election of a Permanent Chair, Secretary, and Tellers (as needed)
4. Each County will register and maintain their credentialed delegates and alternates, and will elevate said alternates as necessary according to guidance from current MRSC State Convention Rules. Each County delegation shall sit together as assigned by the Temporary Chair. See the Proportional Delegate and County Schedule below.
5. All voting shall be by Secret Ballot.
6. **District 4 Apportionments:** The convention body will attempt, at its best effort, to fulfill these values. If there is no interest from a county to be elevated to State Committeeman or an Officer position, then a motion, discussion, and agreement of the delegation is needed.

	Delegates	% of Body	EC	SC	O	Total
Allegan	34	20%	3	1	0	4
Berrien	13	7%	1	0	0	1
Calhoun	15	9%	2	0	0	2
Kalamazoo	39	22%	3	2	0	5
Ottawa	57	33%	5	2	0	7
Van Buren	16	9%	1	1	0	2
Officers (non-assigned)			0	0	4	4
Total	174	100%	15	6	4	25

EC: District Executive committee Seats (per county)
 SC: State Committee Seats (per county).
 O: Non Assignments

Note: One committee member required minimum per county.

4TH DISTRICT COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES - 2023 DISTRICT CAUCUS

7. Procedures for nomination and election of convention officers.

Convention Officers: Permanent Chair & Permanent Secretary

Each officer position will be open for nomination individually. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Nominees in contested seats will be afforded 2 minutes each to address the 4th District Delegates.

The election of the Permanent Chair shall be presided over by the Temporary Chair.

The winner must receive a simple majority, plus 1 vote.

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9. Nomination Process for State (6) and District (15) Committee openings.

Each County will caucus and its voting delegates shall elect the nominees for each State & District position assigned to said county, as available (per schedule – section 5).

County chairs will announce their nominees to the District delegation at large. The District delegation shall accept as final, each counties nominees.

If a County does not fill all of their allotted nominees for State and or District seats, those empty seats (lacking a county nominated representative) shall be filled by the District Delegation.

The District shall hold nominations and vote to fill those unfilled seats. The county shall have the right to reject any nominees they feel will not represent their county properly.

10. Per State Party rules the results shall be reported to the State credentials committee or other such committees as necessary, prior to the stated deadline.

Exhibit 6

MiGOP Spring State Convention 2023 | 4TH DISTRICT CAUCUS AGENDA

1. 5:00 P.M.: Registration Begins
2. Call to Order: 7:00pm
3. Invocation:
4. Pledge of Allegiance:
5. Appointment of Temporary Secretary
6. Appointment of Temporary Officers
 - Temporary Parliamentarian
 - Temporary Sergeant of Arms
 - Temporary Tellers
7. Report on Credentials (County Chairs)
8. Report From the Rules Committee
9. Approval of Agenda
10. Election of Permanent Chair & Secretary

Upon Election - Oath - "I solemnly swear that I will support & defend the Constitution of the United States & that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office according to the best of my ability, so help me God."

11. Permanent Chair Appoints:
 - Parliamentarian
 - Tellers
 - Sergeant of Arms

12. Election of District Officers
(nominations from the floor)

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

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13. Counties Caucus to Elect County State Committee & Executive Committee Seats (as apportioned by the rules)
14. Counties Report out Nominees per rules
 - Seats not filled by a County shall be filled by the district delegation at large
15. Adjournment

Exhibit 7

Matthew DePerno <matthew@depernolaw.com>

Fwd: Statement From AGOP Officers Re: 4D

1 message

From: Kenny Clevenger <chair@allegangop.net>
Date: February 15, 2023 at 6:23:29 PM EST
To: Joshua Przygocki <joshprzy@gmail.com>, Joel Studebaker <joelstudebaker@protonmail.com>, Kelly Sackett <kellysackett@sbcglobal.net>, Jeannie Burchfield <chair@calhouncountygop.com>, EricWstoub@gmail.com
Subject: Statement From AGOP Officers Re: 4D

Good evening Chairs!

Attached is official communication from the AGOP Officers.

Thank you!

Kenny Clevenger
AGOP CHAIR

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Convention Clarification Feb 16&17, 2023

To all AGOP Delegates and Alternates attending the February 16 and 17 convention in Lansing, MI:

As you may be aware, there is an “America First” [District 4 flier](#) circulating where the 4D positions for Allegan are grayed out. There have been questions as to why those positions are grayed out. What follows is an explanation of this situation:

On January 26th, 2023, Allegan County held our county convention where the Allegan Precinct Delegates voted for specific people to fill Allegan’s open 4D positions. While passion for State and Country is clearly of paramount importance to us in Allegan County, our selection for nominations to 4th District was our decision. That decision is the primary reason why Allegan County is not participating in this American First Campaign.

Out of respect to our election on Jan 26, we the Officers believe it is very important we represent our Allegan County Delegates and only nominate the duly elected AGOP candidates for 4th District at the upcoming district convention. Allegan's vote on Jan 26 was the clear will of our Allegan delegates.

The other 4D member counties may have not had a similar election process where their delegates voted for the people they wish to represent them in the 4th District. One particular group of individuals then decided to put together a coalition and called it “America First”. Their actions are solely their own, and while respected, the Allegan GOP is determined to remain neutral in the matter.

Regarding the upcoming events on Friday night: The official nomination for 4D positions happens on the evening of Friday Feb 16 via nominations from the floor. Again, we encourage the voting delegates from Allegan attending on Friday night to stand behind the will of Delegates as they voted on January 26. It is currently our understanding, once nominations are closed, the entirety of the 4th District will then approve those selections by a vote.

Tradition and common sense tell us the positions within the 4th District should be apportioned among the counties based on the number of votes for Karamo-, our 2022 Republican secretary of state candidate. Allegan County was one of only 10 counties in the state of Michigan to increase our turnout from 2018, and one of only five counties to increase our Republican margins of victory. Each county deserves representation based on their support for the Republican ticket. Open nominations and election at large could diminish the hard work of Allegan County delegates.

Allegan county is committed to amplifying the voices of our precinct delegates. Allegan county will only support a set of rules that allows for the election of state committee members and 4th district executive committee members to be solely the choice of their respective counties. Anything else would silence the voices of hundreds of delegates across the 4th district who already chose their representation.

With Liberty and Justice For All,

Kenny Clevenger, Chair
Melanie Kurdys, Vice-Chair
Nate Sherman, Secretary
Jason Apol, Treasurer

Exhibit 8

AMERICA FIRST

DISTRICT 4

Officers



Ken Beyer
Chair
Allegan County



Sabrina Pritchett-Evans
Vice-Chair
Kalamazoo County



William Bennett
Secretary
Kalamazoo County



Cindy Amante
Treasurer
Ottawa County

State Committee



Brian VanDussen
Ottawa County



Heath Wall
Van Buren County



Kim Harris
Kalamazoo County



Deb Frank
Berrien County



Matt Slottke
Ottawa County



Allegan County

District Executive Committee

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Allegan County

Veronica Pero
Kalamazoo County

Shawn Dykstra
Ottawa County

Keith Lubbers
Berrien County

Donna Mooney
Ottawa County

Sonja Patrick
Calhoun County

Jeff King
Ottawa County

Sandra VanderLugt
Kalamazoo County

Aubrey Utting
Calhoun County

Matt Nilson
Van Buren County

Paul Studebaker
Ottawa County

Christine Augustine
Kalamazoo County

Shari
Ottawa



Vote for Brendan Muir - Permanent Conv. Chair & Emily Crawford - Permanent Conv. Secretary



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**VOTE MIGOP DISTRICT 4
AMERICA FIRST LEADERSHIP**



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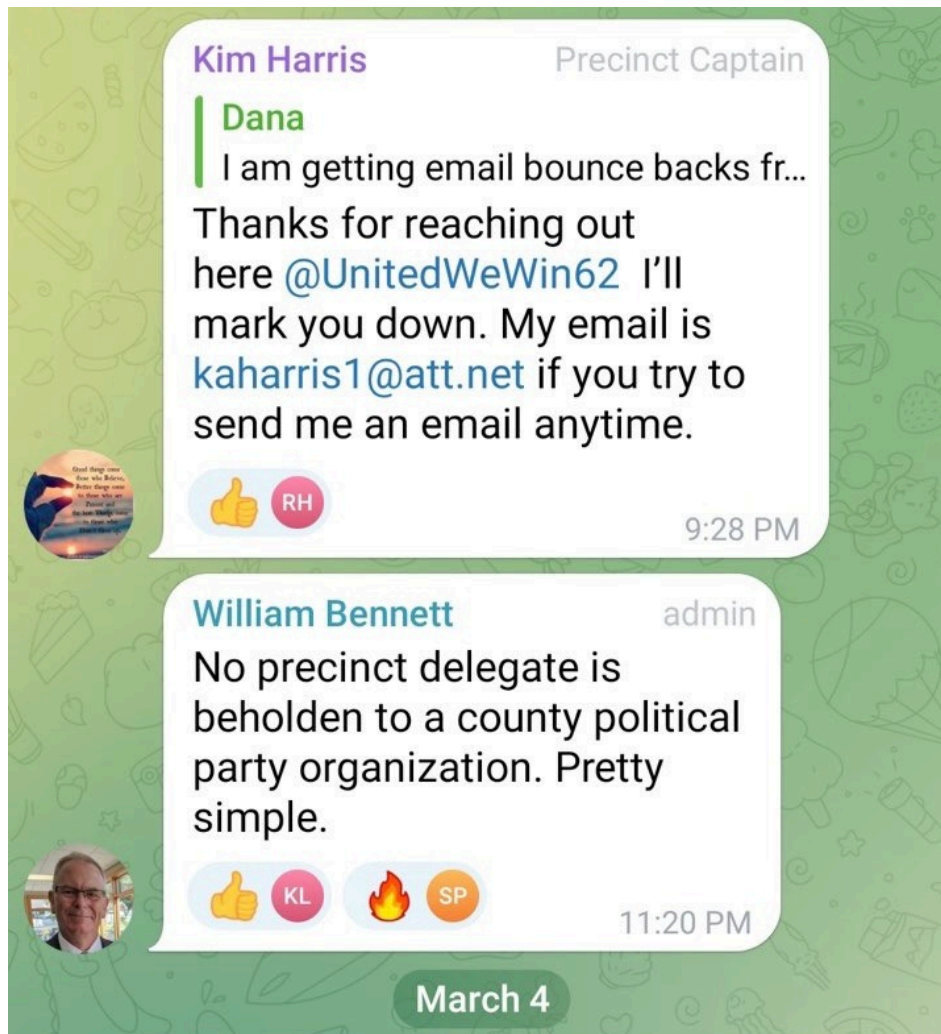


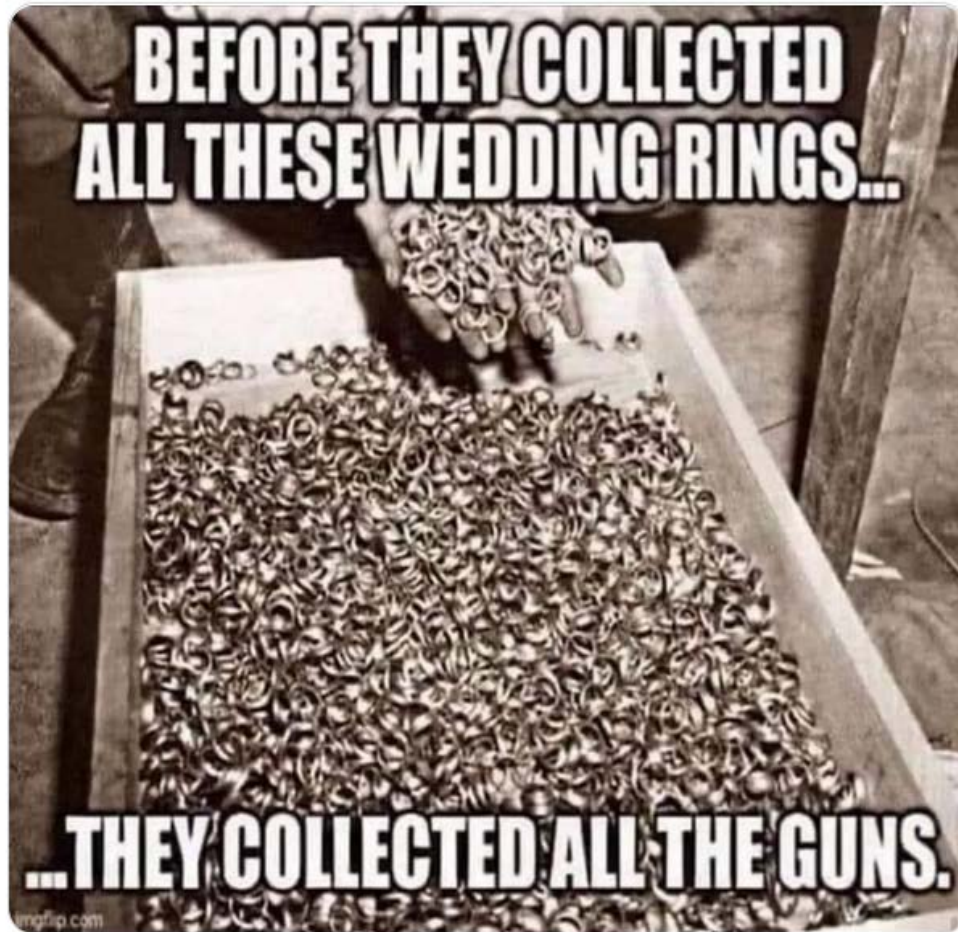
Exhibit 10



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[#History](#) has shown us that the first thing a government does when it wants total control over its people is to disarm them. President Reagan once stated, “if we lose [#freedom](#) here, there is nowhere else to escape to. This is the last stand on Earth.” [#2A](#) [#GOP](#)



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