



## Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—July 2019

### The Tiresome Race Card and “The Squad” Driving the Dems’ Bus

The newly self-anointed “Squad” of freshman Democrat congresswomen Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.) are singlehandedly driving the Democrats’ bus these days. Only head United States House donkey Nancy Pelosi, among all her colleagues, seems to have noticed that their guidance has given their 2020 presidential campaign vehicle the appearance of a runaway beer truck with four flat tires. If these four “women of color” continue to lead the Democrat Party around by the nose, then next year’s presidential election could very well turn into a landslide victory for President Donald J. Trump.

And how did “The Squad” rise so meteorically to this vaunted position of leadership? One of the reasons was the race card, one of the most dishonest, but effective arrows in the Dems’ quiver which has made rich people pay loads of cash, companies bow to extortion, and Republican politicians run for cover for many years just to avoid the dreaded charge.

Now what was it that the president said in his tweet that was so racist? Let’s take a look. Here’s his tweet: “Why don’t they [the squad] go back and help fix the crime-infested places from which they came.” In response, in the week that followed the word “racist” to describe that tweet was used over 2,200 times on CNN and MSNBC. Now, in fact, the tweet was inaccurate—only one member of the squad was born in a foreign country. The rest were born here. But the charge of racism over this presidential comment is bogus and the Dems know it. It’s simply a tactic of theirs that they attach to people on the right for practically anything we say, designed to do one thing—shut us up. That’s what their “race card” is all about and nothing more.

The president cleaned up his inaccurate comment the next day when he said, “If somebody has a problem with our country, if someone doesn’t want to be in our country, they

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At the Capitol on July 15, from left: Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.), Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.). Photo: J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press.

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should leave,” but the left-wing media ignored that clarification and continued to go postal on the bogus racism charge.

Many pundits have commented effectively in defense of the president, but none, in my judgement, more so than Steve Miller, White House policy advisor and chief speech writer and it is useful here to quote him at length. Here’s what he’s had to say on the matter on “Fox News Sunday” on July 21:

I fundamentally disagree with the view that if you criticize somebody and they happen to be a different color skin, that that makes it a racial criticism. You saw from Congresswoman Pressley that if you’re brown, you have to speak like a brown person. If you’re black, you have to speak like a black person. That’s the kind of ideology the president’s rejecting. If you want to have a color-blind society, it means you can criticize immigration policy [and] people’s views, ask questions about where they’re born and not have it seen as racial.

You saw the quote from Rep. Omar saying, “Some people did something about 9/11” and yes, if you watch it in context, it’s even worse. You saw the quotes from Rep. Omar, talking about how, “We talk about al Qaeda in a menacing tone, but we don’t talk about the [U.S.] army in a menacing tone,” and yes, if you watch it in context, it’s even worse. And perhaps the most shocking of all were the comments made by Ocasio-Cortez saying that our border agents are running concentration camps and, therefore, they are Nazis and everyone who supports them are Nazi sympathizers. And one more point on that that I have to say. I’m a Jew and as an American Jew I’m profoundly outraged by these comments by Ocasio-Cortez. It is a historical smear and a sinful com-

ment. It minimizes the death of six million of my brothers and sisters and it paints every patriotic law-enforcement officer as a war criminal and those are the comments we need to be focusing on.

These four congresswomen detest America as it is currently constructed. They want to tear down the structure of our country, they want it to be a Socialist, open borders country. If you say you want to destroy America with open borders, you cannot say you love your country. If you attack border agents, as Ocasio-Cortez has, it means you have a deep-seated hatred of the nation as it exists. That’s why you want to erase its borders, fundamentally transform the country and in the process, it doesn’t matter if Americans lose their jobs, homes, livelihoods, healthy coverage and lose their very lives.

There’s a huge fundamental distinction between Donald Trump saying on the world stage that he’s going to put America first in everything we do versus the view that says that America and its citizens should never come first and that’s what were gonna take to the ballot box.

Mr. Miller and his boss could not be more right. The Socialist “squad” and the donkey herd they’re leading are trying to start a revolution to fundamentally do away with the country we on the right so love and want to keep. They’re lying to the American people. We’re not racists and we’re not Nazis. We’re traditionalists. The truly aggravating thing in all of this is seeing Republicans like South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott (the only black Republican in the Senate) side with the Dems as he did when he called the president’s tweet, “racially offensive language.” I say conservatives need to once and for all, stop falling for this phony race-card label they’ve been giving us to silence us, and stand with the president.

—Tom Mullings



## Sex and The Country

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“Equality, not identity” was the powerful principle articulated by French novelist Victor Hugo in his 19th century historical novel, “93.” Yes, that was well over one hundred years ago. Well, don’t tell Victor, but in 21st century America Equality isn’t enough. The radical Leftists have decreed that men and women are identical, not only in intellectual prowess, but in physical capabilities, as well. Indeed, if you don’t know what I’m talking about you’re not up on women’s sports. But I am.

I have two daughters and two granddaughters; no boys for two generations. I started coaching when my younger daughter, Miss J, was a fourth grader in Northern New Jersey. To get her to sign up for softball I told her I would help. The next day I got a call from the softball “Commish” telling me to come pick up my roster card. I was hooked. Miss J and I did her fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade softball teams. By then I was the “Commish” and I started the town’s girls’ basketball league. I finished my girls’ coaching career with two years of high school Varsity Field Hockey. Miss J was one of my captains. Miss J also played high school Freshman, Jayvee and Varsity Softball. One generation later, Miss J is Mrs. M and her younger daughter, Miss B, is a champion Ice Hockey and Track participant. As a twelve-year old she qualified for and competed in the Junior Olympics Nationals in Jacksonville. That’s how good she is. She throws: Shot Put, Javelin and Discus. Who would have thought? And, as an aside, she has never played competitive softball, basketball or field hockey. This apple fell far from the tree.

So why am I telling you this? Because girls’ sports are being threatened, all across the board. Martina Navratilova, legendary tennis champion, is sounding the loudest alarm. She said that allowing “trans” women to compete against born women was “insane” and likened it to “cheating” (Out.com, May 30, 2019). Is this really happening? Let’s visit.

Ce Ce Telfer is a championship track star from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. She won the NCAA Division II Women’s 400-meter hurdles by more than a second. Then she won the 800-meter dash at the NCAA Division II National Championships. Ce Ce used to be Craig. As Craig he competed on the Franklin Pierce men’s track team. NCAA rules allow any male athlete to compete on a women’s team if they suppress their testosterone levels for a full calendar year. In 2018 Craig competed as a man. In 2019 Ce Ce competed, and won, national championships as a woman.

Let’s go slightly South to Connecticut. Here we meet Terry Miller and Andraya Yearwood. Recently Terry won the Connecticut High School 100- and 200-yard dash championships. Andraya finished second (to Miller) in the 200. Terry used to be Ray. She and Andraya were born as boys. One of the also-rans, Selina Soule, opined: “We all know the outcome of the

race before it even starts. It’s demoralizing.” In addition, Terry has erased long-standing state records achieved by earlier women.

Guess what? Women compete in Powerlifting. In this case we’re going to Charlottesville, Virginia where Mary Gregory set world records for her age and weight class in 100% Raw Powerlifting. Mary won 9 of 9 events that day; four world records. Four days later Gregory was stripped of her titles. The 100% Raw Powerlifting Federation also barred Gregory from competing as a woman. “Clearly, she’s not a woman, not biologically anyways” said Federation President Phil Bossi. A drug test apparently came back showing Mary Gregory as not eligible for the female category (*The Washington Post*, by Rick Maese, May 19, 2019).



Clearly the political battle lines are being drawn. But for the Democrats the fight is over. Every Democrat in the United States House of Representatives voted for the 2019 Equality Act on May 17, 2019. It passed 206–173. There is no indication of whether it will be heard in the Senate.

It’s not my intent to argue science in this essay. I’m essentially a politician. I believe that as this issue rises it will benefit the Republicans. The optics won’t fail. Long before we do drug and testosterone testing, we will simply observe size and bulk and, *Voilà*, America will come to believe that men are bigger and broader than women. Fairness is a foundational American concept and we’re not there yet. But no parents, regardless of their politics, are going to watch big, broad males overwhelm smaller, narrower females. And it won’t be long before the public asks: “If gender transition has no effect on sports results, where are the records for the born females who have transitioned into males? Stay tuned. The discussion is in its earliest stages.

As for Victor Hugo: “Equality, not identity” is on hold. But it’ll be back.

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## “The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman  
Florida National Committeeman*

### Open-Border Democrats

JULY 17—God help us if the open-border Democrats take over the White House...

In an indictment handed down today against 22 MS-13 gang members in California, charging multiple murders using machetes, knives and clubs, where one of the victims had his heart cut out of his chest, it turns out that 19 of the 22 suspects came into the country illegally.

Coincidentally today, the ACLU filed suit against Ron DeSantis and the state of Florida for passing a law banning sanctuary cities in the Sunshine State.

There is chaos at the border, illegals commit crimes at a much higher rate than the general population and all the Democrats in Congress want to do is pass a Resolution (against House internal rules, by the way) condemning the President as a racist.

In a press release from the U.S. Attorneys Office in Los Angeles, they described one of the murders, “The victim was dismembered and his body parts were thrown into a canyon after one of the defendants allegedly cut the heart out of the victim’s body.”

Open borders, Medicare for all and the green new deal. . . . God help us if the other side ever gets more political power.

### The First Democrat Debate

JUNE 27—Yesterday was the first debate of Democrat presidential contenders. . .

Our super volunteers Linda Stoch and Mitchell Schwartz were on hand to greet the debaters and to counter the Democrats there.

Mitch told me we had more protesters than the Dems., but don't expect to see that on your nightly news. . . .



### A Big Win for Religious Liberty and the Christian Heritage of Our Country

JUNE 22—Yesterday, the United States Supreme Court ruled 7 to 2 in favor of letting the Bladensburg Peace Cross, in Maryland, stand on public land. The Cross was erected

in honor those who died in World War I, and has been in place for nearly 100 years.

As John Adams once said: “Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

In other words, Americans have always been a religious people. With such a religious

heritage, no one should be surprised to see religious symbols, mixed with secular, throughout the public square.

Those who have for decades tried to purge the landscape of any religious symbols can now park their bulldozers and sandblasters. Our founders would have been appalled at their attempts to make the government hostile to our religious heritage, history and symbols.

Government officials will now no longer be able to employ the First Amendment as a weapon against people of faith and their public expressions of faith.

Instead, the justices of the Supreme Court have restored a common sense understanding to the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. In so doing, the Supreme Court has put an end to the mounting attacks on crosses, Stars of David, Nativity scenes and other displays of faith in public.

Remember, there is no such thing as “separation of church and state” in our Constitution. Those words are simply not there.

The ONLY thing our Constitution says about this issue is: “Congress shall pass no law respecting an establishment of religion, **nor prohibit the free exercise thereof.**”

Making America great again includes reclaiming the heritage of our nation.



### This Just in From the RNC . . .

JUNE 17—I wanted to share a memo sent to the team today from Trump Victory Political Director Chris Carr.

The RNC is in the midst of a national week of training across the country for volunteers and neighborhood organizers interested in helping get out the vote for President Trump and Republican candidates in 17 months (yes, we are waaay ahead of schedule).

And the numbers and enthusiasm we are witnessing is absolutely astounding—So far, over 250 training events are planned which will train a total of over 4,400 people. And over 700 MAGA meet-ups are planned, hosting nearly 12,000 attendees, to watch President Trump’s rally tomorrow night.

To put that in perspective—the DNC has been bragging about how they plan to train 1,000 college students this year.

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So, this week alone our operation is going to train 4 TIMES more volunteers than the DNC is going to train all year.

Stay enthused and remember why we do what we do: to preserve and protect this grand experiment in freedom called the United States—never before in human history have so many people from every corner of the Earth enjoyed more freedom, more prosperity and more opportunity than right here in the good ole USA.

### Grassroots Financial Support

JUNE 20—Take a look at these financial comparisons:

In the first 24 hours after announcing their Presidential Campaigns:

- Beto O'Rourke raised \$6.1 million.
- Bernie Sanders raised \$5.9 million.
- Joe Biden raised \$6.3 million.
- Kamala Harris raised \$1.5 million.
- President Donald Trump raised nearly \$25 million.

Right now people are voting with their dollars. We have 15 months to make sure people vote with their ballots. Keep working hard and don't believe the polls. They are designed to discourage you.

### The Trump Rally

JUNE 19—The Trump Rally yesterday was amazing. Thank you to ALL of the volunteers who made the event such a success. I saw many of you yesterday (too many to mention) and all of you were terrific, braving the rain and then the heat. If any staff member from the RNC acted as though your efforts were not appreciated, let me set the record straight—you guys rock!

It was so loud in the Arena, I thought I was at a football game. The enthusiasm was through the roof.

Here is a screenshot of your National Committeeman and uber volunteer Mitch Schwartz as seen on Fox News.



### Happy Father's Day to All . . .

JUNE 16—It's also a good time to remember the father of all freedom documents, the Magna Carta, signed around June 15, 1215.

Though the Normans had originally come from Normandy over a century earlier, King John lost Normandy and

almost all the other English possessions to King Philip II of France by 1205.

England's barons became so frustrated by this loss and by King John's absolute and arbitrary despotism that 25 of the leading barons surrounded the king on the plains of Runnymede.

There they forced him to sign the Magna Carta, the Great Charter of English Liberties, on JUNE 15, 1215.

British judge, Lord Denning, described the Magna Carta as: "the greatest constitutional document of all times—the foundation of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary authority of the despot."

The Magna Carta limited the unbridled centralized power of the king.

It is especially important to discuss The Magna Carta today, in June of 2019, because all of the Democrat candidates running for President promote an unprecedented increase of control and power of the federal government over our lives.

This is completely antithetical to the principles of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution both of which have as their intellectual father the Magna Carta.

The Magna Carta began the process of redefining government's purpose from dominating people's lives into guaranteeing individual rights, culminating in the U.S. Constitution. Political power changed from top-down to bottom-up.

Sir Edwin Coke's book, *Institutes on the Laws of England*, which emphasized the importance of the Magna Carta, was studied by John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

The U.S. Supreme Court wrote in *Bank of Columbia v. Okely*, 17 U.S. 235, 244 (1819):

The words from Magna Carta . . . were intended to secure the individual from the arbitrary exercise of the powers of government, unrestrained by the established principles of private right and distributive justice.

In over 100 U.S. Supreme Court decisions, the Magna Carta is referenced.

Acknowledging America's debt to the Magna Carta, the American Bar Association erected a monument to it in England at Runnymede in 1957.

Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., stated in a "Re-dedication Address to The American Bar Association's Memorial to the Magna Carta" (19 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 55, 1985):

The Magna Carta, in Bryce's words, 'was the starting point of the constitutional history' . . .

So as we celebrate Father's Day it is also a good time to remember the father of all of our freedom documents—the Magna Carta

Throughout history, oppressive government has always been the problem, not the solution. So be very wary of politicians who promise more government as a solution to anything. Now is not the time to go backwards in the cause

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### News from District 89

**I**t's July 1st and that means that along with Florida's new budget going into effect so do more than 100 new laws. I wanted to take a moment to provide you with a quick update on a few of the bills that take effect today.

**Texting and Driving**—Drivers can no longer text while driving because it is now considered a primary offense and police can pull you over with this as the only reason. This law is effective today but it is being phased in to give drivers warnings for now, with tickets coming January 1, 2020. More information on this important new law can be found from this news broadcast.

**Vaping**—Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment to ban vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes in indoor workplaces and this law implements that amendment.

**Red Tide**—The Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative will begin studying the effects of Red Tide and how to mitigate it in the future with a \$3 million appropriation a year for the next five years.

**Firefighters**—Firefighters diagnosed with certain cancers, and the families of firefighters who've died from certain cancers, will be eligible for additional benefits. Firefighters have higher rates of certain cancers related to their jobs.

As we celebrate our Independence Day on Thursday, I want to wish you a wonderful time with your family and friends. Click here for a list from WPTV of local events.

If you're not going to attend one of the local community events and plan to celebrate on your own, here are some important tips from the National Safety Council.

As always, it is my honor to represent you in the Florida House. If ever I may be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me.



**The Republican Party of Palm Beach County**  
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**18TH ANNUAL LOBSTERFEST**  
August 15th, 2019



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**Congressman**



**Matt Gaetz**

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## HELP WANTED: Frankel Record Demands a Challenger

By George Blumel

Last month in this space, we laid out the problem. Professional politician Rep. Lois Frankel (DFL 21) is a big-government progressive with a solid resumé of extreme left-wing views and a voting record to prove it.

The National Taxpayers Union, the “Taxpayers’ Lobbyist,” analyzed Frankel’s record and labeled her “Big Spender” for her unrestrained spending that has put our nation in such massive debt. See the debt clock—it has Rep. Frankel’s votes all over it!

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste calls Frankel “Hostile to Taxpayers” after examining her record on taxing, spending, transparency, and accountability measures. Only seven of the 435 House members received a zero. You guessed it; Frankel was one of them. (Side note: Only five representatives earned 100% Taxpayer “Super Hero” status, and one of them was our now Governor Ron DeSantis.)

This month we ask, what are we going to do about it?

Running against an incumbent is never easy. Since 1970, just shy of 95% of incumbents running for their own seats have won re-election. In 2016, Rep. Frankel had it even easier than most—no challenger, election cancelled. The great irony of this is that she has argued that we already have term limits, they are called elections! Oh, really?

Challengers are nearly always so greatly outspent and otherwise wiped out by incumbent advantage that the election is pretty much a foregone conclusion. Hence, qualified goal-oriented individuals who would make good representatives decline to run. This, in fact, is among the strongest arguments for term limits.

On the other hand, when we throw up our hands and proclaim a challenge is futile, a powerful incumbent who is milking the national treasury to advance her career is given a free pass and her party can use its campaign money to assist other bad actors in more competitive open-seat races. The dangerous ideas and policies of vocal big-government progressives receive no rebuttal from free marketers and defenders of the U.S. Constitution.



So, let this column be a call to arms. We need to produce a credible challenge to this big-spending careerist. And, so far, she has four (and a rumored fifth) potential Republican challengers looking at the August 25 GOP primary next year. They are:



**Christian Acosta** was born in England while his father was in the U.S.

Air Force. His family moved to Palm Beach County where he attended middle and high school. He earned Masters degrees in Nuclear Engineering and in Science in Management from the University of Florida. After a successful career in the engineering field, he is now an Adjunct Professor at Palm Beach State College. See his website at <https://www.voteacosta.org/>

**Victor Garcia Da Rosa** was one of eight children. He said he grew up with the mantra from his father, “work hard, rest hard, play hard,” which he has carried through his successful career in the retail, hospitality and environmental services industries—and one that he hopes to carry to Congress. Victor plans to bring his decades of cross-industrial leadership experience to his political pursuits. For a glimpse of his positions on the issues see: <https://victorgarciadarosaforcongress.com/issues>

**Michael Bluemling** is described as a patriot, advocate and author who has the experience and education to serve well. He served in the U.S. Army, earning numerous medals and awards, the experience shaping him into the Christian, father, leader and advocate that he is today. Upon discharge he worked in the Department of Labor and in Veterans Affairs. He founded Power of One, a coaching service for veterans. Michael has constitutional conservative positions detailed at: <https://bluemlingforcongress.com/meet-michael-bluemling-for-congress/>

**Michael Vilardi** earned an MBA from the University of Massachusetts and then worked in business and real estate. He began government service in 1989 at the Treasury Department as a criminal investigator for the IRS, and did dignitary protection assignments for the Secret Service. After 9/11 he was assigned to the joint terrorism task force. Michael retired from government in 2010, has written books, hosted a TV show, and now runs companies that help resolve IRS issues for taxpayers. Website <https://Vilardi2020.com>

Future articles here will elaborate further on the candidates and their issues as we approach the primary next year. Each has expressed support for congressional term limits but none has signed the pledge, yet.

We can drain the swamp beginning here in Florida Congressional District 21.

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## Preponderance of the Evidence in Florida Election Law: *Is It the Butterfly Wing Standard?*

by *William J. Skinner*

Evidentiary standards may not be clearly understood by today’s graduates of public high schools and even some colleges. Usually law schools teach this subject in criminal law, administrative law, court rules, trial practice, or appellate practice courses. Why does it matter what the law says is a broader philosophical question. But the “preponderance” question is becoming a “bone of contention” in Florida elections law. We will try to lay this out for you with as few words as possible.

One of the problems some Supervisors of Election may be having with Florida’s newly amended voter roll cleaning process is that the statute is four pages long and requires thoughtful reading. The entire F.S. 98.075 may be seen and downloaded at: [http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=0000-0099/0098/Sections/0098.075.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0000-0099/0098/Sections/0098.075.html). [accessed 7-9-19]

We want to impress upon readers that the evidence considered is the totality of evidence in whatever form it is presented at a hearing conducted by the Supervisor and that presented to the Supervisor by the alleged duplicate voter. Until the hearing is requested and completed there is no basis for determining what the “preponderance of evidence” would be. The “preponderance” cannot be prejudged before a hearing.

There is no statement in this recently amended law that “information from sources other than those identified in subsections (2)–(5)” is limited to a contractual arrangement with a nongovernmental, multi-state agency. This statement plainly means any other source than what is in subsections (2) through (5).

Nor is there any statement that the “preponderance” must be considered prior to a hearing before making a decision to notify the suspected duplicate voter that a hearing may be scheduled if they have information to present. In other words “other sources” are not limited to data that includes the social security numbers or driver license numbers of voters. “Other sources” may have different information like first name, middle name, last name and birth date.

In 2018 the Florida legislature amended F.S. 98.075 by adding a provision at paragraph (2). This section was effective January 2, 2019. It states:

(2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.—

(a) The department shall identify those voters who are registered more than once or those applicants whose registration applications within the state would result in duplicate registrations. The most recent application shall be deemed an update to the voter registration record.

(b) 1. The department may become a member of a nongovernmental entity whose sole purpose is to share and exchange information in order to verify voter registration information. The membership of the nongovernmental entity must be composed solely of election officials of state governments, except that such membership may also include election officials of the District of Columbia. If the department intends to become a member of such a nongovernmental entity, the agreement to join the entity must require that the Secretary of State, or his or her

designee, serve as a full member with voting rights on the nongovernmental entity’s board of directors within 12 months after joining the entity.

2. The department may share confidential and exempt information after becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1. if:

a. Each member of the nongovernmental entity agrees to maintain the confidentiality of such information as required by the laws of the jurisdiction providing the information; or

b. The bylaws of the nongovernmental entity require member jurisdictions and the entity to maintain the confidentiality of information as required by the laws of the jurisdiction providing the information.

3. The department may only become a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1. if the entity is controlled and operated by the participating jurisdictions. The entity may not be operated or controlled by the Federal Government or any other entity acting on behalf of the Federal Government. The department must be able to withdraw at any time from any such membership entered into.

4. If the department becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1., the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must, pursuant to a written agreement with the department, provide driver license or identification card information to the department for the purpose of sharing and exchanging voter registration information with the nongovernmental entity.

5. If the department becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1., the department must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 of each year. The report must describe the terms of the nongovernmental entity membership and provide information on the total number of voters removed from the voter registration system as a result of the membership and the reasons for their removal.

(c) Information received by the department from another state or the District of Columbia upon the department becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph (b)1., which is confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of that state or the District of Columbia, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The department shall provide such information to the supervisors to conduct registration list maintenance activities. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Couple paragraph (2) with paragraphs (6) and (7) and you have a seldom used way for Supervisors of Election to clean the voter roles of voters registered and voting in another state and in Florida.





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Paragraph (6) states:

(6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—If the department or supervisor receives information from sources other than those identified in subsections (2)–(5) that a registered voter is ineligible because he or she is deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his or her civil rights restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a fictitious person, **or has listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence**, the supervisor must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7) prior to the removal of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

Paragraph (7) states: *(Please note section (b)(5)1. in Paragraph 7 below)—*

(7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—(a) If the supervisor receives notice or information pursuant to subsections (4)–(6), the supervisor of the county in which the voter is registered shall:

1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or information. The notice shall include:
  - a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon which the potential ineligibility is based.
  - b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after receipt of the notice may result in a determination of ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.
  - c. A return form that requires the registered voter to admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by the supervisor.
  - d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of determining eligibility.
  - e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.
  - f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights following a felony conviction, if applicable.
2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the supervisor shall publish notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the voter was last registered. The notice shall contain the following:
  - a. The voter's name and address.
  - b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to be registered to vote.
  - c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after the notice is published may result in a determination of ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.
  - d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.
  - e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is registered.
3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor shall make a final determination of the voter's eligibility. If the supervisor

determines that the voter is ineligible, the supervisor shall remove the name of the registered voter from the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action.

4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the supervisor shall make a final determination of ineligibility and shall remove the voter's name from the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action.

5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the accuracy of the information underlying the potential ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor shall review the evidence and make a final determination of eligibility. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the supervisor shall send notice to the registered voter to attend a hearing at a time and place specified in the notice. Upon hearing all evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor shall make a determination of eligibility. If the supervisor determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the supervisor shall remove the voter's name from the statewide voter registration system and notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination and action.

(b) The following shall apply to this subsection:

1. **All determinations of eligibility shall be based on a preponderance of the evidence.**
  2. All proceedings are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120. [Chapter 120 refers to the Florida Administrative Procedure Act.]
  3. Any notice shall be sent to the registered voter by certified mail, return receipt requested, or other means that provides a verification of receipt or shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation where the voter was last registered, whichever is applicable.
  4. The supervisor shall remove the name of any registered voter from the statewide voter registration system only after the supervisor makes a final determination that the voter is ineligible to vote.
  5. Any voter whose name has been removed from the statewide voter registration system pursuant to a determination of ineligibility may appeal that determination under the provisions of s. 98.0755.
  6. Any voter whose name was removed from the statewide voter registration system on the basis of a determination of ineligibility who subsequently becomes eligible to vote must reregister in order to have his or her name restored to the statewide voter registration system.
- (8) CERTIFICATION.—
- (a) No later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, the supervisor shall certify to the department the activities conducted pursuant to this section during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year, respectively. The certification shall include the number of persons to whom notices were sent pursuant to subsection (7), the number of persons who responded to the notices, the number of notices returned as undeliverable, the number of notices published in the newspaper, the number of hearings conducted, and the number of persons removed from the statewide voter registration systems and the reasons for such removals.
- (b) If, based on the certification provided pursuant to paragraph (a), the department determines that a supervisor has not satisfied the requirements of this section, the department shall satisfy the appropriate requirements for that county. Failure to satisfy the requirements of this section shall constitute a viola-

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tion of s. 104.051. HISTORY.—s. 29, ch. 94-224; s. 1386, ch. 95-147; s. 20, ch. 2005-278; s. 9, ch. 2011-40; s. 1, ch. 2018-32; s. 1, ch. 2018-33.

### Analysis

Suppose a citizen group compares the voter registration rolls in two states and finds that some people identified by first name, middle name, last name and birthdate are registered to vote in these two states and that some have actually voted in both states. If this information is presented to a Supervisor, the Supervisor of Election has received “information from sources other than those identified in subsections (2)–(5).”

Voter registration data is available from many states without charge while some states make exorbitant charges even to candidates for office. The cost of the research is what stops many states and the reason these states adopted the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) at: <https://ericstates.org/> [accessed 7-9-19] ERIC is the non-governmental agency mention in F.S. 98.075 amendments discussed here.

The law requires that the Supervisor notify these voters within seven (7) days that the Supervisor has received information that the voter is registered in two states and/or has voted in those states in the same election. The Supervisor’s notice gives details of the information in the notice and asks if this is correct and if not, whether there is any information the voter wants to present at a hearing.

“Preponderance of the evidence” discussed in jury instructions do not apply since Supervisors do not appoint juries. Supervisors decide who can vote based on what they learn at a hearing under this voter roll cleaning procedure.

There are resources that may help you understand where the “preponderance of the evidence” standard has come from and how it is regarded in statutes and court decisions. One recent comprehensive law review article is available for those wanting to know more at: *The Surprising History of the Preponderance Standard of Civil Proof* by Professor of Law John Leubsdorf at Rutgers Law School—Newark. 67 *Florida Law Review* 1569–1619, (2013) available at: <http://www.floridalawreview.com/>. [accessed 7-9-19] Reading this article will tell you a lot about standards for evidence but it will not give cases about the standards in election law.

When one looks for cases to determine if the F.S. 98.075 statute has been interpreted recently by any courts, this subject was not discovered in spite of the wonderful tool of the Internet search. Under these circumstances, I am going to suggest how my law professors Cleon Foust, John Grimes, Bruce Townsend, Lester Orr, and Benjamin Smith (and probably others) taught me the meaning of “preponderance of the evidence” at the McKinney Law School at Indiana University in Indianapolis, in the early 1960s.

Picture the familiar Scales of Justice with two pans on a center post that tilts to the right and left depending on which side bears the most weight. Then imagine what might be placed on one side in favor of establishing the tilt to that side. Imagine having a butterfly wing from the summer garden or from an auto windshield event. Place the butterfly wing on the Supervisor of Elections side of the scale. If this side goes down, it was because of a “preponderance of the evidence.”

This is just enough to outweigh the evidence presented by the voter whose eligibility is being challenged. That is the “but-

terfly wing” standard that I propose for these eligibility hearings. This could be called a smidgen of evidence. One could say it might depend on whether the scale was properly balanced or whether there was any air moving in the room. It does not take much to meet this standard, and there could be times when the decision maker could make a mistake. One needs to remember that there is an appeal procedure that can be used if the voter wants to appeal an unfavorable determination.

Supervisors need not know or prove the precise motive of the voter who votes in two states or two counties. Some may say they have a right to vote everywhere they own property. Others may think they must support their favorite candidate in every way they can.

There is no tolerance in the law for presuming one person is more deserving of two votes rather than just one per election. If the legislature wanted to enact such a provision, there would be language in the election laws spelling this out.

### Conclusion—What to do now!

In 2012, Pew Research found that 2.75 million voters have registered to vote in two or more states. [https://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pcs\\_assets/2012/pew\\_upgradingvoterregistrationpdf.pdf](https://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pcs_assets/2012/pew_upgradingvoterregistrationpdf.pdf) [accessed 7-9-19]

What Pew Research has never done is to document how many double registered voters actually voted in two states. Citizens have used available voting registrations and voting histories for New York, Ohio and Florida for the 2016 general election. They discovered that almost 1000 actually voted in New York and Florida and almost 500 actually voted in Ohio and Florida in 2016.

When the double voters who vote in Florida from all other 49 states are all added together, the numbers could be large enough to tilt several elections in state-wide races for offices like Florida Governor and U.S. Senate. This is enough for us to worry about. This could be prevented if the Supervisors of Election use the “butterfly wing” standard to hold hearings to determine some voters’ eligibility to vote.

If Florida joins ERIC this would be icing on the cake and provide a never-done-before cleaning of the voter rolls from several states. If Florida does not join ERIC, we are simply inviting unknown election results.

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Election at a recent meeting in 2019 voted in favor of Florida joining ERIC. Persons present at that meeting from Palm Beach County say also that the Supervisors voted to pay the costs for data for Florida. For some reason, Florida has not joined ERIC at the time this is being written in early July 2019. Unless Florida joins there will be no reports for the Governor, the Speaker, or President of the Senate to evaluate. Unless Florida joins and conducts a voter roll cleaning with the resulting data, eligible voters cannot be sure of the vote results.

Persons interested in running for Supervisor of Elections in 2020 should become familiar with the website of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Election (FSASE) at: <https://www.myfloridaelections.com/>. FSASE has some new features including programs to certify election workers.

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## How Do You Put It into Words?

By Arthur DeRuve, Col. (Ret.), USAR

In general, we summarize the heart and motivation of Republican/conservative/constitutional politics in broad brush themes, such as limited government/fiscal constraint/free markets. We see these as fulfilling the promises in our great republic for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Within these packaged themes, however, are a multitude of less publicized philosophies which give substance to our thinking about these ideas.

We believe you can avoid reality, but you can't avoid the consequences of reality. What's yours you tend to take care of; what's nobody's tends to fall into disrepair. Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own. Government has nothing to give anybody except what it first takes from someone else. A government big enough to give you everything is big enough to take everything away. Putting our children's future in debt is generational theft.

We believe that even peace can be purchased at too high a price. Sound policy is looking at the long run and all the people rather than the short run and limited voting segments of the people. We see unlimited spending as a spendaholic condition. So-called transfer of payments is theft from some to be given to others—nonproductive. If you encourage something you get more of it; but if you discourage you get less of it.

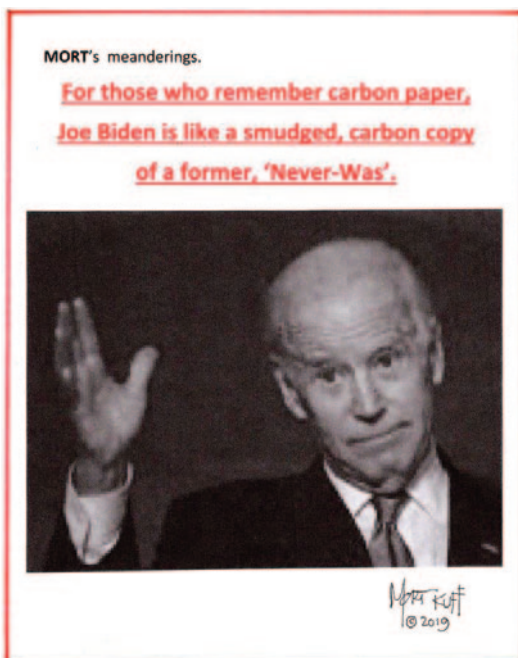
This multitude of ideas is what goes into the mix that makes our republic great. Yet these are the very ideas that are opposed by the political left in our nation. Self-pride

and self-accomplishments are the antithesis of their beliefs. The left sees individuals as subservient to a maniacal compression of all thoughts, ideas and power into a fascist central base for total control of all thought and actions. That is oh-so-pathetically wrong! How do you put all of this in words? Simply as follows: Free people are not equal/equal people are not free!



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## Mort's Meanderings . . .



## *Talking Points:*

### **Tale of Two (Types of) Cities as Harbingers for America's Future**

*By Larry P. Horist*

In his epic novel “Tale of Two Cities,” author Charles Dickens began with these words, “It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.” That descriptive is as apt to American cities today as it was to Dicken’s mid-Nineteenth Century England.

For many of our major urban centers, it is, indeed, the best of times. For others, not so much. There may be many reasons why one American metropolis prospers and provides a high standard of living—and why another suffers urban problems of virtually every nature. What are the governing policies and programs that determine success or failure? And, more importantly, who is in charge.

It does not take a team of professional demographers and urbanologists—or months of statistical research—to find an answer. Cities run by Democrat administrations tend to fare poorly compared to cities run by Republicans—or where power may shift from time to time.

There is a second finding that speaks to the partisan difference. The greater the power of the local Democrat political machine—the worse things get. There are two explanations for that. The first is the failure of left-time and quasi-socialist policies and the second is the level of corruption.

#### **Corruption**

One of the characteristics of the great Democrat political machines that have run the major cities for generations is . . . corruption. Yes, corruption. Government jobs are handed out as political currency. City and county workers provided the backbone of the all-important precinct organizations. Public office is used as a reward system as Democrat workers rise from the precincts to the pinnacle of local power.

Private sector contracts are doled out based on political alliance and campaign contributions. Donor banks are often rewarded with millions of dollars from government accounts—especially those huge pension funds.

Democrat urban machines have long had a cozy relationship with organized crime—the Mafia. The alderman for Chicago’s notorious First Ward had long been considered “the Mob’s alderman.”

The most iconic corruption is vote fraud at every level of the electoral process. Though many Democrats and their media friends laughingly deny the existence of vote fraud, it has been, and remains, a hallmark of the urban Democrat political machines.

#### **Racism**

De facto urban institutional racism has flourished during and after the days of southern Democrat segregation and black oppression. While perhaps not as pervasive or deadly as the Democrat paramilitary organizations in the south, such as the Ku Klux Klan, many Democrat controlled cities had local “athletic clubs” whose primary purpose was to attack blacks and keep them in their place, as the mantra stated.

These racist clubs were often associated with the most powerful political leaders. In fact, Mayor Daley of Chicago was the head of one such club which was charged with attacking—and possibly murdering—blacks.

Urban racism—with its policies of segregation and black oppression—is in full view in the major cities today. It is seen in the lack of education, high unemployment, street crime and denial of a broad range of city services.

#### **One party rule**

Corruption and racism in America’s cities are directly proportionate to the length and depth of one-party Democratic rule. Most American cities have been ruled over by Democrats for generations. Yes, there may be an occasional left-wing Republican mayor in the tradition of New York’s Michael Bloomberg and John Lindsey (both of whom switched to the Democratic Party), but the city councils and all-important bureaucracies remained firmly in the hands of the Democrat political machines.



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This is an important characteristic because you do not have such levels of corruption, institutional racism and destructive policies without the authoritarian grip of one political party.

### **The failure of Democratic policies**

Certainly, the corruption and institutional racism found in our major Democrat-run cities is a factor in the eventual demise of them as viable and sustainable communities. Equally important is the left-wing quasi-socialist policies that are enacted as a means of maintaining political power. At its basic foundation is a very simple concept. Take increasingly from the productive sector and redistribute that wealth to the unproductive sector as a means of maintaining political loyalty.

We are a rich enough, generous enough and compassionate enough society to care for those genuinely in need. But under progressive policies, there is a pretense of need that is created by the maintenance of a permanent generational underclass.

The pretense of need also extends to policies that excessively reward loyal bureaucrats with high salaries, top-rated benefits and exceptionally generous pension programs. These urban political institutions maintain a program of welfare for the wealthy. This money also flows to loyalists in the private sector—contractors, vendors, consultants, etc.

### **It never ends well**

The long-ignored posterchild for Democrat urban political policy is Detroit. The once vibrant and economically powerful “Motor City” gradually descended into a virtually destroyed community under a succession of progressive Democrat mayors—most notably the radical left-wing Mayor Coleman Young, who reigned over the slow-motion destruction of Detroit for 20 years, from 1974 to 1994.

Unfortunately, the lesson of the inevitable failure of left-wing policies has been largely ignored as several Democrat-controlled cities have crossed onto the slippery slope that doomed Detroit. Chicago, a metropolis that once took on the slogan “A city that works” is teetering on the edge of financial collapse—a situation exacerbated by the exodus of taxpaying businesses and residents. This political malpractice has spread to states such as Illinois and California.

The economic failures have bred social failures since the Democrats’ policies eventually—as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher famously put it—ran out of other peoples’ money. Before the end of his term, Mayor Young was forced to cut the public payroll—but not before Detroit did not have enough snowplows to clear the streets. Abandoned and deteriorating houses and commercial buildings over large expanses left Detroit looking like Berlin after the allied bombing.

The social impact of failed progressive policies can vividly be seen in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The

Goldengate city on the bay actually produced “poop maps” to indicate human fecal waste fouling the public commons. Los Angeles has more than 60,000 homeless people setting up tent cities along major thoroughfares and in private neighborhoods. That level of homeless squatting has not been seen since the Great Depression—and not referring to the “squatting” in San Francisco.

The failure of these great communities is evident in the migration of the American people. We the people are abandoning California, Illinois, New York for places like Texas, where Republican free-market capitalism has produced wealth and a comfortable lifestyle.

### **Fixing the problem is a problem**

In a sane and rational world, one would expect that those bosses of the big city political machines would change their policies—and that the national Democratic Party would impose corrective actions and improved policies.

But instead, they turn a blind eye to the situation because . . . those corrupt political machines are the source of great power within the national Democratic Party. Democrat leaders will tolerate racial segregation and de facto racism in their midst in return for the money and votes the Democrat urban machines provide.

This is no different than when the national Democratic Party tolerated southern segregation and racism because of all those Democrat racists who held the powerful chairmanships in Congress—and for all those Democrat votes that came out of Dixie. It was that corruption of American elections in the “solid Democrat south” that enabled the Party to hold onto Congress and take the White House more often than they otherwise could.

### **The 2020 election**

The presidential election of 2020 may be an existential turning point for America. We will either reject the sweet-smelling toxins of progressive policies—and continue to be what President Reagan described as the “shining city upon a hill”—or we will see America go the way of Detroit.

So, there ’tis.

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## Voice From Beyond

*By CS Bennett*

I am but one voice. When I look about the world, there are many voices. Millions of voices, I might add. Some voices lay claim to being more important than others. Such voices come with important titles such as Rhodes Scholar, Distinguished Professor, Chairman of the Board, Bishop, Pope, President, Prime Minister, Cardinal, Counselor, Pastor, Elder, Chief, Queen, King, Caesar, Dalai Lama, Boss, CEO, Field Marshal, Admiral, General, Pulitzer Prize Winner, Governor, Grand Marshal, High Priest, Patriarch, Matriarch, Supreme Commander, Chief Justice, and many others. Surely their voices have more weight than mine. Surely their views are more important and more significant than mine. Who am I to dare think that I can speak amongst these giants?

We seem to be enamored by those who come with titles. Those who come with a message, minus a title, are often ignored, and dismissed, like the Philistines dismissed Samson before he rediscovered his power. They paid dearly for that mistake. I work, pay my taxes, attend church, am involved in the community, and even served my country, and I try my best to be a good citizen in a land founded on freedom and liberty. At times, I even have an opinion or two. I am a peace-loving person, but I am also a hawk when my freedoms and liberties and my rights are threatened. Sure, I have heard of the Establishment, the Deep State, and the Shadow Government. Behind-the-scenes oligarchies are powerful only because they have the power, the money, and their titles to impose their views on folks like me, and you. That we allow them to have dominion over us is scary. It is also anti-American.

But still, even a low-ranking peon, like myself, has a voice, and one I feel matters. I want others to know that my voice matters, especially every pompous, arrogant and sanctimonious puppet master working behind the scenes to destroy all that I believe in. We have a system of governance that is being assaulted big time. We have corrupted candidates who demand that certain presidential candidates announce that if they lose they will accept the results of the election; yet, when they, themselves lose, they not only balk at the notion that they lost, but they cannot accept the reality that they lost, so they come up with clever schemes to bring down a duly elected president in their effort to overturn an election result they disagree with. That ain't right, as my Pops would say.

So, who am I? I am your average Joe Blow who actually gives a hoot about what is going on in this country. Forget the odds I am up against. Forget that my voice is not always welcomed by some. One plus God equals a majority on any given day. On orders from the Supreme Voice beyond, and



my own convictions, I have set about having my voice, and my views, heard. Having that powerful Voice from beyond backing me is why I matter. Because of that reason alone, those in power should fear me. Like Moses, who was instructed to return to Egypt to face Ramses and demand that he "Let my people go!" I too, am sent with a message for the oligarchy, and that is this: "Your days are numbered. You have immense power and influence, but you have not the numbers, the army, nor the resources to silence an American populace fed up with your anti-American, pro-globalist, progressive/socialist, One World Order designs." In many ways, I am a Shepherd boy named David out to slay Goliath. On authority of the Divine One, I intend to do just that.

As my voice, and opinion, matters, so does yours, my compatriots. As a political force, we must stand together and restore the principles this great republic was founded on. Imperfect as it has been, at times, we have a proud history of overcoming adversity and obstacles as a nation. Will you lend your voices to my voice in saving this, the United States of America, while we still can? Trump will only be around but so long to fight on behalf of our cause. We have to make our stand now, and we must make it together. If we neglect to fight back today, we are doomed as a nation tomorrow. Our collective voices will no longer matter to the world then. So, let's listen to that great and omnipotent Voice from beyond and prepare ourselves to do battle like Joshua did at Jericho. And win!

Personally, I do not want Third World Country status for our nation. If you do not like what is going on in our country, I implore you to use your voice and say so. And say so loudly, my friend. . . .

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## Why Better Candidates Don't Run for Congress

*By Philip Blumel  
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I have a confession. I've considered running for Congress. Perhaps you have too.

My resume seems to support a congressional run. At 53, I have been a successful financial planner for over two decades, held minor public office, managed successful ballot initiative campaigns, raised a handsome and unbroken family, served on boards of both charities and other organizations and I speak publicly around my district and the country on public policy issues. Not to mention that I have been asked to run for Congress on more than one occasion.

But I am *not* going to run for Congress. Congress is no longer a place to serve; it has become a place where aggressively ambitious career politicians help themselves and their cronies.

If our republic was governed by a representative democracy our politicians would be successful individuals from every walk of life who step away from their vocations to serve for a time and then return home. But, without term limits on Congress, most successful people do not run—except those who aspire to be career politicians.

Most people who have success outside of politics will not run for two related reasons, the impossible conditions required to beat an incumbent and the lack of influence a new member has in Congress.

Incumbent advantage is so great that since 1970, just shy of 95 percent of all incumbents running for the U.S. House have won. Challengers lose as a rule; it's a longshot akin to a penny stock. This is not the kind of investment prudent individuals make.

In so-called "wave elections" like 2018, no more than 20 percent of U.S. House races are competitive.

Congressional seats eventually do open when incumbents retire, die, or are sent to prison, and competitive elections are held. Though a small number of seats each election—only 55 seats were open in 2018—this is where competition in American congressional elections occurs.

If outsiders make it through, they don't get to be in leadership. Earning a seat in these positions of power is primarily a waiting game and the line can be a decade or even decades long. The mean tenure for current Democratic committee chairs in the House, for example, is 24 years. The current system rewards those who go to Washington to stay

and keeps power from those who would serve and return to their productive careers.

When someone considers running for Congress, they ask themselves if it's worth it to surrender to a decade or more of mind-numbing frustration with so little opportunity for success. For a successful, goal-oriented individual who wishes to give back, running for Congress is simply not an effective way to achieve that goal.

There is a simple reform that addresses these issues. Term limits will open each U.S. House seat every six years. With competitive open seat elections, it is reasonable for a successful qualified individual to make that investment. Rather than seats opening in a random unpredictable manner, successful individuals can plan years ahead to prepare, to build support in the district and raise the money needed to campaign.

Term limits overthrow the established seniority system and force power to be allocated in a smarter fashion within legislative bodies. Leaders will be termed out like everyone else and popular new members can expect to move into a position of leadership within four years. Congressional leadership will be made up of individuals who better represent the people because they will have recently faced competitive elections. Successful individuals will run with the anticipation of spending a few years of their life in office with a real opportunity to influence policy that inspires them. And they will expect to leave office and return to their vocations.

Bottom line: The best people should be representing us in Congress but they are not; instead we are getting aspiring career politicians. Voters deserve a real choice, with a better caliber of candidates. Yet, without the competitive elections brought by the regular rotation in office that term limits mandate, they'll rarely see them.



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## The Right Side of the Law

(A compilation of articles published in the monthly newsletter of the Florida Federation of Republican Women)

By *Artie Renee Pobjecky*

### Refugee vs. Asylee

As President Trump was speaking in El Paso, Texas on February 12th, a wave of illegal aliens crossed the United States at the Juarez/El Paso border in direct defiance of our President and the laws of the United States. Upon entering, the group turned themselves into border agents to file for asylum. As asylees, they know they can obtain work authorization while their applications are pending through the backlogged system and they will be safe from deportation. Currently, there is a buildup of over eight years for USCIS (formerly INS) to issue a decision on an affirmative asylum claim. If the case is ultimately denied, then the asylee can fight the decision through the immigration court system, which will take several years, at a minimum. The caravan members know that they have little chance of prevailing on their asylum claims, but they continue to pour across the border since the chances of being repatriated to their home country are slim. According to the National Immigration Forum, the most recent data shows that for the fiscal year of 2016 asylum approval rates varied between 10 to 80 percent, depending on the particular immigration court. Meanwhile, the approval rate for affirmative asylum cases filed with USCIS is a mere 10 percent.

What is an Asylee? To win an asylum case, an immigrant must demonstrate that he or she has been persecuted, or has a reasonable fear of persecution, from one of five “protected grounds”: race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. While there is no doubt that the recent caravans consist of the poor and downtrodden from Central America, the asylees are having a difficult time proving a protected ground versus economic hardships.

What is a Refugee? A refugee is an asylee by definition, but a refugee is applying for entry into the United States from a third country. A refugee is a displaced individual due to persecution or war. Before entering the United States, refugees, unlike asylees, undergo a strict vetting process. It takes up to two years to complete the screenings, wherein each refugee is interviewed, personal data is verified, and various background checks are performed by U.S. national security agencies. Thus, a refugee is fingerprinted and cross-checked in a global database. Unlike an asylee, a refugee also undergoes a thorough medical test. The medical doctors not only examine refugees for diseases and other health risks but also examine tattoos for evidence of gang involvement.

By law, there are no limits on the number of approved asylum cases in the United States; however, in October 2018, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo decreased the available number of refugees to 30,000, a record low. In his announcement, Secretary Pompeo reasoned that the reduction is due to the current “humanitarian crisis” of nearly one million active asylum cases.

President Trump has taken strident measures to reduce the number of asylees in the United States; however, every declaration and proclamation has resulted in litigation by various immigration groups and the ACLU. In December 2018, former Attorney General Jeff Sessions’s attempts to prevent victims of gang violence or domestic violence from seeking asylum were ruled unlawful. Moreover, a presidential declaration that prevented applicants who illegally entered the United States from filing asylum classes was blocked by a federal judge in California.



Most recently, President Trump issued a proclamation that caravan members from Central America must wait in Mexico until a decision is rendered on their asylum claim. So far, Mexico is cooperating, but lawsuits filed in liberal jurisdictions are challenging the changes. Ultimately, the Supreme Court will issue the final decision. Of course, this is not good news for the caravan members who are becoming restless in Mexico. The *Wall Street Journal* is reporting that Mexico is attempting to relocate caravan members in border cities due to security concerns after a recent riot. By diluting the groups, Mexican officials are trying to prevent mass surges into the United States, similar to what occurred in Tijuana last year. Until Congress sets limits and parameters, illegal immigrants will be induced to flee the violence and poverty of their countries and enter the United States unchecked and unvetted.

### How Mexico Benefits from Our Immigration Crisis

According to the news outlets, another caravan is headed to the United States of America, but the mainstream media fails to mention the economic benefits to Mexico. The daily reports fail to disclose that most of the travelers have purchased visas to enter Guatemala and Mexico. When the largest caravan started its march north in October 2018, the travelers were greeted at the border by Mexican federal police who attempted to deny entry to those who failed to purchase the visa. This is not a new policy for Mexico and history is repeating itself.

In 2016 a report in the *Washington Times* broke the story about Haitians entering the United States in record numbers from Mexico. Mexico was selling Haitian nationals visas for the express purpose of obtaining access to the U.S. bor-

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der. Mexico benefits financially from the influx of “visitors” who are staying in motels, purchasing food from local vendors and using transportation services, not to mention the actual purchase price of the visa.

Once third-country nationals arrive in Guatemala or Mexico, they inadvertently fund the dangerous cartels by hiring smugglers to help them along the journey to the U.S. border. At the time, Jessica Vaughan, policy studies director at the Center for Immigration Studies, described the infiltration of Haitians to the U.S. border as a “backdoor immigration program” where the U.S. is “facilitating the movement of people into the country who are going to end up as illegal aliens.”

So, who is benefitting from our immigration crisis? In one word, Mexico. According to a January 26, 2017 article in *USA Today*, Mexico receives aid worth \$320 million a year from U.S. taxpayers. Our current budget pledges \$10 billion in aid for Central America to entice its citizens to remain in their countries and not emigrate. Our blind-sided politicians fail to consider that in the past such aid has only strengthened the corrupt politicians and the cartels and very little money trickles down to those in need.

### **DACA Is Not the “Original” Dream Act**

On June 15, 2012, President Obama signed the executive order creating DACA, “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.” Under DACA, minor aliens who were brought to the United States illegally as children and met certain criteria are granted temporary lawful status and work authorization. DACA is a significant departure from the original DREAM Act, “Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act,” which was first introduced in the U.S. Senate in 2007.

Under DACA, an alien minor must show that he or she:

1. Was under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching the age of 16;
3. Had continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007;
4. Was physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making the DACA request;
5. Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
6. Was currently in school, had graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, had obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or was an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

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\*As a note, a DUI is a significant misdemeanor, but Driving Without a License in Florida, although a misdemeanor under Florida laws, is not considered a misdemeanor for purposes of DACA. If the crime, even a felony, was expunged or committed by a minor then the alien minor may qualify for DACA. Therefore, an applicant with numerous driving violations or serious crimes may qualify for DACA status.

7. Had not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and did not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.\*

The original “DREAM Act,” by contrast, requires that the alien minor graduates from an American high school, obtained a GED, or been admitted to an institution of higher education. During the first six years, qualifying applicants would be granted “conditional” status and would be required to (a) graduate from a two-year community college or (b) complete at least two years towards a four-year degree or (c) serve two years in the U.S. military. In addition, they would have to demonstrate “good moral character.” For naturalization purposes, an individual lacks good moral character, when they fail to file U.S. income taxes, support dependents, register for selective service, or accumulate several traffic citations. The good moral character provision is absent from DACA.

Unlike the original DREAM Act, DACA has no requirement for high school completion by an applicant. In fact, there is no time-line for high school graduation or obtaining a GED certificate under DACA. A “student” can enroll in school prior to filing their DACA application and then un-enroll after it is approved, or even while it is pending. When renewing a DACA application, USCIS is only concerned that the applicant is enrolled in school at the time of filing and the applicant does not have to prove continuous enrollment.

Under the DREAM Act, after approval, the alien minor has six years to meet one of the three conditions cited above and upon completion, the applicant would be eligible to apply for a permanent resident status (greencard). During this six-year conditional period, the alien minor would not be eligible for federal higher education grants, but they would be able to apply for student loans and work study.

The DREAM Act of 2017 is more liberal than either DACA or the original DREAM Act. The 2017 version requires the applicant to be “younger than 18 years of age on the initial date of entry.” In theory, an applicant could have grown up in his or her birth country before illegally immigrating to the United States and still be eligible for lawful status. The 2017 version allows a route for lawful status based on employment versus two years of higher education or joining the military. Moreover, the 2017 bill allows for a “hardship exception” for anyone who cannot meet the education, military or employment requirements. Finally, the secretary may waive the specified grounds of inadmissibility, including criminal activity, “for humanitarian purposes or family unity or if the waiver is otherwise in the public interest.” Hence, an alien minor’s applicant can be approved despite a significant criminal record and a lack of good moral character.

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## American Pride

*By Alan Bergstein*

What is America to me,  
A name, a map, or a flag I see,  
A certain word, democracy. . . .

These were the words we sang out during the early horror days of WWII in the auditorium of PS 97 in Brooklyn, along with Frank Sinatra's recording of "What is America to me?" As young as we were, we meant each and every word we belted out. And now, years later, I play it on my Amazon Echo and cry. And I play it often. It's a sad reminder of where this country is now. We are split, broken, disunited, angry, hateful towards one another and growing more apart as the calendar pages fly off into space. There's no end in sight. Back then, in the early '40s, things were different. All of our neighbors had brothers, cousins and uncles out there somewhere in places we'd never heard of, fighting, all together, for our freedom. We were joined together by forces unseen. My buddies, Philley Bitetto, Billie McHugh—both Catholic—and I, a Jew, agreed that when the time came, we'd all enlist together and fight side by side. We meant it. Who cared if we worshiped from different books. We were all proud first-generation Americans and ready to give our lives for our country. Joey Pinto, my next door neighbor did just that in the Pacific.

What is America to me  
The house I live in  
A plot of earth, a street  
the grocer and the butcher  
And the people that I meet. . . .

Look where we are today. Citizenship is meaningless. Back then we all knew of Ellis Island where our parents were checked out a million different ways before they were even permitted to set foot on the sanctified land of America. They waited, studied, memorized, attended night school, all to stand with their hands raised on high to swear allegiance to America. Proud people they were. They asked for nothing but just the freedom to have the opportunities to do their best, to achieve, to show the natives that they appreciated being taken in. Not necessarily accepted, but just taken in and left to their own resources to blend in. I was forbidden to speak Yiddish in our two-bedroom, one-bath apartment that housed five. We were Americans! And to prove it we would speak, read and write English and celebrate American holidays better than anyone else! We'd show them that

we could be even more American than those who welcomed us in. We'd go to school and learn, graduate to higher levels and prosper in the environment that gave us these liberties. And we did, with great appreciation.

The children in the playground  
The faces that I see  
All races and religions  
That's America to me.

Now we are encouraged to be at one another's throats. Presidential candidates refuse to denounce the bigots within their own party, ones they sit with in Congress. The specter of religious hatred now lurks among our leaders. People proudly display symbols of the nations of their origins; places from which they fled for their lives. They burn the Stars and Stripes. They resent the land that gave them refuge. Now presidential hopefuls have hearkened to these ingrates. They solemnly promise they will do away with the gold cup of citizenship. They will remove that banner of achievement. They will give it away, to make it meaningless. The dilution of America by making all who want to be Americans . . . Americans.

The town I live in  
The street, the house, the room  
The pavement of the city  
Or the garden all in bloom  
The church, the school, the clubhouse  
The million lights I see  
But especially the people-  
Yes, especially the people  
That's America to me.

I play that song frequently. I listen to the words. They mean something to me. They remind me that we were once a nation proud, strong and united. I pray that that one day, kids, once again will sing these words, understand them and walk out of the auditorium, hand in hand as we did back during the '40's.

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## A Better Way to Challenge Incumbents

By Alan J. Huber, CFP®

I'm not a political operative, nor do I have expertise in running a primary campaign to challenge incumbents or an empty seat.

I do know that the concept is the same today as it was 30 years ago except now you have to include social media in your mix.

Some well-intentioned Republicans, usually without money and name recognition, believe they can do the job better than the incumbent (they probably can). They persuade political activists to join the cause and they start campaigning, by promising an agenda they will implement when elected.

While I do not know political campaigns, I do know business startups and there may be another model which utilizes the same political resources but achieves better results. Here is the formula:

- 1) Find a problem in your community
- 2) Create a non-profit to fix the problem
- 3) Donate the \$25K-\$50K you were going to lend to your campaign to your nonprofit

4) Put your volunteer team together

5) FIX THE PROBLEM

6) Make sure everyone knows YOU fixed the problem

7) Announce: YOU are running for political office

You will now have name recognition and a donor base that has already invested in you and received Bang for Their Bucks.

Most important—you fixed a problem in your community  
Let me know what you think??



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## Democrats No Longer Believe in GOD

By Gene Robinson

In this “topsy-turvy, upside-down, inside-out” world, either you believe in GOD, or you believe in the devil . . . **there is no middle ground!!**

The current Democrat Party has been labeled Radical, Insane, Too Far Left, and much more, but I will try to show in this message, which may get me in trouble (but, what else is new with me), that I believe the Dems fall into one category . . . **they no longer believe in God!!**

It has been said that you should never paint an entire group with a broad brush, and while that is true, I am going to do just that with today’s Democrats. Now, let me make it perfectly clear, all individual Republicans are not angels, as The LORD knows, but I feel that we are closer to The Almighty as a group than the Far Left Socialists that comprise their Party. And, if you will read this to the end, and have the stomach for it, you will see me make my case.

President Trump waded into the “war of words” between House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the four newly-elected Democrat women who make up what has been labeled “The Squad”: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Ayanna Pressley. While the four women of color were incensed when Pelosi singled them out, they avoided calling her a racist, but all of the Democrats in Congress rallied together to call Trump a racist for saying that those four women should return to the places of their ancestry to help those “crime infested countries.” Pelosi is not a racist, but Trump is, even though both singled out and dealt with the same four women of color. What hypocrites they are. The president added that the four women were also anti-American for wanting to constantly rant against our system of government that has been established in the greatest country in the history of the world, and that has been very good to them, as is shown in their election to Congress.

Never mind that congressional Democrats could not bring themselves to “call out” separate members of The Squad for being anti-Semitic, when recently they most certainly were in some of their tweets and public statements. But, that’s just politics, and Democrats never miss a chance to take advantage of a “political moment” to disparage a president that they hate so much, which is just what Dems are doing in calling Trump a racist, but not calling some of the four women anti-Semitic and the four not calling Nancy Pelosi a racist for singling them out, which started this whole mess. **What hypocrites they are!!**

All religions have a group of Commandments that they practice to honor God, and to stay in His good graces. So, let’s see how those Holier-Than-Thou Democrats do in upholding some of those same Commandments:

1) “Thou Shall Not Serve Two Masters.” So, which way is it, Democrats? You say that you believe in the sanctity of life, but you support and defend abortion of an unborn child. As I see it, that makes you complicit to murder, and one of

the Commandments says . . . Thou Shall Not Kill!! As I said earlier, either you believe in GOD, or you believe in the devil . . . **there is no middle ground!!**

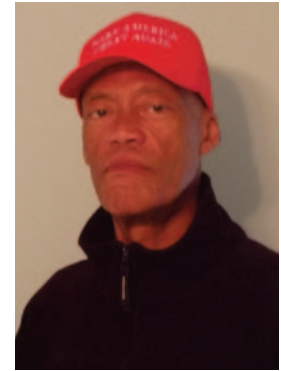
2) “Thou Shall Not Steal.”

So, which way is it, Democrats? You say you love this country, where a person is free to be whatever they wish to become, enjoying all the benefits that go along with that, including individual wealth. And, yet under the socialism that is being put

forth by your party in recent times, you say that there should be an equality of income, and some with more wealth should give up some of their hard-earned money, giving it to others who may not have worked to earn it. In the nation where capitalism has made this country the envy of the entire world, you want to make us similar to Third World enclaves where people are leaving in droves to get to America. Once again . . . **What Hypocrites!!**

3) “Thou Shall Not Bear False Witness.” So, which way is it, Democrats? To the layman, bearing false witness means the same as lying. Your party paraded witness after witness in front of congressional hearings, and had them put one hand on the Bible, to tell one lie after another during the confirmation of Supreme Court justice Brett Kavanaugh. Your efforts did not work, because there is a God of All Truth who watches over everything that goes on in this world, including in the halls of Congress, but the Democrat Party apparently did not get the memo!!

4) “The Head of the Wife Is the Husband.” That is what the Bible says, so which way is it, Democrats? During the Depression, then Democrat President Franklin Roosevelt had Congress push through a newly-created welfare provision, which allowed out-of-work families to be able to eat. But, that system ended up doing much more. By the time Democrat Lyndon Johnson became president, the language of the legislation had been edited to say that an unemployed man could not live in a residence where a woman was receiving welfare benefits. And, because racism at the time kept many Black men from finding gainful employment, the Black household became matriarchal, with women heading the family, as they do in many instances to this day. At the time, President Johnson said, and I quote, “We will control the Black vote for the next 200 years.” And, the Left called Trump a racist for something he put on Twitter over the weekend, when the hypocritical Democrats created an entire racist system that is still in place to this day, so obviously the Dems were being political and not Biblical!!



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Do you want further proof that the Democrats no longer believe in GOD, if they ever did? Remember, I said from the outset, either you believe in God or you believe in the devil, who has been proven since the beginning of time to be a deceiver . . . **as there is no middle ground.** So, let us look locally at Broward County, Florida, to see that the deceiving “devilish” Dems are still up to their same old tricks.

On Valentine’s Day in 2018, a lone gunman, a student, walked into Stoneman Douglas High School and shot to death 17 innocent people, 14 of them fellow students. The Broward County Sheriff when this tragedy took place, Scott Israel, was removed from his position, since the massacre occurred under his watch, and one of his armed deputies assigned to the school refused to enter the building to try and save lives, which was his job. The same Scott Israel held a fundraiser last week, as he plans to run for re-election to the position he lost following the tragedy.

In Blue Broward, where Democrats have been used to having their way for decades, Republican State Committee-woman Michele Merrell showed true leadership, as she

organized a protest rally at the fundraiser, and she had just as many protestors outside with her as Israel had donors inside with him. She urged her fellow protestors to bring signs saying that Israel is “unfit for duty,” and she said that the former Sheriff is an “incompetent animal.” Times have changed in South Florida, as Merrell is not satisfied with just having a Party “title” in front of her name, and she and the others who were with her last week, who showed tremendous backbone, were not afraid to do what it takes “in the trenches” to fight against the Dems locally, just as Donald Trump is not afraid to do what it takes to fight against the Democrat Left in Washington.

So, the Hypocritical Left that has labeled the president a racist, might as well get ready for another “ass kicking” loss at the ballot box in 2020, because we are going to continue what we started in 2016, and . . . **We will win again, and make America even greater!!**

God Bless.

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### President Trump Kicks Off His 2020 Campaign in Orlando



## Club News

### The Republican Federated Women of South Florida Held Meetings in June and July

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida once again welcomed two dynamic speakers at their June 27 and July 18 meetings at the Boca Country Club.

First on June 27 was **John Loudon**, who currently serves as the Government Affairs Director at Engineered Tax Services. Prior to ETS, John was a Missouri State Senator and a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. John is currently working on a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that would protect our voting rights by preventing non-citizens from voting. Citizen Voters is an effort to preserve voting rights to only citizens, in all 50 states, and through the U.S. Constitution. If you would like to help with this effort, you can go to <https://citizenvoters.vote/>

Our second speaker, **Artie Renee Pobjecky**, is an immigration attorney with Pobjecky & Pobjecky, LLP, in Winter Haven, Florida. She is an internationally-recognized speaker and published author on immigration law issues. Some of her articles are reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter. Artie has been on various local television programs and has appeared on One America News. She described the problems with the current immigration policies, and praised the Trump Administration for trying to fix them. She cited some heartbreaking stories of immigration violations that actually harmed the people who need to be helped the most, children in particular.

Our July 18 meeting was another incredible event, with two great speakers. **Alan Huber**, a Certified Financial Planner and Director of Freedom From Obamacare, taught us a lot about encouraging liberal voters to see a different viewpoint using sales techniques and refraining from lecturing and arguing. We'll definitely have him back to teach us more and answer questions.

Our second speaker, **Jeff Sanow**, a Sharia Law expert formerly with the CIA's National Clandestine Service, explained



Jeffrey Sanow giving a crash course on Sharia Law at our July 18 meeting.



The Republican Federated Women of South Florida hosted another amazing event on June 27. Pictured here (left to right): Lisa Beché, Cheryl Mullings, Artie Renee Pobjecky, Linda Johnson, and John Loudon.

what Sharia really is and how it is affecting us in the United States. He explained that Islam is not really a religion but is actually a political movement, based on the teachings of Mohammed as enumerated in the Quran. He showed how Sharia Law is gradually working its way into U.S. society, due in part to political correctness and Americans' reluctance to fight it in court. He told us that female genital mutilation and honor killings, tenets of Sharia Law, are taking place in the United States. This information was disturbing, but we need to know it.

We will not be having a regular meeting in August, but we will still be busy. Please join us on August 15 for Lobsterfest. And on Saturday, August 17, we will go to the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center to host an ice cream social and a round of bingo for the residents of the Community Living Center and the hospice ward. Those who have gone with us to the VA in the past know how rewarding it is to work with these veterans and let them know we appreciate them. We will be organizing a carpool for anyone who would like to go with us.

Our next dinner will be in September. More info will be coming soon. In the meantime, keep checking our Facebook page for more upcoming events and for general information.

Women need to help women, and learning about what we can do is one way to help others. Politics is Women's Work but men are always welcome to our meetings.

For information about the visit to the VA or about the Republican Federated Women of South Florida, please contact President Linda Johnson at [ljayll@att.net](mailto:ljayll@att.net).

—Cheryl Mullings

## Club News

### Scholarships Awarded at the June Meeting of the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

*By Bette Anne Starkey  
July 1, 2019*

At our lunch meeting on June 26, we announced the Anne Roberts scholarship awards to five students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the continuing pursuit of their studies.

Education is the KEY to making a difference in the world and supporting their future in preparation for what life brings.

In addition to our featured speaker, former Congressman Tom Rooney, a fellow at the George LeMieux School of Public Policy at Palm Beach Atlantic University, we heard from a previous year's graduate, Lauren Staff, UF graduate, who has just returned from travels in Italy. She is taking a position at Villanova University Sports Broadcasting with the hopes of attending law school in the future.

In his remarks, Congressman Rooney reflected on his ten years in the Congress. He is leaving after a self-imposed term limit pledge he made when he first ran for the office.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he spoke of what he was able to accomplish, but suggested that the elimination of earmarks has made an appropriator's job harder. Instead of elected representatives making the decisions on what projects in their districts should get funding, the job is done by the un-elected bureaucrats in the agencies. He also spoke of how much being in the minority is not pleasant. After his stint in Nancy Pelosi's House the last time around, he had no desire for a repeat experience.

At PBAU, Tom will be teaching a course in criminal law, with another one on politics planned for next year.

Our 2019 awards of \$500 each went to:

1. **Jenna Calderaio**, one of 80 in the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship at FSU. Jenna interned for Congressman Brian Mast last summer and this year is interning at Wright Patterson Air Force base in Dayton Ohio as a criminal investigator. She created her own business, SanMatic (an automated sensor bathroom stall door lock), and has

been active in FSU Republicans and Turning Point USA. Jenna will graduate in 2020 and hopes for a career in product development.

2. **Jessica Blakley**, majoring in economics and public policy at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, is in her senior year, to graduate this December. Her achievements include being one of the winners of the *Palm Beach Post* Pathfinder Awards, President of Future Business Leaders, and second place winner at PBA Entrepreneurship Challenge. She created her own business, "Make Up Doctor." At Belmont, she was elected Congresswoman in the Student Government and was chosen to intern last year in the Tennessee Legislature. Jessica has volunteered in Haiti Missions, Belle Glade Missions, Puerto Rico Missions, and the Christ Fellowship Office. Jessica has been interning with Laffer Associates, one of the key crafters of Reaganomics, in the health care policy division and has accepted a full-time position with Laffer upon graduation. Jessica aspires to study for a Doctorate degree to eventually work as an economic analyst for the Federal Reserve.

3. **Ben DeHaan**, from Ada, Michigan, is in his junior year at Palm Beach Atlantic University studying business management and political science. Because of his recommendation by Dr. James Todd of PBAU for an internship with the Palm Beach County Republican Executive Committee, Ben was also recommended for our scholarship by the PB County REC Chair, Michael Barnett and our Club Member, Claire Jones. Ben is spending this summer in Michigan working for TGG Solutions, a business solutions company, specializing in Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance policies. Ben plans to join our Club on his return to school.

4&5. Twins **Keelie and Rileigh Hanley** came to our committee as a pair and presented themselves to our membership as a duo. Both graduated from the celebrated Sun-Coast High School with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and plan to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautics University in Daytona Beach, studying computer science and global security with the intent to apply for the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2020.

Also at the meeting were **Christian Acosta**, candidate for Congressional District 21, and **Rick Roth** who is running for re-election in House District 85. Christian will be facing several other Republicans in next year's August primary for the right to challenge Democrat incumbent Lois Frankel.

Please join us on July 24th for Joe Budd, PBC State Committeeman and President of Trump Club 45. Joe will fill us in on plans for 2020 and how we can prepare to re-elect the President.



Winners Rileigh and Keelie Hanley with Congressman Tom Rooney

## Letters

### Kudos to the Palm Beach County REC

Dear Mr. Barnett, and the Palm Beach County  
Republican Executive Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on your recent decision to reprimand and disinvite your former intended Lobsterfest speaker, Mr. Anthony Scaramucci. As you well know, many of us true, patriotic Republicans support our President 100 percent and reject any criticism of our extremely successful President during his term in office. What we would like to see is much more criticism of the establishment RINOs and antagonists of President Trump. We would hope that this recent positive example of speaking out by our REC continues, especially towards anyone who threatens the progress that our “real” American President, Donald Trump, has attained over the past 2.5 years.

We look forward to the REC to be more combative, and to chastise those (example: the Democrat “Squad”) who constantly attempt to demonize and obstruct the benefits that President Trump is pursuing for all the American people.

Many thanks again, and keep up the good work.

Respectfully,  
Bill Petraglia  
Vice President  
Judeo/Christian Republican Club of Palm Beach County

### Thoughts from an Activist Retiree

Tom and Annie Otto are each 77 years old. Retired United Methodist clergy/pastor and retired teacher. Years ago as retirees we discussed what we can still do and how we can still be helpful in causes we believe in.

Having eight fabulous grandchildren and five brilliant great granddaughters, we decided we MUST choose to stay involved and to wiggle what wiggles and move what moves and keep up on how to demonstrate for these with our blood flowing in their veins—how the future in their hands must be on a steady and positive “trajectory.” Using that word is as close as we can come to sounding up-to-date. So here goes our recipe for feeling young again while mentoring those who follow us.

Reminds us of the poem “The Bridge Builder,” by Will Allen Dromgoole. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/will-allen-dromgoole>:

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

and more of what we decided goes like this by another clergyman”

### A Little Fellow Follows Me

By Rev. Claude Wisdom White, Sr.

A careful man I ought to be,  
A little fellow follows me.  
I dare not go astray,  
For fear he’ll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes,  
Whatever he see me do, he tries.  
Like me, he says, he’s going to be,  
The little chap who follows me.  
He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine.  
The base in me he must not see,  
That little fellow who follows me.

I must remember as I go,  
Thru summers’ sun and winters’ snow.  
I am building for the years to be,  
In the little chap who follows me.

Source: *Father: An Anthology of Verse* (EP Dutton & Company, 1931)

So we set about to create a website that each can see clearly what our current focus is as Americans who want to be sure we leave for each of them a country that is based on the Constitution with more than four freedoms, the Holy Scriptures, and values that have stood the test of time. We’ve discussed with them how the pendulum swings where political correctness is concerned. What was called liberal when we were in college smoking and drinking and such which we chose not to do and so we were not politically correct back then nor are we now. Gender and free stuff we know are confounding our youth. We realize that spelling and handwriting are not taught as years ago and that texting

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is now the way of communicating for most—and the younger ones are the best at using smart phones (that must be updated each time a new one comes out).

So here's our proclamation for all those who wonder what to do to engage those who follow you: [www.seniors4trump.com](http://www.seniors4trump.com) Make your homemade signs and choose the busy crossroads near you. Become a regular at rush hour mornings or afternoons—7 to 9 or 4 to 6. Grow your group and smile and welcome anyone of any party and be nice. Hospitality rules this kind of adventure. We've had only one middle finger while getting so many honks and thumbs up and hoots of joy. Florida loves Trump. Proof is when on the corner with signs and the response in our blue county is

tremendous. Try it. You'll be passing on values of the Big Agenda—We The People—the deplorables/NOT—and having courage to be brave and stand tall in our power wheelchairs. After all—we're doing it to pass forward the joys of freedom we've enjoyed! The joys of the sounds of cheering when the 6 lanes of traffic engage with us because they recognize the importance of this 2020 election and what it means for those who follow us are overwhelming—and we celebrate our freedoms each time we go to the busy corner again.

*Annie and Tom Otto*

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## **Trump Sees “Bigger Problems” than Plastic Straws, Sells Own Brand on Campaign Website**

By Louis Casiano, Fox News  
July 19, 2019

President Trump on Friday questioned efforts in communities across the country to ban plastic straws while plates and wrappers get a pass.

“I do think we have bigger problems than plastic straws,” Trump told reporters on the South Lawn of the White House before departing for New Jersey. “What about the plates, the wrappers and everything else that are much bigger and they're made of the same material?”

Trump's 2020 campaign is taking his statements a step further, selling its own plastic straws to replace “liberal paper straws.”

“Liberal paper straws don't work. STAND WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP and buy your pack of recyclable straws today,” said the product description on the campaign website.

A pack of 10 BPA-free straws sells for \$15; the straws themselves are “laser engraved” with Trump's name. As of Friday, they had sold out.

Trump's campaign manager, Brad Parscale, tweeted a photo of the straws on Thursday with the caption “Making Straws Great Again #Trump2020.”

## Book Review

***The Coming Civil War*, by Tom Kawczynski. Columbia, SC: 2018. Softcover, 395 pp. ISBN No. 9781719921466.**

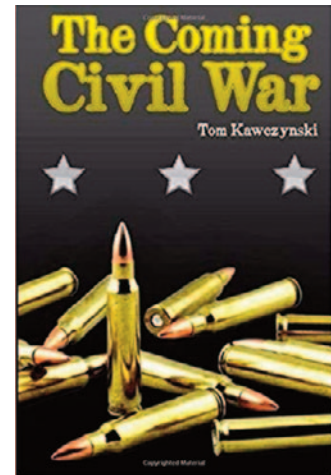
This book has a scary subject matter as evidenced by the title. Although I don't know the author, he did a fine job in laying out the real possibility of conflict between the American political left and right in the near future, given the increasing hardening of positions and unwillingness to compromise on the two sides. He doesn't say that all-out conflict like the first American Civil War in the 1860s is inevitable, but he does a convincing job of demonstrating that the probability of it, at some level, is growing.

Can we really be moving toward a second civil war? I can't imagine that many of us want it, but we would do well to remember, as history teaches, that it doesn't take many people to start a civil war. Consider that it was only a minuscule collection of dedicated, disciplined Bolsheviks that got one going in Russia in 1917, and history is replete with many other examples.

According to the author, and I agree with him, the radicalization of the left, "has been a project at least sixty years in the making." These people are cultural Marxists and "a key feature of [their] leftist thought has always been radical idealism: the belief that Utopia could be realized if just enough people would suppress their own selfish desires to achieve a greater common good. Undeterred by the myriad failures which only expose what are presented as unrealized corruptions of the communist ideal, their love for equality drives them toward destruction of the very pillars of society that sustain a country. Once you understand what the Left offers and believes, it becomes clear as day there is no compromise for people [like us on the right] who believe in a more traditional way of life. Marxism has little value for liberty . . . [and] liberty is fundamentally at odds with the [centralized] control regime they endorse and trying to settle things peaceably by meeting them halfway is akin to treating just part of your body during some terrible infection.

You might buy a little more time, but at the cost of absolute certainty that the same problems will come back even more virulently next time." For the past sixty years, the right has been "surrendering liberty for tranquility, basically ceding control over culture and the population of America to the left in exchange for an implicit promise peace would be found the moment equality was achieved."

The author then goes on to offer various levels of potential conflict in this Civil War that is going on between the Marxist left and the traditionalists on the right. There are six of them, some more violent than others. They are: Submission, militarism, decentralization, separation, succession, and collapse. As I said earlier, each possibility is scary and fraught with uncertainty as to "how this conflict could play out," but, happily for us traditionalists, "the energy on the right to speak up for their culture and beliefs has never been stronger [and Trump represents an] "eleventh-hour beachhead" against this deceitful radical left's attempt to hijack our country. But we all must "take heed," as the author warns, that this Marxist "tsunami" continues to roll on "from sea to shining sea" in America today. Who will win this struggle, no one knows, but we traditionalist conservatives on the right must face the fact that these Marxist attempts to take over our country, centralize power and do away with our beloved Constitution and our liberties, have to be confronted and defeated, whatever the cost.



—Tom Mullings

## Book Review

***Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*, by George Washington. Copyright 2019 by Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union and Applewood Books, Inc. Hardcover. ISBN: 978-1-4290-9541-9, 31 pp. The Mount Vernon Store can fill your orders at [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).**

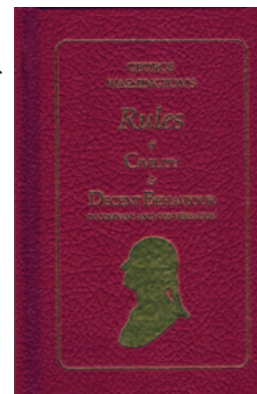
This is a small book, 4" × 6.5", written by the First President when he was a 14-year-old boy being raised by his mother. "George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, at his family's plantation on Pope's Creek in Westmoreland County, in the British colony of Virginia, to Augustine Washington (1694–1743) and his second wife, Mary Ball Washington (1708–89). George, the eldest of Augustine and Mary Washington's six children, spent much of his childhood at Ferry Farm, a plantation near Fredericksburg, Virginia. After Washington's father died when he was 11, it's likely he helped his mother manage the plantation." See <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/george-washington>

In those days it was common for itinerant teachers and ministers to take up classes for youth in the homes where they found students and living accommodations. See many other resources for who may have educated young George. In the front of the subject book, we learn that the "rules were drawn from a French book of maxims and were intended to polish manners, keep alive the best affections of the heart, impress the obligation of moral virtues, teach how to treat others in social relations, and above all, inculcate the practice of a perfect self-control" (p. iii).

Here are some examples of the 110 Rules in the book:

- 1st Every Action done in Company ought to be with some sign of Respect, to those that are present.
- 12th Shake not the head, Feet, or Legs, rowl not the eyes, lift not one eyebrow higher than the other, wry not the mouth, and bedew no mans face with your Spittle, by approaching to near him when you speak
- 21st Reproach none for the Infirmities of Nature; nor Delight to Put them that have in mind thereof
- 24th Do not laugh too loud or too much at any Publick Spectacle.
- 35th Let your Discourse with Men of Business be short and Comprehensive.
- 39th In writing or Speaking, give to every Person his due Title According to his Degree & the Custom of the Place.
- 41st Undertake not to Teach equal in the art himself Professes; it Savours of arrogancy
- 59th Never express anything unbecoming, not act against the Rules Moral before your inferiours.
- 73rd Think before you speak pronounce not imperfectly nor bring out your Words too hastily but orderly & distinctly

79th Be not apt to relate News if you know not the truth thereof. In Discouring of things you Have heard Name not your Author always a Secret Discover not



The book ends with a 5-page Epilogue by the Library Staff at Mount Vernon explaining more about George's upbringing by his elder half-brother, Lawrence, and concludes that the behaviors championed by Washington "would foster a society where people of different backgrounds and diverse points of view could debate and disagree without destroying the republic [he] had worked so hard to create."

In recent years the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association at Mount Vernon have built a new Library and Museum and completed many restoration projects. There are docents who play act parts of former slaves and workers at the property and gardens. My family has visited Mount Vernon over the years to help our children become familiar with the life and times of George Washington. The new museum will take a day or more just to read all of the exhibits. The Library conducts teacher education programs today to help keep the founder's efforts alive in the hearts of the people. The restaurants on site are modern and serve interesting foods. George and Martha are buried on the property as well.

At age 20, George Washington became a member of the local chapter of Freemasonry and later became a Master Mason. He was a vestryman at two congregations of the Church of England. He was a strict disciplinarian as a military leader.

This book is a reminder of the beginnings of the new country in a new land. George Washington died in 1799 and he was still revered by common people through the 1880s, so much so that in June 1886, my fraternal grandfather was named by his parents George Washington Skinner at his birth. My grandfather was not a plantation owner, slave owner, or President, but rather a farmer, railroad day laborer, an armed proving-ground guard, county seat Marshall, and furniture factory steam engineer. My grandfather had farming experience in common with his namesake and he also was born and lived his last years in an early Indiana town named Vernon in the early 1800s.

Recently, I was able to purchase one of these books for each of my ten grandchildren to help pass on a part of the education a 14-year-old George Washington received in the 1740s. They are beginning to graduate from high school and

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college now. I know they have yet to learn what George Washington knew when he was 14 years old. But the six boys have been encouraged to take part in the Boy Scout program started in the USA in 1910. Four of these grandsons earned the Eagle Scout award as did two sons of their father. In Maryland those two sons ran for statewide public office in 1986, the same election their father ran for the County Commission. All ten have participated in interesting sports and extracurricular activities. My wife, Elaine, and I supported our four children in many ways.

Somehow our social discourse has become uncommonly gross and antagonistic, especially in the political arena. There are fewer people working for the good of the community now than ever. All of today's politicians and wannabees need to read this book to learn what Washington had to say about such things as sex, which has become so

popular a political topic in the second millennium. It will not take very long to read if they stop accusing each other of vile actions and spend some time learning rules of decent behavior and civility. Politicians need to concentrate more on what is best for the country and not which party can trick the other into giving up its power to the party that makes the biggest promises of financial rewards.

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*Review by William J. Skinner. Mr. Skinner began an active role in the Boy Scouts of America starting in 1948. Scouting promotes citizenship at the community, national and world level. The Scout Oath directs efforts for youth to learn **Duty to God and country, Duty to other people, and Duty to self.** He continued volunteer service in Florida as a Scout Commissioner from 2003 through 2014 for a total of 66 years, a number close to the lifetime of George Washington. He has been a member of the Palm Beach County Republican Executive Committee since 2003.*



## Editor's Postscript

### Space Force: Why the United States Armed Forces Needs a New Service

*By Tom Mullings*

President Trump's proposal for the Space Force, a new service of the United States's military, is a vital strategic necessity that should be embraced by all Americans and brought into existence as soon as possible. Here's why:

According to one senior Defense Department official, "Today, the United States has the best space capabilities in the world, but this is not an entitlement. Our adversaries have recognized that, and they recognize what space brings to the United States and our military. As a result, they are integrating space into their forces, and they are developing weapon systems to take away our advantages in a crisis or conflict."

Who are those adversaries? The principal ones, of course, are Putin's Russia and Communist China. Like it or not, great power competition is an unfortunate, but undeniable reality that we can unilaterally escape from only at our own peril. It is not a moral competition, nor a desirable one, but a necessary one that only the hopelessly naive and strategically-challenged among us feel safe to withdraw from. Being all in with engaging effectively in that competition is fraught with peril too, of course, but the good news is, as the Senior Defense Department official stated above, we have the most advanced space technology on earth and thus, an excellent chance of maintaining that lead, which will dramatically enhance deterrence and give us the best chance of avoiding the unwanted peril of direct great power war as we have successfully done throughout the nuclear age.

"Space truly is vital to our way of life and our way of war, and that has been increasing over time," said the official. "Space is not just a support function, it is a warfighting domain in and of its own right where we really need to be prepared to compete, deter and win."

But why will a new service enhance our ability to engage more effectively in this great power competition? "When you grow up in your service, you are a part of a culture and

that is your mindset and focus," explains a senior military officer at the Pentagon. "The Air Force includes space, but the personnel still grow up in an Air Force culture today. I would argue that if you 'grow up' in a Space Force where you are solely focused on the space domain, your ability to think clearly and focus on that domain will get after the problem set much more effectively."

Initially, the new Space Force will be a part of the Air Force, as was the Air Force (Air Corp) in its early days, ensconced in the United States Army. But eventually President Trump's proposed Space Force will become the sixth branch of the U.S. military.

"Today, we need a command and a commander that spends 100% of their time focused on space," acting Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan said recently.

He's right, and so is President Trump on his proposal for a Space Force, and it is vitally important that we all support it. At only 15,000 strong, it will be the smallest of our armed services, but its mission will be, as the president might say, YUGE!




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*Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.*





# Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

### REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

**ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THE SIGNATURES BELOW OF TWO CURRENT REC MEMBERS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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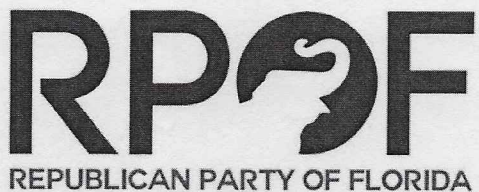
Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman \_\_\_\_\_ Committeewoman \_\_\_\_\_

### Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). \_\_\_\_\_ REC Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ 2). \_\_\_\_\_ REC Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,  
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 500, West Palm Beach 33401 Phone (561) 686-1616



## Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear and/or affirm that during my term of  
**(Name of Member – Please write clearly)**

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

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County/Precinct #

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Date

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;  
Alt. Precinct Committeeman, Alt. Precinct Committeewoman)**

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# CANDIDATE OATH –

## Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

- Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman
- District Committeeman or Committeewoman
- State Committeeman or Committeewoman

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### Candidate Oath

(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, \_\_\_\_\_

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

am a candidate for the office of  **Committeeman**  **Committeewoman**

**Precinct/District Number** \_\_\_\_\_ (Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),

I am a qualified elector of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

### Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

**Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number** (located on your voter information card): \_\_\_\_\_

**Phonetic spelling for audio ballot:** Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): *[Not applicable to write-in candidates.]*

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**Signature of Candidate**

Telephone Number

Email Address

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City

State

ZIP Code

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Notary Public**

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

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