

SHOULD LD4 REPUBLICAN PCs CENSURE REPUBLICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS?

The question here is not whether individuals should or should not exercise their First Amendment rights and speak out for or against politicians. Of course, they should exercise that right. But those of us who have chosen to become PCs have accepted responsibilities that go beyond the exercise of our First Amendment rights as citizens. When acting or speaking as PC's we have a sworn duty to do all we can to help elect Republicans. **Censuring and other actions aimed at damaging Republican elected officials make them more susceptible to defeat by Democrats and are contrary to our sworn duty.** The proper response to their actions that we do not like is to **offer viable alternative candidates at primary time, not to help Democrats win.** When deciding how to vote tonight, we should all answer this question:

HOW WILL MY ACTIONS TONIGHT HELP ELECT MORE REPUBLICANS TO PUBLIC OFFICE, ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF CONSERVATISM, AND HELP DEFEAT DEMOCRATS?

Reality check: For reasons mostly out of our control, registered Republicans in Arizona comprise only 34.68% of registered voters. Also, not all registered Republicans share our views on election integrity and many other matters. About half of registered Republicans are of the more "moderate" persuasion. This means that approving this censure tonight will please roughly 18% of voters, while likely alienating a good portion of the other 82%. Given the precarious situation we are in, **Does it make sense to create an environment in which it is easier for Democrats to win outright, without having to cheat?**

Far-left Arizona Republic commentator **Laurie Roberts** on April 28th posted this on Twitter: **"Just when you think the far-right loons can't get any loonier, they start dive-bombing their own flock."** We know that Roberts is an enemy of conservative Republicans. Some of us make it our mission to debunk her drivel. But in this case, we are unable to do it because **she is correct. By passing censures like the one tonight, we are in fact dive bombing our own flock.**

In this call to censure, **Christian Lamar** is portrayed as a State Legislator (paragraph 6 line 1, and paragraph 7). Not true. He has never been a State Legislator. In 2022 he ran for the State House. The results of that election were: Schwiebert 40,130; Wilmeth 37,977; Lamar 35,987. Lamar lost by 1,990 votes. To err is human, but while preparing documents of this importance, due diligence must be done so that statements presented as fact are true. **This error raises doubts as to whether such due diligence was exercised here.**

Speaking of **Lamar**, on a Facebook post, on April 22, 2023, 5:27 AM he provided reasons why censures are so important. One of them was:

"Censures are VERY damaging to politicians & can stop them from re-election!"

How does causing damage to our politicians and stopping them from reelection advance our agenda?

This censure calls for **taking away sales tax shared revenue from Maricopa County** (paragraph 7, line 5). It calls for **defunding the governor's office** (paragraph 8, line 2). It is likely the **legislature does not have that power.** But if it did, a decision to support or oppose that action may be easily reached by considering a reversal of the situation.

If we had a Republican governor and a Democrat-controlled legislature, what would be your reaction if that Democrat-controlled Legislature defunded the county, the governor's office, or both until their demands were met? It would probably be a very negative reaction.

That is the reaction that this censure, if successful, will create in the minds of the majority of the 82% of registered voters who are not far-right conservatives like us. Is creating this reaction consistent with our duties as PCs?

VOTE NO ON THIS MOTION TO CENSURE.