

Resolution To

Direct Rob Anderson as Chair of the 2018 Utah Republican Party to work with the Governing Body of State Delegates and SCC members

WHEREAS, Utah Republican Party Bylaws section 7.3 PARTY OFFICER NEUTRALITY requires Party Officers to remain neutral toward all candidates, and issues coming before the convention, and to not discriminate or restrict access to Party information and services.

WHEREAS, in an interview with the Salt Lake Tribune, titled “Utah GOP chief slams Mitt Romney’s expected Senate run,” Rob Anderson is quoted as saying, “let’s face it, Mitt Romney doesn’t live here, his kids weren’t born here, he doesn’t shop here.” He also compared Governor Romney to Hillary Clinton, and said, “I have two questions for Mitt. First of all, why? And how do you expect to represent Utah when you don’t live here?” Rob Anderson later claimed that he was misquoted and that his statements were taken out of context. However, a tape of the interview verifies that the Salt Lake Tribune reported the interview accurately.

WHEREAS, Party Chairman Rob Anderson has engaged in a pattern of behavior in which he ignores the Rules of the Party, including:

- Unilaterally modifying approved bylaws and submitting them to the Lieutenant Governor
- Failing to submit an operating budget to be approved by the State Central Committee, which has resulted in an additional \$50,000 in legal obligations to the Party for legal counsel not approved by the SCC, as required by the Rules, and wrongfully using that legal counsel as personal counsel for the Chair
- Interfering with the resignation of a State Central Committee Member to give that seat to his wife, Kathleen Anderson
- Announcing that he had allowed the Party to take on approximately \$75,000 of campaign debt from a defeated congressional candidate, in order to circumvent federal limits on individual donations to that candidate--a violation of FEC rules
- Requesting that the SCC go into Executive Session (a confidential meeting), so his attorney could discuss sensitive lawsuit information, then having his staff video record the session and release it publically

- Requesting that SCC members sign on to an electronic voting site using their cell phones, then monitoring private communications of SCC members, during the September 9, 2017 meeting

WHEREAS, Rob Anderson has become hostile to the governing body of the Utah Republican Party by:

- refusing to enact rules and decisions of the body
- publically, personally attacking members of the governing body
- aligning with others who have attacked members of the governing body
- failing to allow the State Central Committee to approve the 2018 Nominating Convention Committee

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The 2018 Utah Republican Party Nominating Convention directs Chairman Rob Anderson to work with the governing body of the Utah Republican Party, the State Delegates, and the State Central Committee to promote Republican principles, follow party rules, and help elect Republicans in the November election.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jacob Hibbard, State Delegate

SECONDING ENDORSEMENTS

Richie Angel, State Delegate

Melissa Sue Butler, State Delegate

Melanie Sorenson, State Delegate

Lyndon Brittner, State Delegate

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