

[If anyone is interested]

NOTE: This is my history with the Butler County GOP and why I'm upset

What follows is my thinking and reasoning for my decision ...

First, during the summer of 2022, I was asked if I would represent my area for the Republican party, since there has not been an elected representative for years. I had previously performed a lot of work during the 2016 and 2020 election cycle in both Oxford, Ohio at the Republican Offices and driving through multiple counties with magnetic car signs for Donald J. Trump. I had created handouts that I gave to people whom came into the office and was open to talking with anyone – Democrat, Republican, or Independent – offering my reasons for backing Donald J. Trump.

On Monday, September 12, 2022, I was sworn in; by stepping up and volunteering, to become the Precinct 10 Liberty Township Chair / Representative for the Republican Party – The area where we live.

I took my position serious and immediately created a letter [September 28, 2022] to ALL residents in my precinct, [over 500 homes and 1,180 registered voters]. The letter focused on making sure everyone knew how to verify they were registered; how to register to vote if they need to; how and where to vote early; the Republican slate card (back) and consider voting for J.D. Vance for US Senator and for Sharon Kennedy as Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. I went to every home in my precinct over five days and hand delivered my letter to everyone in person or left on the door. Also, handed out cards on Ohio Issue #1 and #2 – [Bail amounts & Citizenship Voting requirement.]

Finally, I drove through 16 counties, again, for J.D. Vance and Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice representative Sharon Kennedy, and against Tim Ryan. Again, I created several car magnets and handouts that I used to drive over 4,000 miles through the counties – going to the local election boards, shopping centers and churches and talking with people. I drive to several counties, daily, the last 29 days before the general election, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

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During the 2022 election where JD Vance was running for U.S. Senator and Judge Kennedy for Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice, we were directed to reach out to the registered Republican members in our precincts. Not the Democrats or Non-Party members. This was my first election as the Liberty Twp. #10 representative. Once I downloaded my precinct list, I saw I only had less than 67 registered Republicans in my precinct and less than 55 Democrats – yet over 820 Non-Party members.

I decided to create a letter **addressed to all registered voters** in my precinct. The letter I referenced above dated the end of September. I bought business cards to include with these letters and door hanger sleeves to put the letter/business cards in.

I created a new eMail account and obtained a new cell phone and phone number (separate from my main cell phone), to place on the business cards for people to reach out to me with further questions or comments. I printed the letter on heavy stock, two sided in full color to make them visually appealing. I then took over 1,100 letters, bagged them with the business cards, to distribute to all the homes in my precinct.

I would hand them out to all homes and leave on front doors if no answer.

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Since I could not physically walk the entire precinct, due to my age and dependency on a walking stick, I had help over four days to canvass it all.

I also spend hours at the Butler County Board of Elections, like many others in the Central Committee, handing out cards concerning issues #1 and #2, as well as specific card for Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice representative Sharon Kennedy and JD Vance; I parked my vehicle at the entrance to the front doors in parking lot so everyone could see my vehicle signs.

My next encounter was early 2023, specifically, February 2nd and March 2nd at the Butler County GOP meetings held at Majors Barn, Monroe, OH.

A special meeting was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 for the purpose of selecting someone to fill the vacated Ohio GOP state level position for State Central Committee. Just before meeting set for February 2, 2023, I received a letter postmarked January 27, 2023. It was dated January 23, 2023. It was signed by Candice Keller (Former Ohio State Representative & Executive committee member of BC-GOP). It asked all Central Committee members to vote for Marilyn Tunnat. If it only focused on that, I would have no complaint. However, it seriously besmirched the other candidate, Debbie Lang and her husband, Ohio Senator George Lang.

“Debbie is the business partner of husband which was made known during the DYNUS scandal just over ten years ago, which resulted in Lang’s being indicted on 9 counts of perjury by the FBI. Debbie is NOT what our county needs [...] We need transparency, honesty and integrity [...] and certainly, not a person attached to the most notorious court case ever to hit Butler County politics.”

Ms. Keller also wrote in the letter a reference, suggesting, George Lang was convicted of a crime – [which is a LIE; not true]. He was found NOT guilty in 2011 on ALL counts of perjury in the Federal Court, Cincinnati, OH. I brought several newspaper articles on the Trial and outcome with me. Her inference to this CONVICTION was in this paragraph:

“We just closed out a year when we saw ANOTHER Butler County elected official convicted of a crime. When will we stop endorsing candidates who have a history of bad behavior, or are associated with felony-type behavior in their own past or the past history of their business associates and inner circle?”

Before the meeting began, showing the letter to the Chairpersons and our Parliamentarian, I requested we discipline Ms. Keller. I was told there was NOTHING I could do and the ByLaws do NOT allow disciplining members of our elected members OR any elected OFFICIALS as a group!

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So, someone can write a letter that is at best misinformed, worse an outright lie, as an official member of the Butler County GOP and it's OK!

Next was the special meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023 to discuss sending a letter from the BC-GOP disciplining AND censuring 22 State level elected GOP members of the 135 House of Representatives of the Ohio general assembly. These 22 members went against the vote for Speaker of the House of the other GOP members. I questioned if our ByLaws allow this action and was told by Chris Wunnenberg (chairperson) that “It's NOT in our By Laws; but we need to consider taking action!” I voted against the motion; the motion passed. I do not know what the final letter said that was to be sent to these 22 members (one from Butler County). Another motion was also made by the Central Committee members from Hamilton, OH for the one member from Hamilton, Sara Carruthers, who voted in the House. I was not from Hamilton, and did not vote. I believe they voted to censure her. Again, I do not know what the final censure was.

The point of these two meeting (Feb. 2nd & Mar. 2nd) is the difference in how we can VIOLATE the authority in the Butler County GOP ByLaws for disciplining one member – but not another that sent a letter filled with OUTRIGHT falsehoods.

Worse, members of our Central & Executive Committee have gone against the recommendation of the Butler County GOP.

Then came the August 2023 special election, where there was a critical issue on the ballot – the changing of the Ohio Constitution and the general election in November, 2023 – two special issues and the local School Board Election were on the ballot.

This was, in many ways, when my intense dissatisfaction with the Butler County GOP Party became strong. It began with how we were told how to handle the Special election issue on August 8, 2023.

Early May or June, I was told that we could NOT **officially** represent the Butler County GOP to address the issue of voicing an official position for or against special Issue #1 – changing the Ohio Constitution requiring a change must be done it by a margin of 60%.

I received an eMail from our Butler County State Central Committee Member, Debbie Lang, on May 23, 2023 explaining that the State Central Committee met via Zoom call the Saturday before. She stated that “We must vote YES on this issue. [...] so, the most important thing is to get out the vote for Republicans.” [This because of the historical low turn out of off month elections.]

Then at the GOP meeting, Thursday, June 15, 2023, we were told we should reach out to our Republican homes in our region and explain the importance of voting YES. During that meeting, Ohio Senator George Lang and Butler County State Central Committee Member, Gary Cates gave a detailed explanation of the potential law [Issue #1] and the need for it to pass by voting YES.

I asked at this meeting if we will have any handouts or anything on the website for people to download and read. The GOP of Butler County had nothing. However, after a little digging the Ohio State Republican party came out with flyer to Vote YES. They also posted a party release statement on the issue [<https://www.ohiogop.org/ohio-republican-party-releases-statement-on-issue-1/>].

Also, Jessica Franz – Republican State Central Committee District 5 did a letter on her substack site. Another document was authored by Randy Kleine (edited by Diane Hughes of Butler County GOP) and sent out by eMail late in July. I also found detailed flyer titled “Vote YES on Issue #1 August 8th – Protect our Constitution. [it was on the website: www.voteYesOhio.com]

With the lack of information on the news, newspapers, and signs, I decided to create my own letter to hand out to all members of my region (Liberty Twp. #10) – not just talk with the 67 Republicans in my area. I wrote the letter, addressing the Special election Tuesday, August 8th and distributed it on July 11, 2023. [more later] This, I believed was necessary to stop outside influences from coming into the State with outside money to pass radical future issues.

In my letter, I pointed out that there are only 8 States that allow Citizen initiated changes to a state constitution by 50% + 1. It's one flaw, in my opinion, was the change to require 5% of all 88 counties to sign a petition to have it placed on the ballot; existing law only required 44 counties to sign.

Then after my distribution, I found out that the Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, said, publicly at a GOP Lincoln Dinner event, during this time –

"And this [issue #1] is 100% about keeping a radical pro-abortion amendment out of our constitution, the left wants to jam it in there this coming November, and so yes, this is 100% about abortion..."

My greatest fears became a reality. Both, Pro- and Anti-abortion groups quickly latched onto the issue as well, with the Pro-abortion groups saying this **was only a referendum on the abortion question** [Issue #1 general election in November] three months before a vote on the abortion issue. Lots of outside money came in, around thirteen million dollars, to defeat the issue.

Even with all this going on, and after the Abortion ONLY issue, the Butler County GOP still didn't take an official stance on the issue, other than telling it's members to personally reach out to the Republican in their area. Even though several State level GOP House and Senate members came out in support of the issue's passage. Also, as pointed out earlier, the Liberty Twp. Central Committee did create a flyer late in July, requesting a vote of "Yes", although it wasn't widely distributed, that I'm aware of.

I reached out to our County GOP leadership and tried to get us to officially support this, like the Ohio GOP does on their website. I suggested we make banners and put them across several overpasses and the NO vote side was doing, [I even said I would have them made at my expense and would have them available within 3 business days.] I asked that we create some slat cards officially supporting a YES on issue #1.

It fell on deaf ears – no special meeting – no vote to support! Just told to only talk to my Republican people in my area, if I wanted to.

At least, I had distributed my newsletter on July 11th to all the homes in my area and pointed out that I was NOT writing as their GOP representative. "**I'm not writing you in any official capacity; rather as a concerned Ohioan**; wanting to protect our Ohio Constitution." I pointed out the entire issue and what the YES vote meant; I even discussed the flaw of 5% approval of all 88 counties. Pointing out the fact that it was about how we change our state Constitution. ["A '**YES**' vote will make it harder to pass radical future issues like unlimited legalization of drugs; smoking bans in restaurants; abortion-on-demand rights [up-to birth and after]; adolescent sex (transgender) modification [without parental knowledge]; and other issues."]

I also addressed early voting in Butler County and spent hours at the polls for early voting handing out a card explaining what a NO vote and a YES vote meant.

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Although Butler County approved Issued #1 with a YES vote, the State of Ohio defeated it by 57% to 43%. The big city areas all voted NO – Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Toledo, Columbus & surrounding Columbus counties!

Now, onto the upcoming Tuesday, November 7th general election for School Board and Issues #1 and #2.

I again created a letter for my area on Saturday, October 16, 2023 concerning the Lakota School board election and both State Issues

Issue #1 [change to Ohio Constitution to 60% citizen appoint change]

Issue #2 [Legalize Recreational Marijuana use].

I distributed it to all homes in Liberty Twp. #10 over the next week. In it, I explained that we need to focus on State Issue #1 and realize how radical the passage would be concerning Abortion issues AND that it would become part of our State Constitution. [I pointed out, if passed it would be one of the most radical Abortion bills in the U.S. (even President-elect Donald J. Trump had said so at many of his stump speeches, after passage).] I also spoke of Issue #2 and my concern of legalization of all recreational marijuana vs. the current ability to secure a prescription to use.

Then I focused on the Lakota School board race with two seats open. One currently occupied by a 16-year conservative member and the other by a free spending 12-year member. I stressed the need, with the school addressing several issues to consider electing more conservative members to keep the balance 3-2 (conservative to more progressive members).

Over the coming year, the school board will need focus on several upcoming issues - drop in student performance (covid?); upcoming contractual issues; securing a permanent Superintendent; physical building issues; and many other issues.

I also handed out a 3 by 5 card on Issues #1 and #2 with YES/NO summaries.

Two of the candidates, Linda O'Connor (16-year veteran) and Russ Loges (1st time running as a candidate) were both endorsed by the West Chester GOP branch of the Butler County party. Lakota Schools reside in West Chester and part of Liberty Twp.

In the past, the West Chester branch has endorsed candidates, while the County GOP does NOT. The County GOP has several school districts within the County and does not vote on support for any.

During this last election, November 2023, several of the Liberty Twp/West Chester Republican Central & Executive board members wrote letters to all the other board members and created flyers and mailers to the public, telling them NOT to vote for Linda O'Connor (endorsed by the Republican Party of West Chester). Many of these letters had outright false statements in them. Interestingly, went on to say that people should vote for the newest 1st time running for office, while not supporting the current member of the board. They even SAID "do not vote for Linda O'Connor - ONLY for Russ Loges".

I was a bit shocked by one member, Committee member Diane Hughes, writing a letter and supporting several flyers that disparaged Linda O'Connor. Remember this same member wrote a detailed letter (edited) in August in support of special Issue #1.

These multiple letters to both the Executive/Central committee members and the public in general [Lakota School district] had the ill effect of having both Republican backed candidates lose the election. Now the Lakota School board has 4 liberal/(progressive) members and only ONE (1) conservative.

I was so upset by these 6 or 7 letters mailed to all members of the BC-GOP and handouts/flyers that I wrote a detailed eMail to many of the members of our GOP dated November 4, 2023 – three days before the general election. It was titled “My PERSONAL observations of the Lakota School Election”

I pointed out my disgust with the “spineless attacks [...] this is truly disgusting behavior from alleged people WHO CLAIM to hold the interest of the children of Lakota and their education VS. their personal vile hatred for one member running for re-election. [...] If these people really cared about our students, they would have been focused on the performance of the students over the past 10 or more years – [...] Facts, not fake or predominantly false statements! [...] These people who are trying to influence the election by rumors, half-truths, and outright lies, have NOT stepped forward to help the schools by (1) joining any school advisory committees, (2) running for the school board themselves, (3) testifying before state/federal legislatures to change State and/or Federal laws, or (4) perform any other **positive** action. Only complain and perform negative actions! **Disgusting! Revolting!**”

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Our leader (chairperson), Todd Hall, was well aware of this and stated to many members, including myself, "I will address this AFTER the election!"

Guess what? NOT only did he, our GOP leader, not address this, he did a Kumbaya letter & eMail "Let's move forward and forget past problems". I asked myself, "How can we learn from the past mistakes if we just IGNORE the problem and move forward?" So, I suggest, we all apparently need to get together and sing "Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya ..." NOT ME! This is why I'm resigning from the Butler County GOP.

We did NOT address the poor behavior of the membership going against the decisions of the West Chester branch of the BC-GOP endorsement of both candidates. Again, nothing was done about this. **So hypocritical!**

Even though several members of the Republican board wrote letters telling people to NOT vote for O'Conner – only Russ Loges, they also paid for mailers and hand out cards. They donated to two different PACs that paid for the materials. I found their names as donors to these two political PACs – 'Ohio Citizen's PAC' and 'Ohio Republican PAC'. These two PACs were only used to fund mailers and handouts for the Lakota School District election. Since they spent over \$1,000.00, they had to disclose who/where the money came from. I, again, turned over the PAC funding info to the leadership of BC-GOP. It can be found at Search at Ohio Secretary of State site: <https://www6.ohiosos.gov/ords/f?p=119:1:0::>

After the election, I asked our BC-GOP leadership, again, why we can't discipline our members; especially since our Chair person claimed before the election, he would address it after the elections. Instead, I again heard that "We have nothing in our bylaws to address this."

To this, I responded that we should address this by changing the bylaws. Interestingly, even though NOT in the bylaws, we could vote to chastise and censure several members of the State level Republican party for their actions in March 2023. SO, WE CAN'T disapprove or chastise our own members - but we can for members of the Ohio State House of Representatives.

A few weeks later, we were given the opportunity to suggest changes to our bylaws. I sent an email with four (4) possible changes. I received information back THAT IT MUST BE IN LEGAL jargon to be considered. I, like many members of the board, AM NOT A LAWYER! (Thus, my suggestions fell on closed ears.) Instead of submitting my opinions to a lawyer, it was completely DISMISSED.

Then we approach the 2024 Primaries and General Election. The final straw to my concerns and my belief in the lack of managerial focus on the elections and Republican issues. How we use the GOP money that we collect for political issues and elections.

There are three critical events during 2024 in the Butler County GOP.

1. Pre-primary election endorsements and use of funds
2. Need to get people registered to Vote for General Election
3. How the organization uses it's money for Elections

With that said, there is a fourth issue, of personal:

4. How the organization treats it's volunteers

Each of these issues, showed me that this organization is operated poorly - management's stagnating growth and disregarding of new ideas. Management's misguided focus of what is important.

Pre-primary endorsements.

On Saturday, February 3, 2024, I created a letter and distributed to the homes of my precinct asking people to vote for several GOP candidates at the primary election in March. Specifically, at the local level, I asked them if they were going to vote the Republican primary, to support, at the local level, George Lang [Ohio Senator]. At the federal level, Warren Davidson [US House Representative], Bernie Moreno [US Senate] and Donald J. Trump [US President]. It took me a week to get it distributed to all GOP and Independent households in Liberty Twp #10. I didn't bother to leave at the Democratic homes; guessing they would vote for the Democratic primary. The letter again pointed out that early voting began on February 21, 2024 at the Board of Elections office in Hamilton, OH.

After distributing my letter of support, I waited for the BC-GOP to hold a meeting to vote to support GOP candidates in the Primary election in March.

On February 17, 2024, I reached out to Bernie Moreno's election staff and explained how I will drive around with car signs asking people to vote for Bernie.

I pointed out that I wouldn't create the car signs until after he won the primary. [I further pointed out that I had done the same for JD Vance in 2022 when running for US Senate]. I sent two proposed signs I would create by eMail – one 24 x 18 with 12 bullet points and another 18 x 12 and one from JD Vance's election. I asked to get back to me with their input on the 12 points and looks before I would create them.

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On Sunday, February 25, 2024, the Butler County GOP held a meeting to meet-and-greet several GOP candidates running for local office on the primary election ticket. After hearing from the candidates, we would vote whom we as a group wished to endorse for the March 19, 2024 GOP Primary. The party would then create an official Butler County GOP Slate Card.

The only office that was NOT considered for ENDORSEMENT was for the President of the United States. I, and others, asked why we weren't endorsing a candidate for the Primary election to be held at March primary election. We were told that the State GOP had not endorsed anyone at that point.

I was told later that the decision was made by our chair members – Todd Hall and Chris Wunnenberg before preparing the agenda for the meeting. After the meeting, the BC-GOP prepared and paid for slate cards to be mailed and handed out for the Primary Election.

I was still upset about the preparation of a slate card for the Primary without support for the main purpose of the Election – the President of the United States. I spoke to many members of the party, and then, on Friday, March 15, 2024 we finally had a meeting at Majors Barn, Monroe, OH to vote to support Donald J. Trump and add his name to the official BC-GOP Slate Card [already made without his name] three working days BEFORE the primary election. We were told at that meeting, before the vote, that the Executive committee met earlier in the week to approve a new Slate Card and it was already sent to the printers. The vote was over 95% endorsing Trump!

The cards were supposed to be available on Monday, the day before the primary election for distribution. We were also told that they would mail them out.

I was disappointed that as a party WE did NOT, until literally 4 days before the Republican Primary, support TRUMP for President in person or by slate card. Then we voted to do so - and had to have NEW slate cards made. It is important to point out that we also had NO on ISSUE #! added. BOTH of these problems caused unnecessary spending (duplication) for slate cards to be handed out. [What a complete waste of money – which could have been avoided if we voted to support back in February!]

The primary occurred on Tuesday, March 19. That evening, after the polls closed, I sent an eMail to several people with the results concerning the wins. It showed that Donald J. Trump [US President] and Bernie Moreno [US Senate] took all 88 counties in Ohio and our US House Representative Warren Davidson and local Ohio State Senator,

George Lang won by a land slide. I believe, in part, due to the hard work done by myself and others getting their names out.

That week, after the primary election, I created several car magnetic signs of VOTE FOR TRUMP for President and an Anti [don't vote for] car magnetic sign against Sherrod Brown [current Democratic US Senator]. I had previously created two signs for Bernie Moreno and sent them to his election offices by eMail.

I also created several window signs and cards to distribute that had "Vote for Trump November 5, 2024 (Your Vote Counts)". I also created several Trump 2024 shirt pins and 3x5 flags to give away.

I reached out the "Bikers for TRUMP" group and offered many 2024 flags and Trump 2024 pins to the National president. He gladly accepted them, as a gift, and assured me they would use them when on their bikes.

I had a few hundred TRUMP 45-47 hats and 50 t-shirts [Vote Trump November 5, 2024!] made by my tailor in Hong Kong.

NOTE: My tailor creates all my political hats and clothing that I have had made since Trump ran for office in 2016. I give these hats and shirts and other paraphernalia away for free to people I meet who I believe will wear and support Trump!

The letters/car magnetic/window signs will be found on this website
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These signs and paraphernalia, are my way to support those running for office, that I believe in – Trump & JD Vance & Bernie Moreno during the 2024 election. I donate my time and money to pay for these items to get the word out. If they are car magnets, I drive throughout the State with them on it. I also many car signs, at my expense, and hand them out when talking with people; finally give them to others to distribute.

The car magnetic signs came in, on March 25, 2024, I began driving around with them on both sides of my vehicles, asking people to Vote November 5, 2024 for Donald Trump and Bernie Moreno – against Brown. Initially, I spent about 10-15 hours a week, being retired, driving through parking lots, on highways, and shopping centers – to get the word out.

I did the same type car magnets for Trump in 2020 and J.D. Vance running for US Senate office in 2022. Besides driving many miles and stopping in shopping centers and other sites and talking with people, I made more that I gave to 8 other people to drive in support.

After this I believed we need to focus on getting people registered to Vote for General Election and distribute the GOP slate card or information.

While driving through my community [NOT in my Liberty Twp. #10 area – just beyond it] and drive through a new community being built.

I talked with the builders and was told the community will have over 175 new homes by the end of the year (2024). About half of the new construction was single level, senior, homes.

Between May and October, 2024, I would watch for the new homes being SOLD and new people moving in.).

I created a letter of introduction welcoming them to our neighborhood. In this letter, I pointed out, that as new residents, if they were interested in voting in the upcoming General Election in November, they needed to either register to vote or change their address to the new address to vote! Of course, the letter also pointed out that I was supporting Trump, Bernie Moreno, and the conservative Ohio Supreme Court justices up for election. I also gave them my phone number and eMail for further questions.

It is important to note that cards DID not have information about my affiliation with BC Republican party (since they were NOT authorized by the party).

On Saturday, July 13, 2024, an assassination attempt was made on Donald Trump, while he was speaking at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. He received a shot to his right ear. The next day, I reached out to my Tailor and gave him several designs for 20 t-shirts and 40 new flags to give away. The design was based on Trump standing with the American flag behind him and his right fist in the air – 2 Secret Service agents holding him. They came in 10 days later and I started to give them away.

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Then on Monday, July 15, 2024, Trump revealed JD Vance as his Vice-Presidential pick on opening day of the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. That night, I design a new car magnet with both Trump and Vance (pictures of both) and to vote November 5, 2024! I also created a new letter of introduction adding J.D. Vance to my support for the upcoming 2024 election.

I also created a 5 x 4 card with the same design for Trump and Vance. The back of the card had how to register or verify that a person is registered to vote and early voting times for the Butler County Hamilton Board of Elections.

I distributed these cards at many gatherings, when stopping and talking with people at church/city fairs & shopping centers, and to all the homes in the newest subdivision.

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I called several people in the BC-GOP and eMailed them offering to give a few hundred of these [5 x 4 inch] cards away for them to hand out. Several people took me up on my offer. In the end, I gave away over 1,200 information 5-by-4 cards before the last date to register to vote.

I also reached out to Todd Hall, several times, suggesting we get the Butler County GOP to attend the area summer area (fairs – shopping centers, other events and gathering places) to get people registered to vote in the upcoming general election. I also talked about how I was giving new home owners information for the November election. I suggested we ask other members of the Central/Executive committee, to watch for homes being sold in their neighborhood. This is especially important during the summer months when many families are moving with their children, into the Lakota school district.

I was told that, as for events & fairs, many would NOT let them do it [without actual knowledge] AND that we could do it at the Butler County fair, Republican tent! I exclaimed my feeling of how the people that come to our tent are probably ALREADY Republican slanted.

Again, my ideas seemed to fall on deaf ears of our chairperson!

Interestingly, in the new home area, I did 129 new homes and over half of the new owners reached out to me by phone/eMail and let me know they had registered to vote.

I suggested that we consider putting strong INFO up about Issue #1 on the Butler County Republican website pointing out the flaws and a QR code to allow people to go to a separate site with detailed information. In the end, the BC-GOP website did post a Vote NO on issue #1 on their website [<https://www.butlercountygop.org/vote-no-to-issue-1>]. But, it was only during the last few weeks before the election. Again, it seemed to fall on closed minds and ears.

I personally created a handout that I gave out while driving to the 26 county Boards of Elections for early voting over the 30 days before the November election. [Printed (1800 copies), handed out ALL and talked with many people around the 26 BOEs. My Vote NO issue #1, 1,800 copies were printed on 35 lb. paper (thick) and only ½ page in size. I believe this should have been done by our GOP party as well.

The final straw that decided my refusal to participate in the Butler County GOP in the future, came the last week of August and first week of September, 2024.

During the Trump/Vance & Moreno election, this year, I became extremely disappointed in the behavior of certain members of leadership when needing to work with volunteers to man the offices for public access.

Now onto how the Butler County GOP handles their volunteers.

In this case, I am totally frustrated in the leadership of our party allowing people like Randy Simmons, an Executive Board Member, to run the West Chester Trump center AND his PERSONAL attack on myself, a volunteer, when I offered to help work the West Chester TRUMP center.

He reached out to me by phone, initially, late August and asked if I would be willing to help work in the new Trump center (as I had done in the 2016 offices in Oxford and in the 2020 Trump West Chester center).

I said I would be glad to help; I asked him how they were going to distribute the yard signs; as that in 2016, initially, the Oxford office wanted to charge \$2.00 a sign. I explained that I didn't sell them; rather asked for donations and overall received a lot more over the last three weeks than the equivalent of \$2.00 a sign. [I pointed out that many were given away (1 per person) – even if they had no money.]

I was insistent that, if he wanted to sell the, I would not sell Trump yard signs, rather ask for donations. He made no comment to my statement on the phone.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, he sent an eMail to all volunteers with a schedule for work and notifying us that he wanted to have a meeting two days later, concerning volunteering in the West Chester Trump office. I was unable to attend that evening due to a previous engagement, and sent an eMail stating so.

Rather, I came in the afternoon of the opening and met with him. We went into the back office. When I arrived, I saw several items I had given to Jennifer Snyder Barlow. Jennifer was the Butler County Campaign chairperson for Trump and was supposed to be head of the West Chester office. I had given her and her husband a few days earlier, at the West Chester office, a large 2024 Trump vote November 2024 Window decal and a couple of Trump 2024 flags. I also gave her car magnets for Trump/Vance 2024.

I saw my front door decal and Trump flag that I had given Jennifer and commented “I was pleased to see they use them” to him. I did mention that I had the flags made in Hong Kong, by my tailor. I explained that I had the window clings/decal made by 24 Hour Print at a cost of \$35.00 each.

He had me sit down in the back office, facing him, and during a one-on-one discussion of duties, I was given a multipage document covering the issues. In turn while reading the documents, Randy continued to talk with me [in a condescending tone] of what was expected. I began to ask a question concerning what I had read and he rudely told me to ONLY PAY ATTENTION to him! Then he pointed to the yard signs and stated we are charging \$5.00 a piece for the signs. I then spoke up and reminded him that I had previously stated that I WOULD NOT SELL them, rather ask for donations [based on my experiences in 2016 and 2020 in Oxford office and others]. To me, it was important that we get them out for people to see them.

He got angry and vocally loud and ordered me to get out OF HIS OFFICE [because I would NOT sell yard signs for \$5.00 each].

During the meeting he demanded I leave **his office** and he even tried to forcibly expel me from the office out the front door [on the opening day of the office] (in front of several witnesses - including the person who was supposed to be in charge of the office)

I am disappointed in a person who acts so UNPROFESSIONAL, when dealing with volunteers, He even yelled that I can't give away Trump items (hats, flags, stickers, car magnets, etc.) on HIS PROPERTY (NOTE: it is NOT his parking LOT it is Senator George Lang's and I had permission from Senator Lang). He also accused me of selling items. HE IS NOT a nice person and a CONTROL FREAK! [my opinion].

When, I did go outside, I gave a few volunteers some Trump hats, tee shirts, and some car magnets. When they offered to pay me, I would simply tell them "I don't want any money. Instead, consider making a donation to the GOP!"

OH, a few minutes later, he came out of the offices started toward me, yelling I will get off the lot and NOT to sell to people on his LOT. I was upset and told him I was NOT selling anything and that he DID NOT own the lot and that I had already called Senator George Lang [who's property it was]. He just continued yelling, ordering me to get off his property and insisted I take my car magnets off my car while on his parking lot. [Again, the property was NOT his and was actually owned by Senator GEORGE LANG.]

He then insisted, that I couldn't even give them away UNLESS they were made in America! [A side issue - the flag he had on the wall in the back office - I donated and was NOT printed in America - rather in Hong Kong, by my source. I also donated several flags and hats to the Middletown office, like the one the front office. The sign on the front door with TRUMP was also something I had made in the US.]

Although Mr. I later found out that he did NOT purchase anything that was being sold in the office; nor did Jennifer Barlow. Rather, they were all obtained from the main Butler County Republican offices in Middletown!

I called Senator Lang to let him know what had happened and also called our GOP Executive Chairperson, Mr. Hall – leaving messages with both. I was trying to talk with Mr. Hall and ask why we are charging \$5.00 per yard sign and my complaint about Randy's treatment of me as a volunteer].

I spoke with Todd Hall, later that afternoon, and told him about my encounter and asked why Randy is selling the signs for \$5.00 since then came from the Middletown office. I was told, by Chairperson Hall, that we have spent more money on this election than another and we need to re-coup some of the cost.

I spoke with Senator Lang that evening and he said he would reach out to Jennifer Barlow and Todd Hall.

During all of this bad behavior, Mr. Randy Simmons insisted he was in charge of the Trump Campaign Office. [Eve]n though, technically Jennifer Barlow was.]

He insisted that I could NOT come to the office and that I couldn't bring anything into the office or on HIS parking lot, that was NOT MADE in AMERICA- (cost \$35 a piece) - SAY saying all this,

I believe he is a total hypocrite! All of the stuff he was selling in the West Chester office WAS NOT made in America; many items were produced in China. Unlike mine printed in Hong Kong.

This behavior and the lack of leadership to address the issue by Chair member Todd, was clearly the last issue that has driven me to resign from my position as the Liberty Twp. #10 chair for the Butler County GOP.

Concerns with how the organization uses its money for Elections and get funds to support elections.

I have already addressed a few issues, like the duplication of Slate Cards because, as an organization, we didn't recommend support for the Office of the President until very late in the game. This is also true for the lack of support for Issue #1 in August 2023. Or signs against issue #1 and #2 in the November 2023 election. Finally, the lack of signs or other ways – like on our website AGAINST Issue #1, Constitutional change in the general election 2024.

I also found it interesting that in 2024 we did not have a Lincoln Dinner to raise money for the party. Rather, later in the year we had an event with a local/county event – that we had to pay twice – once donation; once to enter the county event.

The worse to me, is allowing the office to charge \$5.00 a yard sign for Trump and Trump/Vance signs. My take on these yard signs is to get them out in the public as advertisement, to get the message out, and to visually remind people to vote and vote the Republican candidate. It is not, in my opinion, to make money on these signs. We raise money through our yearly fund raisers and other avenues.

I have given several examples here in how we could have focused, especially during 2024, on registering people to vote and address issues that the GOP should have addressed. We could have also used these 'get the vote out & register to vote' events as fund raisers as well.

Finally, we [BC-GOP] paid for an after-election event for the volunteers. Which, I did not attend because it was being sponsored by [and paid for?] by the party.

Concerning the things I've done during the 2024 election year.

It is important to note that I purchased MANY items to give away this election period [just like I did in the 2016, 2020, and 2022 elections] - hats, flags, lapel pins, Trump rings/bracelets, t-shirts, stickers, key chains, large window signs/adhesives, desk paraphernalia, and many Car Magnets (12x18 and 18x24). At a cost of thousands of dollars out my pocket. I have given away at NOT cost to the recipient – just a suggest they donate to the GOP or Trump/Vance or Moreno campaigns.

And of course, the time it took me to create, print and distribute many letters (place in door hangers), 4x6 cards and other information handouts to my constituents in Liberty Twp #10 and while on the road.

EVERY thing I purchased, I've given away for others to advertise the cause. I've driven over 6,500 miles, during this election period, to 26 different Board of Election early voting centers - AND, of course, all through Butler and Hamilton County displaying car magnets and stopping to talk with people and handing out paraphernalia and gear.

This is how I am committed to what I believed was the common-sense party [BC-GOP]! Being retired I also choose to go above and beyond expectation to offer my time and dedication to helping the election of those I believe in. Although, I use a cane/walking stick and find it a bit difficult to get around this year, I even went to the extent of paying someone out of my own pocket. I drove them around to distribute my handouts and letters in Liberty Twp. #10 and in the new subdivision being built next to my area.

All the items I give AWAY for free and simply ask people to donate to the Republican party OR to the candidates directly.

I will continue to do these things without being a member of the Butler County Republican Party. However, I will no long take responsibility for Liberty Twp #10. I was NOT elected to my position - rather asked to represent Liberty Twp #10, because my area had no one for years.

Again, I was sworn in September 2022 and have worked diligently since that date. At the time, I pointed out that I can't do many of the physical activities that a younger person can do and that the Party should continue to find someone else who can do the job.

Having now vented my beliefs and concerns, let me repeat -

Due to my personal dissatisfaction with the, in my opinion ONLY, lack of support given to the members by the management and lack of true focus, as a party, to help the national and local Republicans, I have decided to resign my position as the Liberty Twp. #10 representative.

I will continue to be vocal for all causes that I believe in; just NOT as a representative of a Party that has management and members who think they have the right to go against the majority rule.

Thank you for taking the time to read this LONG, over 8,000-word diatribe of why I became so dissatisfied with the Butler County Republican Party that I resign from it!

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