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Montgomery County Republican Party
Dr. Wally Wilkerson, Chairman

Copy to MCRP Officers: Reagan Reed, Rachel Bingham and John Wertz

Dr. Wilkerson,

Thank you very much for your many years of service to the Party and congratulations on your March re-election victory.

However, an Organizational Meeting is required by RPT Rule 8 every two years. As unanimously confirmed by the SREC on September 22, at those Organizational Meetings bylaws are **adopted**. By definition, adoption requires only a majority vote. This is a similar process to how the RPT Rules and SREC bylaws are each also adopted with a majority vote every two years.

Both the current and prior MCRP bylaws require compliance with RPT Rules.

RPT Rule 5 specifies Robert's Rules are the parliamentary authority, "***Unless otherwise provided for by... these Rules.***" RPT Rules require an Organizational Meeting and adoption of bylaws, so any Robert's Rules position on that matter is irrelevant.

In messages sent to the Montgomery County Republican Party email list you repeatedly claimed that the June 26 bylaws infringe on the authority of a County Chair. However, there are no provisions in the adopted bylaws that contradict any of the items in [this complete list of all statutory duties and authority of a County Chair](#).

As a result of those repeated public statements, a majority of the MCRP's Precinct Chairs submitted a request for a hearing from the RPT Officials Committee under Rule 8k. Each of you participated in the hearing that began on Saturday, September 22.

The Officials Committee made it clear that they only had two interests in the 8k complaint:

- That the bylaws properly adopted by the Montgomery County GOP on June 26, 2018 be recognized as currently in force, and
- That the requirements of Texas Election Code 171.024 be complied with.

In an effort to avoid any further public dispute on the matter, the RPT Officials Committee gave you a total of nine additional days from September 22 to agree that the June 26 bylaws were properly adopted. Choosing not to do so continues to cause great division.

An experienced County Chair intentionally and publicly claiming authority granted by the law and RPT Rules to other elected officials - not to the Chair - has been determined to be behavior designed to disgrace the Republican Party.

Further, you have not reported newly elected Precinct Chairs to the Secretary of State and RPT, a required statutory duty under Texas Election Code section 171.024.

As a result, the Republican Party of Texas' Officials Committee finds that Montgomery County Chairman, Dr. Walter Wilkerson, has, pursuant to RPT Rules adopted at the 2018 State Convention, failed to perform a statutory duty and engaged in behavior designed to disgrace the Republican Party.

Therefore the Republican Party of Texas requests that:

- all members of the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee abide by the bylaws adopted on June 26th, and
- for the purposes of TEC and FEC campaign finance filings, as appropriate, and on all necessary bank accounts, acknowledge that John Wertz is the Treasurer, per the election held on June 26th, and
- all other election results from the June 26, 2018 meeting be recognized.

We urge all friends and supporters of the Montgomery County Republican Party focus all available energy and attention on the crucial effort of getting out the vote in the election in which early voting starts this month.

Signed,

James Dickey, Republican Party of Texas Chairman

Alma Perez Jackson, Republican Party of Texas Vice Chairman

Sue Evenwel, Officials Committee Member, SD 1

Jason Ross, Officials Committee Member, SD 2

Terry Holcomb, Officials Committee Member, SD 3

Mark Ramsey, Officials Committee Member, SD 7

Tanya Robertson, Officials Committee Member, SD 11

Jack Barcroft, Officials Committee Member, SD 24

Mark Dorazio, Officials Committee Member, SD 25