

On August 18, 2019, the Secretary, Mr. Park Llafet, issued a notification to most, but not all, of the Clark County Republican Party (CCRP) Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) stating that he had called a meeting to recall the CCRP Chair. Although he claimed to have contacted three unidentified attorneys to review the CCRP Bylaws, he explicitly did not follow the CCRP Bylaws which state:

Article VII, Removal from Office, 2b, states, ***“A petition calling a special meeting to remove the Elected Officer or Director has been signed by a majority of PCOs. Upon receipt of such petition, the Chair will give a signed and dated copy of the petition to a local, third-party auditor approved by a majority of the Board, who shall verify the petition.”***

The Secretary completely disregarded the CCRP Bylaws because the petition was not brought to the Chair, the board not notified, nor was the board able to vote on and approve a local third-party auditor. Instead, he went directly to the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) in Seattle to request verification of the petitions, presumably along with other unidentified PCOs. WSRP was complicit in the request by blatantly disregarding CCRP's Bylaws, stating that interpretation of bylaws is not its responsibility.

In addition to not receiving required board approval as stated above, the Secretary also chose to ignore the CCRP Bylaws and did not receive board authorization when he assumed the fiduciary functions of the Treasurer who is the only one with fiduciary responsibility:

Article X Powers and Duties of Officers, Section 4 states, ***“The duties of the Treasurer shall be to a) serve as custodian of all funds of the CCRCC; ... and c) Keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of funds for both the records of the CCRCC and PDC filings.”***

The Secretary then coordinated and announced a recall meeting of the CCRP Chair for August 27, 2019. He procured a parliamentarian from Seattle, as recommended by the WSRP, as well as the facilities for the location of the recall meeting at Bethesda Church in Vancouver. As the initiator of this meeting, he coordinated and/or directed purchase of the various supplies at the check-in table, i.e. name badges, envelopes and copied materials as provided to the PCOs who checked in. He also was responsible for a cash collection box at the check in area.

On August 27, 2019, the PCO body attended the recall meeting. The check-in table was manned by no one on the current board no was there any known verification as to the current list of PCOs. In spite of illogical meeting rules, the Chair still presided over the meeting per the CCRP bylaws, sitting between the Secretary's hired parliamentarian and the Chair's chosen parliamentarian. The Secretary also directed an unauthorized individual to assume Secretarial duties and conduct the roll call. The meeting did not last very long because a motion was made and passed to adjourn (a primary motion). The meeting ended without incident, and the Chair retained his position.

On August 28, 2019, at the CCRP board meeting, the CCRP Treasurer distributed a document to the Secretary, with copies to the board, requesting data on the financial

transactions related to the August 27th meeting. He verbally stated that he would provide it. After no response, the Treasurer followed up with an email to the Secretary on August 30, 2019 (with a copy to the CCRP board, CCRP's PDC filer – CAM Consulting, and the PDC) again requesting specific data related to the financial transactions supporting the August 27th meeting.

The Secretary refused to acknowledge the email. Four nights later the Treasurer discovered an envelope on her front door mat, which contained a signed letter from the Secretary with an invoice for the parliamentarian, an invoice for the church facilities, and \$2.50. In the note he explained that \$152.50 had been raised. Instead of properly depositing and recording the full \$152.50 donations as revenue, he took nearly all the cash and paid \$150 directly to the facility instead of properly receiving and recording the cash as revenue to the party and gave the leftover \$2.50 to the Treasurer. He did not deposit the donated cash within the five-business day time frame, as required by state law. He also chose to ignore and not provide an explanation or receipts for the name badges and the paper envelopes and copy materials as distributed to the PCOs.

With several prior consultations and verbal advisement/recommendations from the PDC (Fox Blackhorn, Scott Haley, and Ladelle Fuquay), the cost of the supplies was estimated based on Office Depot prices of same type of goods and attributed to the Secretary as an in-kind contribution.

On September 10, 2019, CCRP C-3 and C-4 reports were filed. The \$152.50 was recorded as an “anonymous” contribution on a C-3 report that has yet to be filed due to the time the contribution was reported to the Treasurer (9/6/19). These monies were recorded as a contribution and expense and not as the Complainant claims—as an in-kind contribution--because he was acting in an official capacity as the Secretary. The expense to Bethesda House and the in-kind contribution for supplies were reported on C-4 #100930429A

On September 11, 2019, the CCRP board held a board meeting, and with proper prior ten day notification per CCRP Bylaws, a motion was made and passed to bring a no confidence vote for the Secretary before the CCRP body's next quarterly meeting.

On September 14, 2019, the CCRP held its quarterly meeting. The Treasurer relayed to the PCO body the direct implications of the Secretary's illegal actions upon the party's current probationary status with the PDC when he a) assumed the Treasurer's duties without authorization, b) broke the state law when handling the donation money, c) did not provide all required receipts for goods purchased for the August 27th meeting, etc. that must be specifically accounted for and reported, among other things. She emphasized that the Secretary's actions could directly cause potential financial exposure and damage directly to CCRP. A motion was made for a no confidence vote for the Secretary. During the ensuing discussion and question and answer period, the Secretary read a statement and inferred that this motion for no confidence was retaliatory (for the failed petition attempt and failed recall meeting), which was completely untrue. He also inferred that the in-kind contribution as reported to the PDC and attributed to him was incorrect, hence his formal complaint to the PDC.

Shortly before the body's vote, the Secretary chose to resign, and immediately left the meeting. However, **the body proceeded with the no confidence vote with the intent to send a very clear message to not only the former Secretary, his supporters and the PDC, that they absolutely would not tolerate or condone his illegal actions, and that they no longer had confidence in his ability to suitably represent CCRP and preside as an officer on the board.** The voting results were *overwhelmingly* clear, 47 yes, 9 no. The body then nominated Deborah Larner for Secretary and Eileen Quiring, the current Clark County Council Chair, as Vice Chair. Both votes were passed by acclamation. These two individuals have high integrity and are fully committed to performing their job duties per CCRP Bylaws.

The CCRP has made *every possible effort* to keep the PDC informed throughout this entire sequence of events and took action based on the PDC's recommendations. Attached are numerous documents to support the above-addressed items.

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Attachments