



Union County Republican Committee
P.O. Box 588, Lewisburg PA 17837

October 29, 2018

Dear Mr. Katherman,

I am formally asking for Union County Elections staff and the Election Board to immediately cease inclusion of voter guides produced by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Lewisburg in the official materials provided to each polling location. Additionally, I ask Union County Elections staff and the Election Board to instruct county election workers, including each Judge of Election, to remove all voter guides that are placed within polling locations.

The Republican Party of Pennsylvania lead attorney, Joel Frank, and other experienced election law attorneys have indicated that the county's current actions are unacceptable.

PA Election Law prohibits electioneering in polling places. Many non-partisan organizations produce voter guides. I have not found another, including any other LWV chapter, whose materials are purposefully placed in the polling places in any other jurisdiction in the Commonwealth. Thus the inclusion of one voter guide at the exclusion of others, not only breaks the law and normal practice, it signals Union County's recommendation that voters should prioritize use of this specific guide.

Evidence exists that in at least one polling place in Union County the Judge of Election actively encourages voters to review the LWV's guide prior to voting. It is not the responsibility of the Judge of Election to attempt to sway a voter's choice, even if that is done under the premise of education.

PA Election regulations allow individual voters to take candidate identifying information with them into the polling location, but they are prohibited from using it to electioneer in any manner and are obligated to remove it when they leave.

Further, the Pennsylvania Department of State has informed county election officials that Judges of Elections, "should from time to time during the course of the day, make a "sweep" of the room and remove all campaign literature left in the polling place." Further, the code says, "nor shall any written or printed matter be posted up within the said room, except as required by law" indicating only prescribed materials, such as sample ballots, should be provided for review.

Respectfully,

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