

Legislative District 33

Representative Marco Erickson,

The Idaho Republican Party is a private organization dedicated to the promotion of certain political ideals, primarily by supporting candidates who pledge to support the United States and Idaho Constitutions and the Idaho Republican Party. The support from this Party is very beneficial to those who are elected and make such a pledge. Subsequently, keeping that pledge is paramount to the integrity of the Party and the confidence of the voters.

Without enforcement, the expressed principles of the Party are nothing more than ideals and philosophy. Republican legislators have, at times, defied their pledge and oath, voting on legislative matters substantially contrary to the Party's expressed platform and constitutional principles.

We are in receipt of a petition filed by more than 20% of the LD33 Committee members. Accordingly, as required by Article XX, Idaho Republican Party State Rules, I am required as follows: "Within 10 days of receipt of the petition, the Legislative District Chair shall notify the legislator of the petition and set a date for the meeting to determine the merits of the petition not more than one hundred (100) days or less than forty (40) days from receipt of the petition."

I feel it is imperative to provide a platform to give fair consideration to alleged violations and provide a meaningful opportunity for the official to be heard, and determine if substantive violations of Party Platform or Constitutions have actually occurred. With this in mind, I intend to establish an Investigative Committee (IC) of four PCOs, elected by the committee and the Chair, and appointed by the Chairman. The IC will individually provide a non-confrontational and unbiased atmosphere for the petitioners and legislator to provide full and thorough information each to their satisfaction.

The IC will then determine which allegations, if any, will then be presented at a hearing to the full Committee, as well as the defense. This hearing will promote a transparent LD 33 conversation regarding any portion of a formally filed grievance for which all facts can follow a fair and balanced due diligence process.

The Legislative District Committee, after fair consideration of the merits of any petition, as well as the response by the elected official, shall make a final determination of the merits of the petition.

Our overall goal is to understand our legislators, as well as the legislative processes, and for the legislators to better understand the desires of "we, the people" of Legislative District 33.

Thank you for your cooperation in participating and honoring our requests.

Jilene Burger,
Legislative District 33 Chairman

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