

Special Investigative Committee
Report of Findings and Recommendations
Representative Stephanie Mickelsen

Statement of Facts and Issue:

On April 11, 2022, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen signed and submitted an Integrity in Affiliation document (Exhibit A attached hereto) which provides that:

"I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated."

On September 28, 2023 a Petition was delivered to Doyle Beck, Chairman of Legislative District 32 Committee (LD32) containing allegations made against Representative Stephanie Mickelsen (hereinafter "Respondent") pursuant to Article XX Idaho Republican Party Platform Enforcement in connection with possible violations of Article XIII Integrity in Affiliation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

At a meeting on October 19, 2023, LD32 sought and received volunteers, who were unanimously approved, for a Special Investigative Committee (SIC) to investigate the allegations. Chairman Doyle Beck appointed Barbara Miller to chair the SIC. Members of the SIC are: Keith Banner, Tom Harrison, Josh Golden and Ben Baker, with Mark Bitter as an alternate. John Cutler who originally volunteered withdrew due to unavailability.

The Petition was provided to Respondent on November 4, 2023. On November 6, Respondent emailed Chairman Beck and advised him that "... I will not be participating." (Exhibit B attached hereto). Again, on November 7, 2023 Respondent asserted "I have made my decision. Should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open." (Exhibit C attached hereto). On November 21, 2023 the SIC Chair noticed Petitioners and Respondents of a SIC meeting on November 27, 2023 to review the allegations and make recommendations (Exhibits D and E attached hereto). Respondent did NOT appear at that meeting. Respondent did NOT provide any written responses to the allegations contained in the Petition. The meeting proceeded on November 27, 2023 with all committee members present, and Petitioners John Jensen, Rusty Devereaux and Carolyn Harrison initially present and then excused. On November 29, 2023 the SIC issued a Follow Up Inquiry to Respondent to which Respondent responded "I will let the voters be the judge of my record." (Exhibit F attached hereto).

At issue is Respondent's assertion that ***"I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated."***

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Allegation 1

Aye vote on HB24; Amendment SB1167

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A, D and E and Article I, Section 2, Paragraph C of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement.

Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 2

Nay vote on HB91

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A, D and E; Article I, Section 2, Paragraphs A, B and C; and Article I, Section 3, Paragraph B of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 3

Aye vote on HB138

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform. However, Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 4

Nay vote on HB155

Finding: The bill violates Article III, Section 10 and Article XIII, Section 3, Paragraphs C and D.

Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent

completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 5

Nay vote on HB138

Finding: The bill violates Preamble of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 6

Nay vote on HB265

Finding: The bill violates Article XIV, Section 4 of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 7

Nay vote on HB273

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Sections 2A, B and C of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected

officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 8

Nay vote on HB293

Finding: The bill violates Preamble of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) “should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open” and (2) “I will let the voters be the judge of my record.”

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen’s voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 9

Aye vote on HB313

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1, Paragraphs A and D; Article I, Section 3, Paragraph B and Article III, Section 8 of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) “should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open” and (2) “I will let the voters be the judge of my record.”

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen’s voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 10

Nay vote on HB314

Finding: The bill violates Article XIV, Section 4 of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) “should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open” and (2) “I will let the voters be the judge of my record.”

By Resolution passed June 23rd, 2023 the Idaho Republican Party issued a vote of no confidence in Representative Stephanie Mickelsen with respect to her vote on this bill alone.

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen’s voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 11

Aye vote on HB339

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform. However, Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 12

Aye vote on SB1147

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A and D; Article III, Section 8 and Article XIV, Section 3 of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record." Respondent further commented in connection with this bill that "rights are granted by government" and lamented the idea of taking away "abortion care" from medical school curricula.

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

Allegation 13

Aye vote on SB1176

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A and D and Article III, Section 8 of the Republican Party Platform. Respondent provided no counterbalancing statement. Notwithstanding repeated requests, Respondent completely refused to participate in the instant proceedings, asserting that: (1) "should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open" and (2) "I will let the voters be the judge of my record."

Recommendation: That in light of the totality of Representative Mickelsen's voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition, which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and the Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform.

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Allegation 14

Idaho Freedom Foundation Spending Index of 15.3%

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: We are very much concerned with the sustainability of the spending in Idaho, the growth of the government workforce, and the State's reliance on Federal funding, and would request that Representative Mickelsen work on reining that in as opposed to supporting it. Other than that request we recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 15

Idaho Freedom Foundation Education Index of 38.4%

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: We recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 16

Idaho Freedom Foundation Freedom Index of 51.5%

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: We recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

IDGOP Integrity in Affiliation - Jotform Inbox

Stephanie Mickelsen

stephanie4idaho@gmail.com

Submission Date

Apr 11, 2022 12:31 PM

Name

Stephanie Mickelsen

Email

stephanie4idaho@gmail.com

What Office Are you running for?

State Representative Seat A

What LD are you Running for?

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Please Select One

I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

Please Briefly describe your Exceptions.

I don't support Article I sec 4 on the federal reserve and currency.

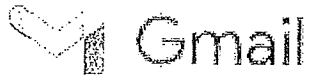
Signature



Exhibit A

11/11/23, 8:48 PM

Gmail - Article XX Rules, Guidelines and the process



Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>

Article XX Rules, Guidelines and the process

Stephanie Mickelsen <sjwmick@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 11:45 AM

To: Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>, Barbara C Miller
<hwy101investments@yahoo.com>

Thank you for reaching out to me. I will not be participating.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Mickelsen
Mickelsen Farms
208-709-1925

From: Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>**Sent:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:10 PM**To:** Stephanie Mickelsen <sjwmick@gmail.com>; Barbara C Miller
<hwy101investments@yahoo.com>**Subject:** Article XX Rules, Guidelines and the process

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Exhibit B

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Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>

Article XX Rules, Guidelines and the process

Stephanie Mickelsen <sjwmick@gmail.com>
To: Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 6:59 PM

Doyle,

I have made my decision. Should my constituents wish to discuss legislation my door is always open.

Stephanie Mickelsen
Mickelsen Farms
208-709-1925

From: Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:30:48 PM
To: Stephanie Mickelsen <sjwmick@gmail.com>; Barbara C Miller
<hwy101investments@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Article XX Rules, Guidelines and the process

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Exhibit C

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11/21/23, 9:38 AM

Yahoo Mail - Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

From: Barbara Miller (hwy101investments@yahoo.com)

To: kjcook64@gmail.com; wendy.stokes.horman@gmail.com; sjwmick@gmail.com

Bcc: knbanner@outlook.com; tom@idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com; joshkellyg@gmail.com;
ben_baker33@hotmail.com; markbitter23@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 09:38 AM MST

Dear Legislators:

The Special Investigative Committee (SIC) will be meeting on **Monday November 27, 2023 at 6:00pm** at Smith's Chevrolet (upstairs room), 3477 Pioneer Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, to review the allegations made in the Petitions.

To the extent that you have provided responses, we thank you for them. To the extent that you have any additional information, or have not provided responses, we would very much appreciate your attending this meeting so that we are able to determine if there are any counterbalancing statements to take into consideration prior to making our recommendations to the Legislative District 32 Committee.

Please feel free to bring anything/anyone with you that you feel may assist us in making our recommendations.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and your service to our state and your desire to responsibly carry out your stewardship duties.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this meeting notice.

Thank you.

Barbara Miller
Chair SIC

Exhibit D

11/21/23, 10:03 AM

Yahoo Mail - Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

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From: Barbara Miller (hwy101investments@yahoo.com)

To: carolyn@idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com; john.jensen@idwy.net; rusty@rdevro.com; lisadkell@gmail.com

Bcc: knbanner@outlook.com; tom@idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com; joshkellyg@gmail.com;
ben_baker33@hotmail.com; markbitter23@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10:02 AM MST

Dear Petitioners:

The Special Investigative Committee (SIC) will be meeting on **Monday November 27, 2023 at 6:00pm** at Smith's Chevrolet (upstairs room), 3477 Pioneer Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, to review the allegations made in the Petitions.

If you have any additional information that is not contained in the Petitions, please bring it with you on that date so that it may be furnished to the Respondents and Respondents have the opportunity to respond to it.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this meeting notice.

Thank you.

Barbara Miller
Chair SIC

Exhibit ~~B~~

11/30/23, 11:44 AM

Yahoo Mail - Re: Follow up Inquiry

Re: Follow up Inquiry

From: Stephanie Mickelsen (sjwmick@gmail.com)
To: hwy101investments@yahoo.com
Cc: knbanner@outlook.com; joshkellyg@gmail.com; tom@idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com;
ben_baker33@hotmail.com; markbitter23@gmail.com; dhbeck@gmail.com
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 01:35 PM MST

Barbara,

I will let the voters be the judge of my record.

Stephanie Mickelsen
Mickelsen Farms
208-709-1925

From: Barbara Miller <hwy101investments@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:32:44 AM
To: Stephanie Mickelsen <sjwmick@gmail.com>
Cc: Keith Banner <knbanner@outlook.com>; Kelly and Josh Golden <joshkellyg@gmail.com>;
tom@idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com <tom@idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com>; Ben Baker
<ben_baker33@hotmail.com>; Mark Bitter <markbitter23@gmail.com>; Doyle Beck <dhbeck@gmail.com>
Subject: Follow up Inquiry

Representative Stephanie Mickelsen,

The Special Investigative Committee met Monday November 27, 2023, as noticed.

We were saddened to see that you chose not to attend. There were many questions that the committee members would have liked to ask you in order to better understand the bill evaluation process. The Committee would like to extend to you, one more time, an opportunity to provide the basis for your votes on HB 155, HB 259, HB 265, HB 339 prior to finalizing our recommendations since those bills seemed to be heavily supported by Democrats and opposed by the majority of Republicans.

As time is of the essence, please provide such response(s) by close of business November 30, 2023.

Looking forward to your response to include in our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Barbara Miller
SIC Chair

Exhibit F