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REPUBLICANS ISSUE STATEMENT ON SINGLESPEED BREWERY CO. DENYING SERVICE

Waterloo, Iowa – On Wednesday October 17, 2018, Black Hawk County Republicans received an email from Singlespeed Brewing Co. refusing to allow the group to hold their election night viewing party at the establishment. The email from founder Dave Morgan stated: "As our core beliefs rest a bit left of what we feel would be appropriate for such an event, we feel it would be best to guide you in a different direction."

Black Hawk County Republicans were caught off guard by the response since Republican Governor Kim Reynolds has held multiple events at the venue including a fundraiser just last month with State Representative Walt Rogers.

"Singlespeed is a great local attraction that has seen successful thanks in part to the millions of dollars in tax incentives they've received," said LeaAnn Saul, treasurer of Black Hawk County Republicans. "That tax money comes from citizens who are registered Democrats, Independents, Republicans and third party. Whereas we respect any business owner's right to refuse service, we also believe the public has a right to know about it."

The Republican group praised the work of Congressman Rod Blum who played a major role in protecting federal historic tax credits in Congress this year. Those credits were instrumental in the success of businesses such as Singlespeed. That's why the group was even more puzzled when Morgan claimed the party "stands and fights against many of our beliefs."

"Apparently Republicans are only welcome at Singlespeed when our votes are needed for a tax credit," said Saul. "This partisan behavior is not surprising in a time when Democrats would rather protest and resist rather than work together."

Black Hawk County Republicans will be having their election night party at The Clarion Inn in Cedar Falls.

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