

October 6, 2021

Dear Committee Members:

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you personally for several reasons. First, I want to thank you for being involved in the party by serving on the County Committee as a Precinct and/or House District officer. Many people who serve on the County Committee do not know that the real Power of our Party lies with the Committee, not the elected executives. It is the majority vote of this body that has shaped our party, policies, rules, and strategies for decades. Your vote and your voice **are** so important in our winning strategy and is vital for us to continue to recruit, protect and promote elected officials and candidates who share our Republican Values.

Secondly, I want to address some of the negative commentary that we received after our County Committee meeting on Thursday, September 30th over the resolutions that were put forward and passed. Due to an error in the agenda that was included in the Official Call, there was a motion made and passed to amend the agenda; one of the additions was a report from the Resolutions Committee. During the report, the Resolutions Chair presented five Resolutions: 3 passed, 1 was tabled and 1 was rejected. (A copy of these documents is attached). The resolution in question stated Governor Brian Kemp should be censured over his failure to fulfill campaign promises on illegal immigration. (A stance he very publicly made with television commercials and print ads). Although these actions were in accordance with the Rules, members (which included all of the voting executive board members) were displeased that they did not have these resolutions in writing in advance to review before they were presented for a vote. After the resolution in question was read, a motion was made by one of the voting members of the executive board to table the resolution until the Committee had an opportunity to read the resolution. The motion to table was indiscernible by voice count, so a standing vote was called for and taken. The motion to table this resolution was defeated by a majority. In accordance with the rules, a vote was then taken on this resolution which resulted in a majority of the Committee voting in favor of the resolution. Please note none of the voting members of the Executive Board voted for it. The Chairwoman and Parliamentarian are non-voting members and had no vote on this Resolution, nor any other Motion.

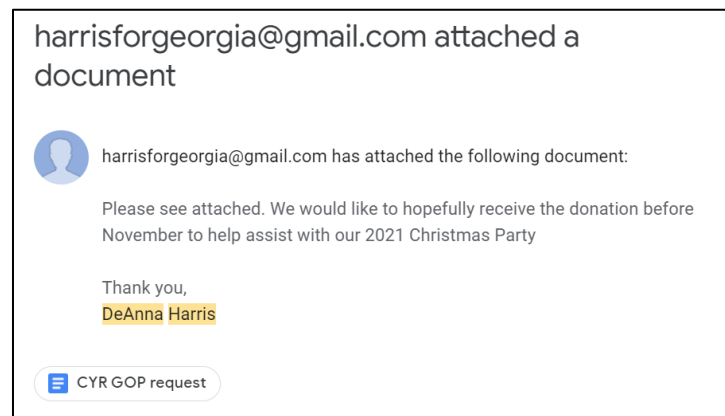
Now, a bit of history on the resolution to censure Governor Kemp. A similar resolution was prepared to present at the Cobb County Republican Party Convention on April 17th, 2021, but was never heard as the clock ran out and the resolutions were taken off the agenda. The Resolution was recently amended to include the recent [undocumented] refugee immigrants that were brought to Georgia.

While it has been polarizing and has garnered some attention in the press, it was read to the committee and passed in accordance with the rules. That said, the rules are lacking, and an amendment is needed to ensure that all members of the Committee have ample time to read and digest the resolutions before

a vote is taken in the future. I have outlined a rule change and sent it to the Rules Committee to be addressed at the next County Committee Meeting.

Additionally, requests for copies of the resolutions have been received from the press and interested 3rd parties outside the County Committee; I have not sent the documents to anyone as I wanted our Committee members to have them first. My commitment is to YOU - not the press, not the talking head pundits, nor anyone outside of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

Thirdly, I would like to address the allegations from the Cobb Young Republicans, which cannot go unaddressed as they are false and misleading. At the CCRP Executive Committee meeting on September 21st (for newcomers, this is the smaller subcommittee of the larger County Committee that consists of members per Section 5, Rule 5.4 of the Bylaws), DeAnna Harris, Chairwoman of the Cobb Young Republicans, requested funds to assist with their get-out-the-vote efforts and their Christmas party. Since they are a separate, self-funded organization and we do not normally provide funds to them, Ms. Harris, made this special request at the EC meeting. Two executive committee members asked for clarification about YR fundraising efforts and about how they use the funds they have. I told Ms. Harris we would give her special request consideration, asked that she put her request in writing and submit it to me, which letter was dated on September 30th and emailed on October 1st. See attached document below:



I received this email asking for funds for their Christmas Party and the attached document requesting \$2,000 on Friday, October 1st at 2:18 p.m. (one day after the Committee Meeting), and subsequently forwarded the request to the other executive officers of the CCRP. We have yet to meet or call for a vote to affirm or deny this special request. We will make a decision about what is best for our organization and the best use of Cobb GOP funds after we have had the opportunity to confer with each other on this request and after additional information is obtained.

At 7:26 Saturday morning, (the day of the September breakfast), I received a text from the CYR Chair, Deanna Harris, that a press release was going out on behalf of the CYR's, condemning the CCRP's action of censoring Governor Kemp. In our text my response to DeAnna, was, "...this should have no bearing on our relationship. The committee voted and it is what it is. I love you anyway".

Then, on Monday, October 4th at 11:10 p.m., another email went out from the Cobb Young Republicans as follows:

Last week, we sent out a press release condemning the divisive actions of the county party. Since then, the party has turned to personal attacks, attacking members of our board simply because they disagree with our decision to support the policies of our sitting governor.

Because of our bold move to go against the county party, our funds are at risk. The county party is pulling their support from our group and we need your help.

Could you pitch in \$10 now to help us continue our efforts as we focus on keeping Georgia red and electing conservative candidates?

We are grateful for your continued support as we fight for your values in Cobb County!

In it to win it,



DeAnna Harris
Cobb YR Chair

I want to be clear! At no time, did any Executive Officer of the Cobb County Republican Party attack any member of the CYR Board nor its members. At no time did ANYONE who is an officer of the CCRP allege, threaten or state in any fashion that their funds were at risk. In point of fact, the Cobb Young Republicans are a separate and distinct organization. While the Chair or President of the “Young Republicans Club” is part of the Committee as a voting member, the finances of the Cobb Young Republicans are wholly separate. I submit to you that the email sent above is not a “**bold move**”, it is completely and utterly false and misleading! The CCRP has taken NO action whatsoever against the Cobb Young Republicans. It is again an example of “let no good crisis go to waste” and an attempt to use division for fundraising.

During my campaign for Chair and continuously during my tenure, I have worked hard to do what others have tried to do – widen the tent. We have held outreach events which have been powerfully successful such as the Voter Registration and outreach event in Austell with Kim Klacik; we have grown the party by over 45% in just 6 months; we have instituted new grassroots and communications strategies that have not been done before; we are offering a wide variety of educational events to grow an informed populace; and we are in the middle of launching a new volunteer management system which will build our army to turn Cobb RED again. And, we have welcomed feedback and help from all Republicans in Cobb. It is my goal to promote unity and working together for Cobb County, to as I say, “Put Cobb First”. I have reached out to some who have chosen not to join us, I have listened to critics and asked them to be part of the solution and I will continue to do so, to encourage all to join us! Further – we have encouraged and welcomed back Republicans who were disenchanted years ago but are back with new energy and excitement.

I made a campaign commitment to present only truth and honesty and allow all voices to be heard. Your voices were heard loud and clear by a majority vote. It is important that we hold our elected officials accountable, but it must be done in a professional, respectful and unifying way! In this day and age, people are frustrated at being shut down even by their own party. I am committed to bringing all

views and people together in a strategic and constructive way so that we have a winnable strategy to defeat the Democrats. The petty infighting and mudslinging must stop. There is no need for surreptitious behavior. We are all in this together, like it or not, we must move forward without animus and **PUT COBB & COUNTRY FIRST**.

Let's widen the tent, broaden the base, unify, and move forward.

Respectfully,

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Salleigh Grubbs
Cobb County Republican Party Chairwoman

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new"
Socrates

"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change"
Albert Einstein