

Weber County Republican Party

Resolution on Secret Ballots and Voting Transparency

Saturday, April 14, 2018

WHEREAS, a person's right to a transparent process to verify the outcome of elections or other significant Party choices is a sacred privilege that has long been protected by numerous safeguards. (See Utah State Law, Article IV, Section 8. 1 and 2)

WHEREAS, a secret ballot is a voting method in which a voter's choices in an election or a referendum is anonymous, forestalling attempts to influence the voter by intimidation, blackmailing, and potential vote buying.

WHEREAS, electronic & other means of voting do not provide the safeguards that traditionally exist with paper ballots, and are subject to manipulation.

WHEREAS, reports of voter fraud and tampering are rising, both from outside and within Utah, such as at the September 9, 2017 meeting of the Utah GOP State Central Committee (SCC) held in North Salt Lake, in which electronic voting was introduced; SSC member's electronic devices were hacked & wire tapped, as admitted by the current GOP Chairman.

WHEREAS, the Utah GOP Chair has expressed bias against a certain candidate.

WHEREAS, the current Utah GOP Chair has refused to fund caucus signs, caucus packets, and mail a call to convention due to financial concerns, yet the cost of electronic voting exceeds the cost of all of these important activities combined.

WHEREAS, Utah State law requires a secret ballot, any method to the contrary could jeopardize our election.

WHEREAS, whatever system of voting is used, should have a verifiable trail (such as paper ballots) in the event of a contested election, or any other event which could demand a recount.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Weber County Republican Party calls upon our County Attorney, our Clerk Auditor, and our County Commissioners to defend our right to a secret ballot, as well as the right to a verifiable paper trail to our State Party Officials, and to the Lt. Governor and the elections office.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT we call upon the Lt. Governor and the elections office to protect our right to a secret ballot, and to assure a method of voting that is transparent, and verifiable in the event of a recount.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Weber County Republican Party calls upon The Weber County Party Chair to immediately submit copies of this resolution to all Weber County Party officers, Leg Chairs, Precinct Chairs, State Delegates, the County Attorney, the County Clerk, our three Weber County Commissioners, the Lt. Governor & elections office, and the State Party Chair, and to post this resolution to the official Weber County GOP website within 24 hours.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Utah GOP State Chair utilize voice and standing votes as has been customary for State GOP Convention business, and paper ballots for GOP Convention elections which provides privacy and also a paper method of verification, in the event of any recount.

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