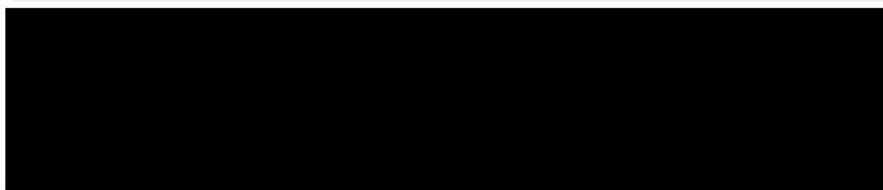
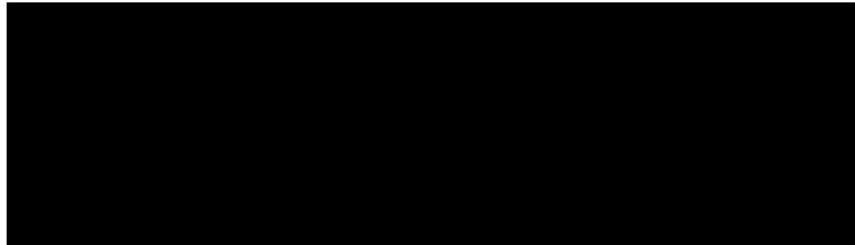




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Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 9:41 PM



----- Original Message -----

On 4/9/24 9:31 PM, amy althoff drake wrote:

Please email me at althoffamy@yahoo.com to unsubscribe.



As I've written here before, a group of men worked to plot the demise of Council President Mark Root for almost a year.

I've also written here before that Mark is one of the most conservative elected officials locally, who had stood by us as the only vote during Covid and someone who helped redesign the Republican election maps so that the GOP could make historic wins in 2022. He has been on the council for 20 years.

This group of men who wanted Root gone didn't have as their goal conservative policy. In my opinion, they want their friends in office so they can call the shots and play crony politics.

They had a plan. Run negative stories about Root. Run a candidate against Root. Take him out.

Mark filed for re-election. Kent Hizer signed up to challenge him in the primary. The men backed Hizer.

Mark dropped out, rather than face the character assassinations that he knew were coming. Andy Rutten, a former school board candidate, ran in his place. That came as a surprise to many, especially the group running Hizer against Root. The campaign became Hizer vs Rutten.

Soon after, it was discovered that Hizer supported PHM school board candidate Chris Reilly in 2022. Hizer -- at the time a Penn Township board member -- declared on Facebook that there was no man better than Reilly for the job. Those of us engaged in 2022 knew Chris Reilly as a leftist enemy. Although once a GOP Chair, Reilly had radically switched sides in subsequent years, voting for masks on children during Covid and supporting CRT in school. Team Hizer knew that this information could hurt their candidate.

What followed after this discovery was a statement issued by the SJC party chair, saying in part: "If anyone, or their surrogates go negative in this primary campaign against a fellow Republican. I will come out strong against the offender. I will deploy every resource within my power against that campaign."

The letter appeared to be an intimidation tactic, designed to keep any legitimate criticism of Hizer from being aired.

In a primary, records of Republicans are fair game. That's how we compare candidates. And, usually in a primary, Republicans opt for the more conservative candidate. Sure, no one wants to see a bunch of dirty attacks from either side. But, when one side works to oust a conservative incumbent -- and then suddenly shields itself behind a sharply-worded threatening letter that attempts to squelch any further discussion on the candidates -- that's not fair play.

Since the chair's letter, attacks have still occurred online by those cheering for Hizer, including ironically from the party chair himself-- who twisted and misrepresented information in a Facebook post to attempt to gain sympathy points for his candidate. Other surrogates from his side have been more blatant - one GOP council member is bashing others by name on Facebook - in attempts to ruin the other side's credibility. Even an anonymous letter is circulating, that accuses me of not being a faithful spouse -- and implying that I have AIDS. This is what things have come to.

Now, in a further act of retaliation, the chair has taken another step and has pulled campaign credentials from both me and my candidate, Andy Rutten. Campaign credentials include data for voters and door-to-door apps that allow candidates to reach and keep track of relevant households in an election. This information is incredibly important and vital to candidates to run a strong campaign. The chair's excuse is that Andy's Facebook page included an endorsement Andy received from another elected official that made a swipe at our county chair. The chair claims he will reinstate Andy's credentials if he removes the Facebook post that offended him. He adds, "However, if you, your campaign or surrogates double down and increase unfounded attacks against fellow republicans, my response will increase."

The custom and practice has always been the party and party leadership are neutral during the primary. But now we have a chair that provides campaign aid to one side and punishes the other. In the present case, however, he is doing all these things while claiming neutrality. And that can't remain hidden.

Finally, early voting for primaries began today. You can vote at the County City Building in South Bend or the County Services Building in Mishawaka. More info [HERE](#). You can find a sample ballot at [vote411.org](#). There are long lists of delegates for the GOP convention included on the ballot. Please contact me if you need background info on the candidates. If you receive unmasktranny on a forward, you can subscribe at althoffamy@yahoo.com.

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2024 Townhall Dates by Township

Township:	Townhall Date:	Time:	Location:	Address:
Olive (New Carlisle)	March 27 th	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	New Carlisle Public Library	408 S Bray St., New Carlisle, IN 46552
Lincoln (Walkerton)	March 28 th	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Walkerton Public Library	406 Adams St., Walkerton, IN 46574
Union (Lakeville)	April 3 rd	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Palmer Funeral Home - Chapel	601 N Michigan St., Lakeville, IN 46536
Clay	April 8 th	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	St. Joseph Public Library – Francis Branch (The Pasture Room)	52655 N Ironwood Rd., South Bend, IN 46635
Penn	April 11 th	5:30 PM – 7:45 PM	Penn-Mishawaka Public Library (Spencer Gallery)	209 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, IN 46544
Liberty	April 17 th	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	North Liberty Community Center	300 S Main St., North Liberty, IN 46554
Harris	April 23 rd	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Mishawaka Harris Penn Public Library (Meeting Rooms A and B)	51446 Elm Rd., Granger, IN 46530
Portage	April 24 th	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	St. Joseph Public Library – Community Learning Center (Leighton Auditorium)	305 S Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601
Penri (Osceola)	April 30 th	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	United Steelworkers	56355 Ash Rd., Osceola, IN 46561

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