

A few days ago Vice Chairman, Wayne Hill, released an alleged "scorecard" proposing to rank Oklahoma's Legislators based on the party platform. Much detail will be provided in this email, however I feel it incumbent to start by making it abundantly clear: this "scorecard" is in no way associated with the OKGOP, it was not authorized by the OKGOP, & the Vice Chairman has absolutely no authority from the OKGOP to create any such scoring system.

To reiterate: the OKGOP condemns this "scorecard" & especially the fraudulent attempts by Vice Chairman Hill to present this as being in any way associated with the OKGOP.

For additional context, there has been a shadow faction within the Oklahoma Republican Party consistently working to undermine the proper role & functions of our OKGOP. It began immediately after the May convention, in which you all resoundingly elected me to serve as your Chairman, when this shadow faction failed to elect their figurehead as Chairman in the hopes that their candidate for Vice Chair would become the de facto Chairman.

The role of the Vice Chair is clear in the OKGOP rules: "The Vice Chairman shall aid and assist the Chairman". Nowhere do the rules provide that the role of the Vice Chair is to create a "scorecard". The role is similar to being Vice President, where you serve the leader, in furtherance of the party, and only step in when the Chair has vacated or is unable otherwise to fulfill the position. Clearly, this, under my stead, has never occurred. Additionally, the Vice Chair doesn't get to create its own roles such as claiming the solitary goal of holding elected officials accountable. While this is a worthy and important goal, it is a role belonging to you, the voter. The role of the Republican Party is to register Republicans, drive Republican turnout, & to elect Republicans over Democrats. Those that don't like, understand, or can't comprehend that goal, are more than welcome to, and can, participate in any number of other organizations serving other purposes meeting their needs.

While this shadow faction seems intent on causing disruptions, distractions, & constant negativity, the OKGOP continues to focus on the mission of electing Republicans, defeating Democrats, & bettering the State of Oklahoma. While the disruptions & distractions from this group indeed cost available time, money, donations, resources, & efforts by requiring the OKGOP to deal with their attempts to destroy the party from within, we have made the conscious choice to deal with the matters internally, until now, choosing not to grant them any credence or allow them to garner unnecessary red-herring attention from the public.

Unfortunately, this newest destructive attempt was conducted in such an extremely public manner that it now requires a public response. Thus, we once again unequivocally state that this attempt to present such a "scorecard" as anything connected to the OKGOP is entirely false. The OKGOP condemns the scorecard, those involved in its creation (especially since they have done so anonymously while at the same time hypocritically condemning others for sending anonymous emails), and those who would continue working with this group in support of their attempts to divide the party when we have greater common enemies to confront.

The OKGOP will continue choosing to focus on the role & priorities of the Republican Party. All Republicans are welcome to join us in those goals to build the Party & save our Republic. To those who have been participating with this shadow faction, we encourage you to realize that building something together is a greater way forward rather than constantly focusing on negativity and attempts to destroy as has consistently resulted from the "efforts" of this shadow faction.

We understand there are those who are bitter after having lost their own campaigns. We understand people are upset, frustrated, & passionate, but emotion alone is no substitute for actually being informed when making decisions. We are a party of rules & principles. And the OKGOP will continue to follow those rules & principles while working to serve the over 1 million Republicans in Oklahoma. When we work together, we're unstoppable, yet a house divided against itself cannot stand.

We invite you to join us. The Presidential Election is barely over 1 year away. We CAN unite behind our common cause, or the shadow faction can continue to attempt to cause division & destruction in their attempts to try to burn everything down. They can continue using Democrat tactics in their echo chamber where they accuse others of being RINOs & puppets simply for disagreeing with them (while they ironically suggest that others are the ones employing those tactics in an echo chamber). Either way the OKGOP will focus on the priorities before us, putting out the fires caused by others like this shadow faction will be done in the time, place, & manner of our choosing in order to ensure that it doesn't take us away from the actual important work before us.

For the People,

Nathan Duhm

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P.S. If you would like to unite with us as we work to Save the Republic, you can <u>sign-up today for the party by clicking here.</u> We have several opportunities for you to be a part of the team!

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