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Chairman's Comments



Fellow Republicans –

As we close out this year, I wanted to take a moment to thank each and everyone of you for all your efforts in spreading the good word about our Republican Party, our platform, candidates and desire to serve the greater good. It takes a great deal of time, treasure and effort to do all of this and we wouldn't be successful if it weren't for all of you.

Now is the time to reflect and rejoice in gratitude for the wonderful country we live in and our exceptional freedoms. Freedoms that were never free but came at a cost. Freedoms and ideals that truly make a difference and make being an American something truly wonderful.

I want to wish all of you and your families a joyous and most Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year! Thank you for being a part of our party and God Bless All of You.

Michael Simpson

Chairman, Porter County
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Presidential Election — 2020



BE A REAL PART OF THE 2020 ELECTION!

**File for Election as a Porter County Precinct Committeeman
and/or Delegate to the Indiana Republican Convention**



January 8th-February 7th 2020

Porter County Republicans have a real opportunity to participate in the 2020 Presidential election just by stepping forward. The PCGOP is looking for people willing to become precinct chairmen and vice chairmen for the 2020 election and for those willing to be delegates to the Indiana Republican Party's convention in June of 2020.

Political parties in Indiana are structured under provisions of law adopted by the state legislature. Simply put, each political party is organized as follows:

- 1) Voters in the May Primary elect precinct committeemen
 - a. Elected precinct committeemen must appoint their vice-precinct committeeman within thirty days of the Primary Election.
 - b. County Chairmen can appoint precinct committeemen to vacant precincts, as well as appointing the vice-precinct committeeman of that precinct (non-elected precinct committeemen do not appoint their vice-precinct committeeman).
- 2) Precinct committeemen and vice-precinct committeemen makeup the County Central Committee. They elect the County Chairman, County Vice-Chairman, County Secretary, and County Treasurer.
- 3) County Chairmen and County Vice-Chairmen make up the District Central Committee. They elect the District Chairman, District Vice Chairman, District Secretary, and District Treasurer.
- 4) District Chairmen and District Vice Chairmen make up the State Committee. They elect the State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, State Secretary, State Treasurer, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman.

5) The State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman help make up the National Committee. They elect the National Chairman, National Co-Chairman, National Secretary, and National Treasurer.

To play a real role in the future of Indiana and the Indiana Republican Party, the first step is to become a Precinct committeeman. That can be accomplished directly by running for election to the position in your home precinct, or by seeking appointment by the County Chair. In Porter County, Mike Simpson chairs the local Republican Party and is always interested in meeting committed Republican who want to participate in our democratic Republic. He can be contacted through PCGOP Headquarters.

In addition to the role of precinct committeemen, however, it is possible to become a delegate to the Indiana State Republican convention. The process for becoming a delegate is similar the process for become a precinct committeeman. Delegates are elected at the May primary, but if there are not enough candidates to fill the available slots, the County Chair may appoint delegates as well. Delegates are elected from the County at-large, not from specific precincts.

To get a full understanding of the Republican Party structure, click or tap on the icon below which will link you to the 2018 Precinct Committeeman handbook.



[Indiana Precinct Committeeman Handbook](#)



Conservative Commentary

Impeach Away Democrats!

By Steve Sheldon, *Townhall* Opinion, November 4, 2019 (redacted for space)

Time is running out in the third quarter. Our quarterback steps back under a heavy blitz unaided by his weak offensive line. He passes. It's complete for another first down! But wait, he's down. Some in the crowd are booing. It looks like there has been another targeted hit, but the referees did not throw a flag. The crowd boos more loudly. Soon a silence comes over the field as the quarterback slowly rises to his feet.



So let me get this straight. A guy who wasn't in the room who, reports suggest, was a Democrat asset, heard from another person that the president of the United States somehow was engaged in a horrible high crime worthy of removing him from office. This guy then, after secretly consulting with Adam Schiff for a month, comes forward under "whistleblower" status and rats on the president about the conversation that he wasn't even in the room to actually hear. He was allowed to do this because someone conveniently changed the rules of "whistleblowing" to include information received second-hand. This "whistleblower" information is so damaging to the president that the Democrats believe he needs to be immediately impeached and removed from office. Did I miss something?

"What was this high crime?" you ask. Did the president arrange the funneling of \$1.5 billion dollars from a foreign entity to a company run by his son? Did he destroy evidence during a criminal investigation about the illegal handling of classified information? Did he threaten to withhold foreign aid to a country investigating a company run by his son? No, no, and no.

He simply asked a foreign country to further investigate alleged corruption involving the former Vice President of the United States who actually admitted on video that he told said country that foreign aid would be withheld if the investigator wasn't fired who was looking into his son's company. This is the same son who was put on the corporate board of the company being investigated who had literally zero experience in the field and didn't even speak the language. Everyone knows this happens all the time. I just got asked to serve on a board in Uzbekistan. It has been reported widely that he was paid \$50,000 a month for being a board member. Does this sound like corruption to you? It does to me and it does to every single American who isn't hyper obsessed with losing an election three years ago to the point of the obsession becoming a mental health issue.

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The impeachment/not impeachment vote will be a watershed moment for the Democrat party. They have sealed their fate. Their playbook is worn thin. They've run "smear up the middle" and "fake accusation option" far too many times. They have targeted our quarterback with cheap shots way too often while the referees looked the other way. Well, the fans of America are packed in the stands cheering for the home team, and they're not having any more of it.

Go ahead Democrats, impeach away. Take one more cheap shot. Our quarterback can take it. You're in the final quarter, two scores down, and he has many touchdowns yet to make. If we could only get the line to block for him on occasion. It will be a gamechanger when the video review reverses the last play and disqualifies some of your team for your dirty tricks. A few of us saw it when it happened, but more and more of us are seeing it every time it is replayed.

Maybe when the fans come out of the stadium to carry off our victorious quarterback in a celebration of a tremendous victory, you will finally understand how much we love our team.

Your bus ride home will be a long and quiet one. Go ahead, take one more cheap shot. Impeach away.



Indiana Economic Development Implications for Porter County

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Indiana is rolling out a historic welcome mat for Big Tech. Is it clever... or is it crazy?

Indiana [passed a new law](#) offering any business that commits at least \$750m towards building a data center in the state *50 freakin' years* of exemption from sales taxes, according to a *Bloomberg* report.

Since most local neighborhood tech startups don't have \$750m lying around, the legislation seems to be a clear effort to lure Google, Apple, or Facebook — all of which have data centers in other Midwestern states — to the Hoosier state.

Other states also offer incentives, but Indiana's is in its own league

A total of 30 US states offer some kind of deal sweetener to encourage tech companies to build data centers within their borders.

But, in most cases, those incentives (usually tax breaks) expire in 10 years — *maybe 15* — instead of a half century.

So the question is: Will Indiana's offer be worth it?

First, the facts: Since Indiana's sales tax is 7%, the deal would cost the state a guaranteed \$70m in tax revenue (and potentially much more) if a company takes the bait for a \$1b center. A data center of that size would also provide local construction companies with millions of dollars worth of contracts.

But, beyond those bare bones facts, opinions differ on the law's ultimate impact in terms of dollars and sense...

- **The case that it's clever:** Big tech companies are set to spend big bucks on data centers: In 2019 alone, Facebook, Google, and Apple plan to spend \$16B, \$13B, and \$4.5B on data centers, respectively. So proponents of the plan argue that it will ensure a big chunk of that cash ends up in Indiana... and not elsewhere.
- **The case that it's crazy:** The law doesn't guarantee jobs for Indiana, so critics of the plan say it could cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars without providing jobs or protecting workers. Plus, many construction contracts could provide one-time benefits, while tax breaks represent 50 years of costs.
- Despite the controversy, other Midwestern states now must decide whether they should offer similar incentives or sit this round out: Michigan legislators are currently debating a proposal to offer data center sales tax breaks through 2055.

So this is either the start of a Midwestern arms race for data center supremacy — or a 50-year headache for Indiana.



Thank you Judge Mary Harper!

PLEASE JOIN US! CELEBRATING JUDGE MARY HARPER'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF VALPARAISO

DOORS OPEN ~ 5 PM
PROGRAM ~ 6:45-7:45 PM

PORTER COUNTY EXPO CENTER
215 E. Division Road
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Please pass the word of the event
to those who know Judge Harper.
It is not an invitation-only event.

5 pm - 9 pm
December 17th, 2019
Appetizers / Cash Bar





UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates 2020 Presidential Election

Filing for Precinct Committeemen and Delegates	January 8th-February 7th
Congress of Counties — Indianapolis	January 12th
Voter Registration Closes	April 6th
Early and Absentee Ballot Voting	April 7th-May 4th
Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot	April 23rd
Primary Election	May 5th
Indiana Republican Party Convention—Indianapolis	June 19th-20th

**Wishing You All a Very
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!**



**from the
Porter County Republican Party**