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Chairman's Comments



Fellow Republicans —

As we begin February, the China Flu continues to wreak havoc on our world. Here in Indiana, we seem to be gaining some ground in defeating this plague. Thanks to Governor Eric Holcomb, we are leaders in vaccine distribution, shots in arms, in our most vulnerable communities. That's something to actually celebrate. No matter your opinion on whether you will take the vaccine or not, for the elderly, this is a blessing. Statistically, those 60 and older represent over 64% of the hospitalizations and 93% of the deaths in our State.

As we move forward as a party dealing with the political maneuvers, Impeachment Trial and the partisanship of the far left. These two-faced folks preach unity, but their actions show just the opposite. As a group, in the months ahead, we must recommit to our fundamental Republican principles and values. We are the party of personal responsibility and integrity. We set the example for how individuals should behave in a democratic republic. We do that in our daily lives and in our political efforts to elect people of character to public office. It is time to remember our purpose and ensure that future elections proceed in accord with our Constitution and the Rule of Law. We are the stewards and guardians of our American heritage and future.

We are the Party of Lincoln! We stand for effective, efficient and limited government. We profess and promote fiscal responsibility and conservatism. We are a party of innovation, positivity and personal freedom. We are a party that lifts others to a higher standard. We are the Republican Party!

Finally, I want to thank all of you once again for all you do for our party. I look forward to the successes created by the excellent leadership we have elected. I pray for an end to this pandemic and the future of the United States of America!!!



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**Chairman, Porter County
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New Leadership for Republican Congressional District 1



Michael Simpson, Chair



Rachelle Baker, Vice Chair

We are proud to announce that Michael Simpson, Chair of the Porter County Republican Party, has been named Chair of District 1 of the Indiana Republican Party following the resignation of Dana Dumezich from that position on December 31, 2020.

Michael Simpson has been active in Republican politics since 1982 and in Valparaiso Republican politics since 2003. He has served as Chair of the Porter County Republican Party since 2013. He previously served as Vice Chair of District 1 and is on the Indiana Republican Party Board.

Among his many accomplishments over the years, Chair Simpson is particularly proud of working diligently to foster an environment of Inclusiveness and diversity within the party. Under his leadership, the party has members of all stripes, a great deal of new energized folks, who want to be a part of and have a voice in the electoral process. He has worked with the leadership in all three counties in Northwest Indiana to ensure Republican voices are heard and to move the Republican Party in a forward direction. Ensuring we hold to our principles of effective, efficient and limited government. His future goals for the Republican Party include "Focusing our Republican team's collective efforts on engaging voters, especially those who do not participate, to continue to build our momentum, share our message and elect high quality Republican candidates to office."

The new Vice Chair for District 1, Rachelle Baker, has as the Crown Point GOP Chairwoman in Lake County and has been active in the party for more than seven years. She is committed to inspiring voters to get out the vote and head to the polls to assure strong conservative government at all levels. In 2020 she was honored to represent Crown Point as an Indiana State Republican delegate from Lake County. Vice Chair Baker expressed her appreciation to Michael Simpson and Lake County Chair Dan Dernulc for this opportunity. She said further, "Helping infuse a voice of strength and hope into District 1 is a worthy cause during these trying times. Northwest Indiana is struggling to find its bearings amidst recent circumstances. As we seek to better the lives of NWI residents amplifying the voice of the people, District 1 will lay the groundwork for historic gains."

Joining Mike Simpson, District 1 Chair and Rachelle Baker, District 1 Vice Chair are returning members, Dan Granquist, who will serve as District 1 Secretary. Dan is a practicing attorney with a law office in the Duneland area. In addition, Victoria Gresham, who is the Porter County Vice Chair, will continue to serve as the District 1 Treasurer.



Dan Granquist



Victoria Gresham



New Leadership for Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Porter County Republican George Topoll New Chair of NIRPC



January 22, 2021 — By Ty Warner, NIRPC

Portage, IN – The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) elected new executive officers and welcomed new members for the 2021 Commission on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Outgoing NIRPC Chairperson Michael Griffin was presented with the Chairperson's Gavel and George Topoll assumed leadership. The Commission also released its 2020 annual report.

Commissioner George Topoll, Union Township Trustee, Porter County, assumed the Chair of the Commission from outgoing NIRPC Chairperson, Michael Griffin, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Highland. Topoll has served as a commissioner since 2015 and on the NIRPC Executive Board for three years. Griffin joined the Commission in 2013 and served as Chair of the Commission in 2018 and again in 2020. Both welcomed three new representatives to the Commission, recognized outgoing Commissioners, and accepted the election of new members of the Executive Board at the first meeting of NIRPC in 2021.

A new slate of officers for 2021 was elected during the meeting, including George Topoll (Union Township), Chair; Justin Kiel (LaCrosse), Vice Chairperson; Richard Hardaway (Merrillville), Secretary; and Greg Stinson (Porter), Treasurer. Executive Board representatives elected for Lake County: Wendy Mis (Munster) and Bill Emerson (Lake County Surveyor); for LaPorte County: Sheila Matias (LaPorte County Commission) and Tom Dermody (City of LaPorte); and for Porter County: James Ton (Chesterton) and Sue Lynch (Portage).

"Michael's leadership of the Commission allowed us to be successful during an exceptionally difficult year," said Ty Warner, NIRPC's Executive Director. "The new makeup of officers and of the Executive Board will continue to help the region thrive under these challenging circumstances as we work to recover from the pandemic's impact on Northwest Indiana."

Welcomed onto the Commission as newly-appointed representatives of their respective jurisdictions were Denise Ebert (Wanatah) Clerk-Treasurer, replacing Diane Noll; Robert Forester (Kouts), Town Council President, replacing Tim Jones; and Bob Poparad, Porter County Council, District 1, replacing Jeff Larson.

NIRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council of Governments for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties in Northwest Indiana. Working collaboratively across the region, NIRPC coordinates regional comprehensive planning and programming for transportation, economic development, and environmental policy.



Valparaiso and America Lose a Patriot RIP Doug Miller



Doug Miller

Communities thrive because of the residents who step forward to help. Valparaiso has benefited in untold ways from so many citizens who care. One of our heroes was Doug Miller—devoted husband and father, active citizen leader, elected to the Center Township Advisory Board in 2010 and to the Trustee position in 2014, filling out his term in 2018. His recent passing is a loss to us all. Those who knew and appreciated him had these things to say:

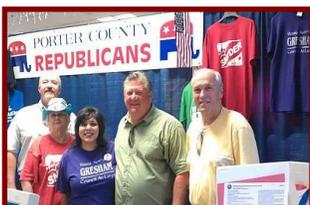
"We are devastated to lose Doug Miller. He was a just a great person all around. He knew everybody. He helped so many people. He always lit up the room. You always wanted to be around Doug. But more than anything he loved his family and friends. Our sympathies go out to his wife Mary, son John and daughter Emily." **Valparaiso Mayor Matt Murphy**

"I served eight years with Doug on the township board and four years when he was township trustee. He was a gentle giant." **Steve Buck, Township Board Member**

"He did everything he could to serve the citizens of Center Township, and especially the clients of the trustee's office." **Michael Simpson, Chair, Porter County Republican Party**

"(He) didn't try to push his views as much as listen to people." **Kenard Taylor, Porter County Republican Party Executive Director**

The Porter County Republican Party will always be thankful for the time and commitment shown by Doug Miller. We send our condolences to his wife and family and pray for their continued well being.





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Politics

Trump Now Most Acquitted President In History

February 13th, 2021



U.S.— President Donald Trump made history once again today after being acquitted in his second Senate impeachment trial. He is now the most acquitted president in American history.

Donald Trump issued a statement regarding this incredible honor.

"I have been completely and totally cleared of all wrongdoing in this pathetic witch hunt sham impeachment trial," said Trump. "I am now the most acquitted president ever -- even more than Clinton. No president has ever been acquitted more than I have. Will I get the credit? Probably not, because of the fake news media. I am looking forward to continuing our MAGA movement together for many more acquittals to come!"

According to sources, Republican Senators cheered and high-fived each other, knowing they had just outsmarted all the Democrats into bestowing such an unprecedented badge of honor on the former president.

"Oh no! What have we done?!" wailed Senator Amy Klobuchar, suddenly realizing the Senate had given Trump yet another impressive world record, making him the subject of trivia questions for the next two centuries.

According to sources, Clinton will be handing over his giant gold "most acquitted ever" trophy to Trump in Mar-a-Lago next week.



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Touching: Jill Biden Decorates Migrant Cages
With Valentine's Day Message Hearts

NOGALES, AZ—In a touching gesture, Jill Biden visited a border holding facility and carefully decorated all the cages holding migrants with festive Valentine's Day hearts-- each one bearing a message of hope and unity.

"What a beautiful gesture," said CNN Anchor Brian Stelter as he wiped tears from his eyes. "It's so wonderful to have compassion and kindness in the White House again!"

"Just look at the looks on those kids' faces!" said Andrea Mitchell of NBC News as the first lady hung up a giant heart featuring the word "UNITY" on the chain-link fence keeping all the immigrant kids from escaping. "How lucky they are to receive a visit from our beautiful First Lady!"

According to several sources, immigrants being held at the border are thrilled to be held in compassionate migrant maximum security holding facilities rather than in "horrible cages" as the facilities used to be named.

"This is truly a touching gesture. It almost makes me forget I've been locked in a cage," said one of the migrant kids behind bars. "Just to think that the First Lady would think of me is so special"

Another one said "¡Sácame de aquí por favor!" which experts have translated to mean: "Thank you, Mrs. First Lady!"



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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sources at the Capitol confirmed today that a significant brouhaha broke out between Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Ted Cruz.

The incident occurred as Ocasio-Cortez was walking out of the Capitol Building and passed by Cruz, who smiled and shot her a set of cool-guy finger guns. "Howdy, AOC! How's my favorite socialist rep? Haha, just playin' with ya, kid."

"Help! I've been shot in a violent attack!" she screamed as Ted Cruz gave her the customary Texas greeting of finger guns. She flopped to the ground and began going into convulsions.

"The violence! The horror! He's trying to have me murdered! ATTEMPTED MURDER! I AM IN NO WAY EXAGGERATING THIS SITUATION FOR ATTENTION!"

"COME AND SEE THE VIOLENCE INHERENT IN THE SYSTEM!" Ocasio-Cortez then exploded a ketchup packet she keeps on hand for these occasions, screaming,

"THE BLOOD! SO MUCH BLOOD! GOODBYE, CRUEL WORLD FILLED WITH COUNTLESS SYSTEMIC OPPRESSIONS!"

Capitol security rushed over and caught Cruz red-handed holding the finger guns. After a brief struggle and lots of sawing, they were able to disarm him. Ocasio-Cortez then popped up and walked into the building, whistling John Lennon's "Imagine."

At publishing time, Mitch McConnell had held the door open for Ocasio-Cortez, prompting her to scream that she was being sexually assaulted.



Upcoming Events



THU, FEB 18 AT 6:00 PM CST

Valpo Precinct Committee Meeting

TBD

Details

You are cordially invited to attend the first Valpo District Precinct Committee meeting of 2021.

We are looking forward to discussing our local successes, and planning moving forward. Come on out to meet some new and familiar faces, and help kick-off our 2021 year!

Due to COVID, the Valparaiso Republicans will be practicing safe social distancing measures and will have more details coming soon on the location and/or virtual platform for this meeting.

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Valparaiso Republicans

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Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch
State of Indiana

March 10 | 11:30 to 12:30pm



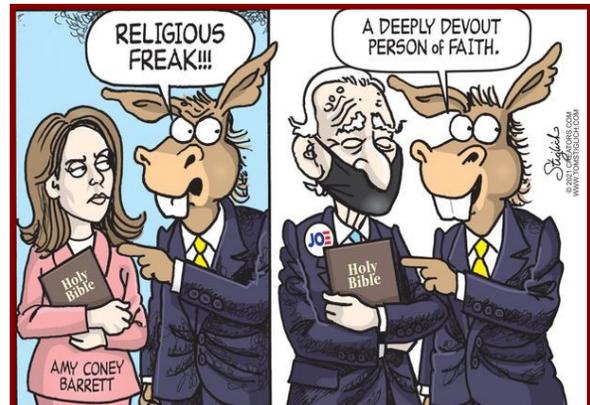
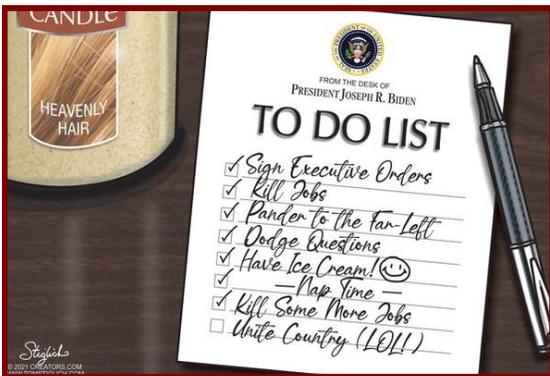


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