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And now, on to the Municipal Election!

Chairman's Comments

Fellow Republicans –

As we begin the 2019 election season, we have an opportunity to engage in the grassroots effort of letting the voters know of our positions and commitments to the success of our communities and our nation. Voters need to know that we are all committed to effective, efficient, safe, smaller and fiscally responsible government in our communities so that our families can prosper and endure.

Our Republican municipal office holders have demonstrated that commitment over the last four years and it is truly important that the voters in each of our municipalities know and understand that Republican leaders are working to assure a positive future for them and for our culturally rich and varied communities.

In contrast, the "progressives" are out working every day to bring "tax subsidized affordable housing" in your neighborhood, "gun control" to take away your 2nd amendment rights, "increasing the minimum wage" at the expense of jobs, and now even "late term abortion" laws authorizing killing of infants up to the day they are born.

Progressive liberal goals are clear and are being endorsed in places like Chicago, New York and San Francisco. It is our duty as Republicans to step forward to assure that our state remains ethically conservative and personally responsible as Hoosiers have always been and are today.

The success that we have in this election season will be based on getting our message out to the voters and making sure folks come out and vote in the May Primary and November General Election. We have fielded a great group of strong Republican candidates and I know they all are committed to a very aggressive campaign to engage with the voters. Our communities deserve the very best and we need to continue the success that we've had.

Please join us in continuing the effort to keep our Cities and Towns places where sound American values are the norm and where we can raise our families in safety and comfort. Places where opportunities exist for economic expansion, wage growth and job opportunities for everyone and where the integrity of our families is cherished and supported.

Thank you for being a part of our party and God Bless All of You.

Michael Simpson
Chairman, Porter County Republicans

SAVE THE DATE
April 25, 2019

I HAVEN'T SEEN DEMOCRATS THIS MAD SINCE REPUBLICANS FREED THEIR SLAVES

Lincoln Day Dinner —Details to Follow

Republican Candidates—2019 City Elections

City of Portage

City of Valparaiso

Mayor

Matt Murphy

Clerk-Treasurer

Holly Taylor

Mayor

John Cannon

Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Lee

Council At-Large (Vote for 2)

Evan Costas

George Douglas

Council At-Large

Austin Bonta

Council District 3

Antonio Gutierrez

Council District 1

Holly Howe

Council District 2

Tom Krueger

Council District 4

Jerry Butler

William Fekete

Council District 3

Casey Schmidt

Walter Dougherty

Council District 4

Jack Pupillo

Council District 5

Peter Anderson

Republican Candidates—2019 Town Elections

Town of Burns Harbor

Councilmember At-Large (Vote for 5)

Toni Biancardi   Roseann Bozak   Walter Macchiarella

Town of Chesterton

Clerk-Treasurer

Stephanie Kuziela

Council District 1

Jim Ton

Council District 2

Lloyd "Buck" Kittredge, Jr.

Council District 5

Emerson Delaney

Town of Porter

Clerk Treasurer

Carol Pomeroy

Council District 5

Brian Finley

Town of Hebron

Council Member At-Large (Vote for 2)

Todd P. Adamczyk   Howard L. O'Connor

Council District 1

Justin Albright

Council District 2

Kimberly Ann Mouratides

Town of Kouts

Clerk-Treasurer

Laurie Tribble

Council District 1

R. Steven Howard

Council District 3

Blake Jefferson

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One Nation Trumpism Can Win — by Freddy Grey

Donald Trump, the unity president — doesn't sound right, does it? Trump is, we know, divisive. Under his administration, America is polarized to the point of madness. Democrats and Republicans despise each other, culture wars rage, sane people about another civil war.

In his State of the Union address on Tuesday, however, Trump spoke about bringing his country together. He will never be an elegant orator, but 'SOTU 19' was objectively a good speech: its authors cleverly wove American themes of optimism and success into a political challenge to the Democrats. 'Millions of our fellow citizens are watching us,' he said, 'hoping we will govern not as two parties, but as one nation.' You could call it One Nation Trumpism.

Trump tried to sound magnanimous. He was positive, patriotic, less braggadocious. 'The state of our union is strong,' he said. 'That sounds so good.'

What he did most effectively was put the Democrats on the defensive. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her legion of new congresswomen chose to wear 'suffragette white', an ostentatious statement against Trump's attempt to, as they put it, 'roll back women's progress'. They looked striking, but Trump toyed cleverly with their determination not to applaud. Would they clap when the President announced the return of 600,000 manufacturing jobs to US soil? Nah. What about the lowest historical unemployment rate for African-Americans? Nope. Disabled people having more jobs than ever? Not much.

After Trump declared that America now has more women in the workforce, the Democrats all knew they must stand for the sisterhood. 'You weren't supposed to do that,' Trump said, not without charm. He added: 'Don't sit yet. You are going to like this — we also have more women serving in Congress than any time before.' The whole house erupted in applause for the new girls, who couldn't help but congratulate themselves.

It's all theatrics. The State of the Union is — like many American shows — marvelous, sentimental, quickly forgotten. Reagan is to blame for making it cheesy. Presidents now spend much of the speech addressing the 'everyday heroes' they have invited to sit in the gallery. These heroes then have to stand while the big chief says how much America honors them. This goes on far too long — Trump's speech this year ranks as the second longest of all time. It is also cringe-inducing, but that suits Trump.

Trump did call upon Grace Eline, a 10-year-old cancer survivor who sat next to Melania. Again, the Democrats felt compelled to join in the ovation, and they had to applaud again moments later when Trump announced 'paid family leave — so that every new parent has the chance to bond with their newborn child'.

But then he turned sharply on to abortion, which has been in the news lately. 'There could be no greater contrast to the beautiful image of a mother holding her infant child than the chilling displays our nation saw in recent days,' he said. 'Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments before birth. These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world.' This might sound mawkish to those who don't think abortion is a big deal. But it exposed the pro-abortion fanaticism that now grips the Democratic party. The women in white looked livid.

Trump is indeed divisive, and his skill at splitting his opposition is one of the reasons he is a formidable politician. When he said that 'tonight, we renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country', he skewered the Democrats. Pelosi, standing behind him, realized that she had to clap, but did so reluctantly. The left-wing radicals who increasingly dominate her party were not amused.

On immigration, Trump tried to spell out his thinking for his opponents: 'No issue better illustrates the divide between America's working class and America's political class than illegal immigration.' His obsession with building a wall strikes many as insanity. But in his speech on Tuesday, he made perhaps his strongest argument yet for a border barrier, and leavened it by stressing his enthusiasm for legal immigration. 'I want people to come into our country in the largest numbers ever,' he said, a remark that alarmed his more hardcore fans. 'But they have to come in legally.' Is that so unreasonable?

Trump also tried to manage his Rex complex. He didn't always succeed: 'If I had not been elected President of the United States,' he claimed, 'we would right now, in my opinion, be in a major war with North Korea with potentially millions of people killed.' But he generally credited America's greatness to America, and not just Donald Trump. He was also able to point to many impressive statistics about the economic boom under his leadership. No matter how hard they tried, the eager media fact-checkers were unable fully to debunk his figures.

If his second State of the Union was, as his enemies allege, more his first 2020 campaign speech, it was a powerful one. Trump has begun articulating an upbeat vision for America, while Democrats talk only of the misery he causes. He keeps inviting the opposition to work with him, but they just want to destroy him.

President Obama had the same problem, and he made that work to his electoral advantage. Congress has a much lower approval rating than the President. By posing as a leader who wants to heal America's wounds (try not to laugh), Trump might find a way to increase his popularity. One Nation Trumpism could be hard to beat.

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ELECTION CALENDAR
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION
May 7, 2019

Friday, March 1, 2019

DEADLINE, by **NOON**, for regular party committees to file 2018 annual campaign finance reports.

Saturday, March 23, 2019

DEADLINE for the county election board to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have previously filed an approved application with circuit court clerk.

Monday, April 8, 2019

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS
DEADLINE at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Friday, April 12, 2019 End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, April 18, 2019

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Monday, April 22, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports for primary candidates (including unopposed primary candidates where no primary is conducted).

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for inperson absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for in-person absentee voting.

Monday, April 29, 2019

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days

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ELECTION CALENDAR (Continued)
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION
May 7, 2019

Monday, May 6, 2019

DEADLINE, by NOON, for circuit court clerks to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by NOON, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by NOON, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in person at the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.
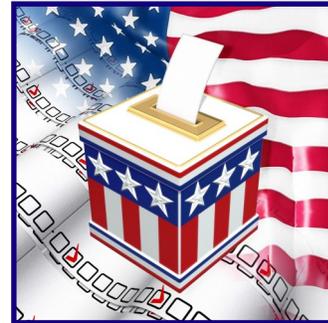
DEADLINE, by MIDNIGHT, for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time, in certain cities and towns.

Time to Vote!
May 7, 2019

Every VOTE Counts!