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Dear Election Superintendents, Election Board Members, and Designees,

We have every belief that you place the highest priority on the equal protection of your citizens and candidates to defend your constitutional county jurisdiction. This letter concerns your acceptance of submitted “Republican Party” designations of “a party official with whom candidates of such party for county elective office shall qualify” (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(c)(2)). The qualifying paperwork that you must dutifully execute on “behalf” of the “Republican Party” is additionally concerning. There are immediate matters of GA Title 21 Law largely outside the awareness of public election officials, citizenry, and candidates, addressed below.

You and your office are responsible for presenting and processing fully transparent and lawful paperwork to public candidates next week, March 4th-8th. That paperwork must be properly certified to you per O.C.G.A. § 21-2-154(a), by public actions that “prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse” (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-70(15)). We urge you to exercise caution in your duties.

Notably, Attorney Bryan Tyson, for Secretary of the State of Georgia, recently stated in the federal trial of *Curling v. Raffensperger* on 2/1/24: “As a matter of practice counties run elections in Georgia **with assistance** from the State... You can’t bind the counties through the Secretary [of State] because the **counties have their own independent legal obligations for how they conduct elections**” (U.S. District Court Official Certified Transcript pg 108-109).

There are four immediate matters of GA Title 21 Law for your consideration:

1 - The Raffensperger Administration and Kemp before him **have recognized a private corporation - the Georgia Republican Party, Inc. (GRP, Inc.) - with authority to conduct statewide party affairs in Georgia**. Rules of this GRP, Inc. appear to have taken the place of the previous Title 21 Elections Law rules, seeming to violate political party standards of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-110(f) & 111. This impacts our ballots. The candidate qualification affidavit asks for an attestation “That he or she will not knowingly violate THIS chapter or rules or regulations adopted under THIS chapter” (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(e)(9)). THIS chapter refers to **Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the GA Elections Code**. Instead, the “State Republican Party,” missing registration documents under Title 21, is apparently operating **under Title 14 Corporate Law**.

2 - **All officials of the “State Republican Party” appear currently poised as officials for the GRP, Inc. - a corporation**. According to the GRP, Inc. Rule 1.1 & 7.6 (gagop.org), party officials include: “*Members of State Exec Committee, the State Committee, GRP employees, appointed GRP Officials, County Chairmen, members of any County Committee and members of any District Committee.*” All positions of the “Georgia Republican Party” appear to be under a separate entity named the GRP, Inc. that executes **a member prohibition** in its Articles of Incorporation, but then proceeds to solicit membership in its Rule 1.1.

3 - These county “Party Incs,” are registered with the GASOS Corporations Division and appear to be acting as Title 21 Elections Law “Republican Political Party Committees.” Local corporate officials may be qualifying and collecting fees from public candidates:

Barrow County Bartow County Bibb County Bulloch County Camden County Chatham County Cherokee County Cobb County Colquitt County Columbia County Crawford County DeKalb County Dougherty County Fannin County Fayette County	Fulton County Gilmer County Glynn County Gordon County Greene County Gwinnett County Hancock County Harris County Heard County Henry County Houston County Macon County Meriweather County Miller County Morgan County	Muscogee County Newton County Pickens County Pierce County Putnam County Rabun County Town County Rockdale County Taylor County Berrien County Tift County Union County Walker County Wayne County Whitfield County
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4 - Counties not listed above without an established local “Party Inc” structure still retain officials who are acting **corporately on behalf of the State GRP, Inc. The Republican corporate structure in the State of Georgia is, alarmingly, unavoidable.**

Continuing historic government precedence is not a valid reason to avoid the Law. Without immediate remedy, the 2024 Candidate Qualification Paperwork for county and state candidates appears to LACK CRITICAL DISCLOSURE of potential violations of Elections Law:

To: The Chairman and Secretary of the County
Executive Committee of the _____
Party of _____ County/Municipality
State of Georgia

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND AFFIDAVIT
(COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY)**

More accurate example:

To: The Chairman and Secretary of the County Executive
Committee of *Red County Republican Party, Inc.*
and *Georgia Republican Party, Inc.*,
Duly Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of Georgia

provisions of the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2) or of the rules or regulations adopted thereunder; I will not knowingly violate the rules or regulations of the _____ party.

More accurate example:

... Provisions of GA Corporations Code... I will not knowingly violate the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc. (and possibly other Inc.) adopted under GA Title 14.

Political proponents are requiring the following oath of allegiance claiming the authority of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(b)(4):

I DO SWEAR OR AFFIRM MY ALLEGIANCE TO THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Print Name of Candidate: _____

Signature of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

More accurate (example):

I do swear or affirm my allegiance to the *Georgia Republican Party, Inc., a Domestic Non-Member, Nonprofit Corporation (and possibly) other local "Party Inc" such as Red County Republican Party, Inc.*

In the results of our GASOS Open Records Request #24-52, the **Elections Division has directed no disclosure of these corporations to election officials nor the candidates, some of whom will be given no option but to knowingly or unknowingly route their fees through corporate "Party Inc." bank accounts.** This is despite the remittance of GASOS ORR #23-475 and several others authorizing the GRP, Inc.:

Request the following for the State Republican Party: names, home addresses, and titles of the persons composing its governing committee and executive officers // certified copies of its charter, bylaws, rules, and regulations.

Remittance: ALL PUBLIC CORPORATE DOCUMENTS. No governing committee provided - only the names of Alex Kaufman, Caroline Jeffords, Joshua R. McKoon, and Laurie L. McClain on a corporate annual registration dated 9/15/23.

Furthermore, much of the cashflow for these corporate Republican committees may be directed through corporate bank accounts, not those of member-based political party committee associations. Candidate qualification fees may be remitted to county governments by means of corporate bank checks. Interchanging of tax identification numbers may also be occurring.

Citizens have also discovered that some of the local "Party Incs" do not even have the name of the party. For example, "Starting Over Smarter, Inc." in Gwinnett County.

In its Articles of Incorporation, the GRP, Inc. has self-identified as a FEDERAL political organization under IRS 527 Law. However, it neglects the mandate that political organizations in GA consist of all political parties and political bodies officially structured and registered under Article 3, Chapter 2 of Title 21 Elections Law and per O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2.

Basic democracy matters in Georgia. Title 14 corporate documents and rules appear to have no authorized power over political party officials, committees, election affairs, and conventions mandated exclusively by Title 21 of the Georgia Elections Code.

The following statutes appear to be relevant to these quandaries: Public election officials have the power and responsibility to get needed answers under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-560. **Consequences regarding duty failures of public officers** or any officer of a political party is in O.C.G.A. 21-2-596. Enabling false statements and false pathways may intersect O.C.G.A. § 21-2-563 & 603. Titles 45 & 16 are also likely engaged regarding public documents.

Our candidates are constitutionally protected. They **may be unknowingly subjected** to signing Affidavits to a corporation and not to a lawful political party. Facilitating a candidate pathway through a corporate entity not in compliance with Title 21 Elections Law may nullify the candidate qualification procedures and paperwork. Does it appear to you that corporate pathways to ballot access may invalidate the ballot?

If compelled to dutifully inquire about these documented conditions that may be unequally protecting the citizens of your county and impacting your responsibilities we encourage you to reach out to the Elections Division of the Georgia Secretary of State immediately to determine if you can receive anything other than corporate documents.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or corrections to this information.

Very respectfully,

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Susan P. Opraseuth (Fulton County)

Sarah Thompson
Sarah Thompson (Bulloch County)

Our Project Website: goreclaimga.org/home/

Portions of the GRP, Inc. Corporate Documents Remitted within GASOS ORR #23-475 :

**RULES OF THE
GEORGIA
REPUBLICAN PARTY,
INC.**

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc. as adopted on June 17, 2020.

David Shafer, Chairman
Georgia Republican Party, Inc.

Secretary of State
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Articles of Incorporation

The Name of the Corporation:
Georgia Republican Party, Inc.

The corporation is organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corpo

The Principal Place of Business:
P.O. Box 550008
Atlanta, Georgia 30355

Registered Agent's Name and Address:
Anne W Lewis
1170 Peachtree St NE
Ste 2200
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-7200, Fulton County

Effective Date: February 07, 2014

Optional Provisions:



The Coproration will not have members.

1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS

All electors¹ who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in agreement with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the **Georgia Republican Party, Inc. (hereinafter "GRP")** in its conventions or precinct caucuses. All chairmen² and members of committees, delegates to conventions and voters in precinct caucuses, provided for in these Rules, shall be members of the GRP and must