



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Chairs

FROM: Republican Party of Pennsylvania

RE: County Party Support for Endorsed Candidates

It was great to see so many of you during the January 27-28th, 2012 Winter Meeting. To review, the Republican Party of Pennsylvania's (PA GOP) membership used an open roll call vote to move forward with endorsements for this year's statewide elections. PA GOP members chose to support Steve Welch for U.S. Senate, David Freed for Attorney General, John Maher for Auditor General and Diana Irely Vaughan for State Treasurer. By earning the endorsement of the PA GOP, these candidates will receive our full support.

As you know, PA GOP members spent months talking with candidates, attending meetings, engaging local Republicans and had the opportunity to see all of the candidates in open forums for the last several weeks, including forums for each office in Hershey on Friday prior to Saturday's meeting.

As we start our 2012 partnership together, the PA GOP counts on our county committees to assist our endorsed ticket in every way possible. There are many important projects for us to work together in this busy year and we hope to start with the best team to take on the Democrats. As our endorsed candidates travel on the campaign trail, they should receive concessions in regards to official Republican Party events.

As members of the PA GOP and leaders of your county party, **we request respect for the following longstanding traditions associated with our endorsed candidates.**

1. Only candidates endorsed by the PA GOP should be recognized and/or allowed to speak at official party events such as county dinners, local party dinners, GOP meetings, petition parties, etc. Endorsed candidates and staff should be able to attend events as complimentary guests.
2. All endorsed candidates for statewide offices who attend a Republican Party function in your county should be given an opportunity to speak – if only for a brief period of time.

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3. County Chairs, county party staff and county party members **should only** be circulating petitions for statewide candidates who have been endorsed by the PA GOP.
4. County Chairs, county party staff and county party members **should only** be distributing materials for statewide candidates that have been endorsed by the PA GOP.
5. County Chairs **should decline** any promotion materials from non-endorsed candidates.

These longstanding traditions help our candidates to direct the precious resources they have toward getting out their message and winning in the fall.

As a reminder, the PA GOP has not discouraged any candidate from continuing their campaign for any of the statewide offices. However, after the exhaustive process and out of respect for the time and effort that our elected membership has put in as representatives of their counties, other candidates should run their Primary campaign without the benefits of our party organization at the national, state or local level.

The PA GOP is the strongest state party in America with results that include electing Governor Tom Corbett, Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley, U.S. Senator Pat Toomey, 12 U.S. Congressmen, 30 State Senators, 112 State House members, majorities on all three of Pennsylvania's statewide courts and control of 52 county courthouses. To keep that momentum going, we are counting on your support and your county committee members' efforts. Remember, as Governor Corbett and Lt. Governor Cawley have reminded us, they are the product of the endorsement process. The time to create a unified campaign in the months leading up to the Primary election yields big rewards in close elections like Senator Toomey's win in 2010.

By uniting now and working together with our candidates, Republicans will have a campaign that will win again in November. On behalf of our endorsed candidates and the PA GOP membership, we thank you for your continued cooperation and partnership as we all work to ensure 2012 is another successful election year.