



# REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## MEMORANDUM

TO: County Chairs

FROM: Republican Party of Pennsylvania

RE: County Party Cooperation for Endorsed Candidates

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After this process, Superior Court Candidate Vic Stabile and Commonwealth Court Candidate Anne Covey were endorsed by the committee membership. Vic and Anne are veterans of Republican campaigns and are ready for the important issues they will face as judges. By virtue of the endorsement, these candidates will receive the full support of the PA GOP in the Primary Election.

As a partner in this process, the State Party counts on our county committees to assist our endorsed ticket in every way possible. Currently, our ticket is focused on vigorously campaigning across the Commonwealth and will be visiting your county soon. As they travel on the campaign trail, our endorsed candidates should receive concessions in regards to official Republican Party events such as county dinners, local party dinners, candidate forums, etc.

As members of the PA GOP and leaders in of county party, **we request that you strictly enforce the following longstanding traditions.**

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

It should be known that the PA GOP has not discouraged any candidate from continuing their campaign for open seats in 2011. However, after the exhaustive process and out of respect for the time and effort that our elected membership has put in to this process as representatives of their counties, we are counting on your support and your county committee to support Vic Stabile and Anne Covey in this important Primary.

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 2011 is a successful election year.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:06 PM  
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