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Discussion of Mr. Hedlund emails - Appeal to SCC Attached

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Mr. Marston,

On Friday, March 31, 2017, Mr. Ron Hedlund, Seventh Congressional District Republican State Central Committee (SCC) member, send three emails to the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) Chairman John Whitbeck and members of the SCC each entitled "*Appeal to SCC Attached*."

The RPV Party Plan, Article X, Rulings and Appeals, SECTION B. Contests, paragraph 3 states:

"Each District Committee shall decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction. It shall also hear and decide all timely appeals taken from units and legislative districts within the District. Persons deemed adversely affected by a decision of the District Committee shall have the right of appeal to the State Central Committee."

Based on this part, shouldn't Mr. Hedlund's three "*Appeal to SCC Attached*" emails be filed with the 7th CDRC Chairman?

Further, RPV Party Plan, Article X, Rulings and Appeals, SECTION B. Contests, paragraph 4 states:

"All appeals, under sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of this section must be made in writing within thirty (30) days after the decision appealed from and the appeal must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) Party members (except as provided below) of the respective Unit, Legislative District or Congressional District affected. When an appeal involves a mass meeting, party canvass or convention, then for purposes of this paragraph the term "Party members" shall mean mass meeting participants in the case of a mass meeting; canvass voters in the case of a party canvass; or delegates in the case of a convention. If fewer than one hundred twenty-five (125) persons voted in such mass meeting, party canvass or convention, then the petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the voters at such mass meeting, party canvass or convention."

Since the 7th CDRC met on March 2, 2017, more than thirty days have passed since that meeting, and no valid appeals have been filed with the 7th CDRC Chairman, is it proper to assume there are no valid contests pertaining to that meeting including Mr. Hedlund's three "*Appeal to SCC Attached*" emails?

Please let me know your thoughts.

As a note, in the event any or all of the three appeals are in some measure deemed to be valid, I reserve the right to present additional facts and express objections to their content and methods.

Thanks,

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