

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA

Alfred B. Cramer, III, Chairman

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Miss Judith H. Shreeve, Chairman
10th District Republican Committee
214 James Thurber Court
Falls Church, VA 22046

Dear Judy:

In your letter of May 20, you indicated that the Fairfax County Party Plan provides for the Fairfax County Chairman to appoint magisterial district chairmen "with the advice and consent of the members of the County Committee from the service district involved". You have inquired:

Can the appointed [Magisterial] District Chairman assume the authority of a [Magisterial] District Chairman before he is consented to by the members of the District Committee?

Since this question appears to arise from implementation of the Fairfax County Plan, it should, assuming the mechanism is provided, be addressed within the framework of that Plan. For me to address the question, certainly at this time, would, I believe, go beyond my authority under Article IX, Section A of the State Party Plan.

If the Fairfax County Plan provides no answer, then I think it should be addressed within the framework of Section B of Article IX of the State Party Plan which provides for the Fairfax County Committee to decide controversies within its jurisdiction, subject to the right of persons adversely affected to appeal to the Tenth District Committee. Section C of Article IX provides for a further review of any decision of the Tenth District Committee by the State Central Committee, at which time the latter has the option to call on the Party's General Counsel.

I am sorry that I cannot be of immediate assistance.

Sincerely,

W. A. Forrest, Jr.
Counsel

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cc: Dr. Alfred B. Cramer, III
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