



The Knox County Republican Party (KCRP) is tasked by the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws (hereafter TRPB) with “helping all Republican nominees defeat Democrats in general elections” (TRPB Article VIII; Section 1 ). All Republicans, in the spirit of the TRPB, should refrain from “assist(ing) in any manner, a Democrat or other non-Republican in an election or primary election in which a Republican is a candidate or has filed as a candidate” (TRPB Article II; Section 4, B ).

The recent public endorsements of Democrat candidate Bryan Goldberg over our Republican incumbent Elaine Davis in the District 18 Tennessee State House race by former Tennessee State Representative Eddie Mannis and former Knoxville City Council member Janet Testerman are unacceptable. This attempt to sow discord and disunity within the KCRP cannot go unchallenged. Therefore, the KCRP Executive Committee publicly censures the two individuals named above and takes the following actions:

- 1) The KCRP Executive Committee recommends to the Credentials Committee of the upcoming KCRP reorganization convention that they bar the participation of these two individuals from the convention in any way;
- 2) The KCRP Executive Committee shall seek out persons to challenge the bona fides of these two individuals should they ever attempt to run for office as a Republican;
- 3) The KCRP Executive Committee encourages individual Republican clubs to refrain from inviting these two individuals as speakers and to bar them from serving as club officers

Being a member in good standing of the Knox County Republican Party means supporting the party's nominees against their non-Republican opponents. The KCRP Executive Committee urges all Republicans to unite behind all of our Republican candidates in the future.