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Dear Grievance Process Participants:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the very civil way that you handled the grievance process. I know that it was not always easy, so I appreciate your productive attitudes.

In accordance with the RPOF Rules and Procedure, we are formally transmitting the recommendations of the Grievance Committee to all parties involved in each respective grievance. The first attached letter is from Tony Dimatteo, Grievance Committee Chairman. The second attached letter is the final decision by Chairman Greer on each grievance. Chairman Greer's decision is final and effective immediately.

Copies of these letters have been transmitted to the Petitioner and Respondent(s) of each grievance as well as all the members of the RPOF Grievance Committee. Copies have also been sent out to State Executive Committee Members of each respective county.

If you have any questions regarding these decisions you can contact me by email at [Bherold@rpo.org](mailto:Bherold@rpo.org) or by phone at (850) 222-7920.

Sincerely,

Brad Herold  
Deputy Director of Field Operations



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August 23, 2009

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Chairman Greer:

On July 25th, the Republican Party of Florida's Grievance Committee convened a hearing to take evidence in the grievances filed by William Blythe against John Stevens and William Pitts. All parties to the grievance were present either personally or through an authorized representative. Evidence was presented and testimony received in accordance with the Grievance Hearing Procedures and the Rules of the Republican Party of Florida.

In accordance with Republican Party of Florida Rule 22(D), we respectfully submit our findings and unanimous recommendation for resolving this dispute:

The extensive evidence presented supported the claims that Mr. Pitts and Mr. Stevens engaged in disruptive conduct likely to interfere with the activities of the Republican Party. This conduct included distribution of emails and message board posts supporting third-party candidates running against Republican candidates during the November 2008 election.

Based on these findings, the Grievance Committee unanimously voted to recommend that Mr. Stevens be removed from his position as precinct committeeman for St. Johns County.

The Grievance Committee further unanimously voted to recommend that both Mr. Pitts and Mr. Stevens be found ineligible to serve as a member of a county Republican Executive Committee or the State Republican Executive Committee for a period of four years.

Sincerely,

Tony DiMatteo  
Chairman  
Grievance Committee  
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Dear Mr. Stevens,

In accordance with Rule 22(D) of the RPOF Rules of Procedure, the RPOF Grievance Committee (the "Committee") has submitted findings and recommendations to me for final action as Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. A copy of the Committee's findings and recommendations is enclosed for your reference. As you know, on July 25, 2009, the Committee convened a hearing in which all parties to the grievance were afforded the opportunity to address the Committee and present documents and witnesses.

The Rules of the Republican Party of Florida entrust the Party Chairman with broad authority to resolve disputes among members of the Republican Party. Rule 22 authorizes the Chairman to take actions including, but not limited to, the removal or suspension of any officer or member of a Republican Club or Republican Executive Committee.

After carefully reviewing the Grievance Committee's findings and recommendations, and in accordance with Rule 22, I accept and adopt the Committee's finding that you engaged in disruptive conduct likely to interfere with the activities of the Republican Party. I further accept the Committee's unanimous recommendation that you be removed from your position as St. Johns County Precinct Committeeman and be determined ineligible to reassume such office for a period of four years from the date of this decision.

If you have any questions, please contact Delmar Johnson, Executive Director of the Republican Party of Florida.

Sincerely,

James A. Greer  
Chairman

cc: Grievance Committee Members  
Mr. William Blythe

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