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“It is never the Wrong time to do the Right thing” . . . *Raymond T McKay*

Dear Chairman Michael Penta:

The following three City of Warwick Ordinances are provided for your information:

Sec. 48-107. Classified employees and members of personnel hearing board not to run for or hold elective office.

No classified employee or member of the personnel hearing board shall seek the nomination of or be a candidate for any elective office; neither shall any elective officer be appointed a member of the personnel hearing board or a classified employee unless he/she resigns his/her elective office.

Sec. 48-112. Restrictions on political activities of classified employees.

No classified employee shall during working hours engage to any extent in any form of partisan politics, except that he/she may attend and vote at any party caucus, primary or election held during such hours. Outside of working hours any such employee may attend any partisan political rally, club or gathering and **privately** express his/her partisan political views, but any further partisan political activity on his/her part shall be engaged in only in accordance with the personnel rules. Any such employee violating the provisions of sections 48-108 to 48-115, inclusive, or of such rules shall for a first offense be either demoted or dismissed and for a second offense dismissed. All charges of such violations shall be publicly heard by the personnel hearing board.

Sec. 48-113. Solicitation of political contributions.

No classified employee or member of said personnel hearing board shall solicit contributions for nor shall he/she be solicited to contribute to any political party or campaign. Every officer, agent, clerk, or employee under the government of the city who may have charge or control in any building, office, or room occupied for any purpose of said government is hereby authorized to prohibit the entry of any person, and he/she shall not permit any person to enter the same, for the purpose of therein making, collecting, receiving, or giving notice of any political assessment, subscription or contribution, and no person shall enter or remain in any said building, office or room or send or direct any letter or other notice thereto for the purpose of giving notice of, demanding, or collecting a political assessment, subscription, or contribution, nor shall any person therein give notice of, demand, collect, receive, or pay any such assessment, subscription, or contribution contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

Mr Chairman, it is with a heavy heart that I write to you today, being a classified employee with the City of Warwick, to formally tender my letter of resignation from the Warwick GOP City Committee where I have been a member since 1997. According to the Rhode Island Secretary of State's office, such a position is deemed an elected position, and whereas the City of Warwick has taken me to Federal Court to press their rights in this matter, and the Warwick City Council has been a complacent by-stander allowing this travesty to unfold, I have no alternative.

As you know for the past nine years, I have worked hard as President of the Rhode Island Republican Assembly to move forward the agenda of strengthening the Republican Party in Rhode Island, support the move to a smaller government, bring about lower taxes, and to preserve our First, Second, and Tenth amendments which are under constant assault.

Today, Lady Liberty and the First Amendment take another blow to the body as freedom and self-expression are once again controlled by a government.

The realities of the past fifteen and one-half years as a "Classified Employee" where I have run for office, donated to local, state and federal politicians and political causes, publicly endorsed candidates, participated in public grassroots lit drops and honk and waves, have fallen to a footnote in Warwick's governmental history as all these items are deemed inappropriate and indeed a cause for termination, for a "Classified Employee".

We see that it is more important to protect one man like Jack Reed from a political race then to support liberty in Rhode Island and in our Federal Court system.

For those that remain after this, I strongly encourage each and every citizen to stand tall, proud as an American should, and work for the changes that will make Warwick, Rhode Island, and this American nation great once again, for today, we stand at the abyss of time, and a dismal low.

It is time for the Right Direction, Right Now!

For Freedom,

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Raymond T McKay