

September 29, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

To: Mark Cross, Chair
Grievance Committee
Republican Party of Florida

Re: Reply to Grievances – Cathi Chamberlain

Dear Mark Cross,

I am in receipt of the RPOF's grievances filed against me on September 29, 2025. You'll find my reply to this action below.

GRIEVANCE #1: Divisive Rhetoric –

Cathi Chamberlain has repeatedly referred to fellow Republicans as 'RINOs,' including during public events, stating: "We don't just have RINOs in Washington, D.C. We have them in our own backyard, right here in Florida." Such language fosters division and undermines party unity.

REPLY #1: Divisive Rhetoric – *Grievance statement shows bias inconsistent with the views of President Donald J. Trump...*

Most true Republicans, and likely nearly 100% of MAGA members, consider certain Republicans to be RINOs, (Republicans In Name Only). Grievance #1 exposes the RPOF as not being in line with the leader of the Republican Party.

President Trump has called certain Republicans RINOs on many occasions. Shortly after the stolen election of 2020 and the J6 Fedsurrection, our President stated that he does "... not support RINOs and fools, and it is not their right to use my likeness or image to raise funds. So much money is being raised and completely wasted by people that do not have the GOP's best

interests in mind.”¹ *Apparently, the RPOF under the current leadership does not agree with our President.*

Therefore, I submit to you that the leadership of the RPOF are the dividers and the ones “undermining party unity.” The current Board has been despicable in its purging of MAGA members over the past few years as some local RECs led by RINOs toe the line.

GRIEVANCE #2: Affiliation with Defend Florida –

Cathi Chamberlain has actively participated in and promoted events organized by Defend Florida, a group known for canvassing voter rolls and promoting unsubstantiated election fraud claims. These events have been used to strategize the removal of established Republican leaders from office and party roles.

REPLY #2: Affiliation with Defend Florida – *Grievance statement shows bias based on opinions not unlike those of RINOs.*

I do not deny being the Florida State Ambassador to Defend Florida (DF) since its launch in January 2021. That’s because while the RPOF was busy denying the 2020 election was stolen, DF was taking the fraud seriously, trying to win back the seats that were stolen from us, including President Trump’s. The RPOF was pathetic in its response instructing MAGA members to not even talk about the fraud, refusing to investigate DF’s findings, and ridiculing us for years. I assert that is exactly why our country is in the horrific situation we are in today.

It is curious why the RPOF waited over four years to file such a grievance; but as often as it has changed the rules to suit its agenda, it’s not surprising.

¹ Winsor, Michael et al. “Trump blasts ‘RINOs and fools’ while urging supporters to donate directly to his PAC.” *ABC News*. 10 March 2021, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-blasts-rinos-fools-urging-supporters-donate-directly/story?id=76358959>

It seems Grievance #2 is another point on which President Trump agrees with me, not the RPOF. In June of this year “Trump posted on *TruthSocial* that former President Joe Biden’s 2020 election victory was a ‘total fraud,’ and that ‘the evidence is massive and overwhelming.’”²

Our (DF’s) “unsubstantiated election fraud claims” were never challenged by Democrats, but the RINO leadership throughout Florida made sure our findings never saw the light of day. Rather than help our all-volunteer grassroots group substantiate our findings, the RPOF and RECs fought us all the way. I stand by our discovery that 20% of our voter rolls throughout Florida were questionable and should have been investigated further.

By the actions (or should I say “inactions”) of the RPOF and my local REC regarding the stolen election, I believe you have all enabled the Democrat Party in the coup attempt of our country. Therefore, yes, “these events” were used to “strategize the removal of” RINOs from “office and party roles” for the sake of our country’s survival.

I therefore submit that the RPOF and many REC leaders, having demonstrated they are anti-Trump “Republicans,” should be removed from leadership roles and allow the majority MAGA members to support President Trump as he deserves.

GRIEVANCE #3: Leadership in Pinellas Watchdogs –

Cathi Chamberlain is a leading figure in Pinellas Watchdogs, a group that has publicly criticized

² Cohen, Matt. “MAGA Cheers Trump’s Call for Prosecutor to Probe 2020 Election.” Democracy Docket. June 23, 2025. <https://www.democracymarket.com/news-alerts/maga-cheers-trumps-call-for-prosecutor-to-probe-2020-election/>

local Republican leadership and encouraged grassroots efforts to challenge and replace them, further contributing to internal discord.

REPLY #3: Leadership in Pinellas Watchdogs – *Grievance statement does not take into account that the Constitution allows for the freedom of association nor does it explain why the Pinellas Republican leadership never filed a grievance if it felt so aggrieved.*

I do not deny that I founded Pinellas Watchdogs “in an effort to challenge and replace local leadership.” That was my right as an American citizen. Our group has gotten more accomplished outside the REC for the MAGA agenda than we would have otherwise achieved.

The Pinellas REC has operated without transparency and with an unwelcoming disposition towards MAGA members for a long time, as do many RECs around the state. MAGA members, including myself, have been ridiculed, even attacked, and treated with disdain for years. This is not isolated to Pinellas.

Precinct Committeemen and women in Pinellas County (and I’ve been told elsewhere) are not allowed to ask questions during our own monthly meetings. Our REC does not follow Robert’s Rules. We are not permitted to submit Resolutions while it seems the RPOF reserves that right for itself allowing for freedom of expression via the very Resolutions forbidden to REC members.³

While the local REC may be within its rights to divest membership of ours, I believe such behaviors are destroying the Republican Party in Florida.

GRIEVANCE #4: Campaign Involvement with Jeremy Brown –

Cathi Chamberlain served as campaign manager for Jeremy Brown, a state House candidate

³ Florida GOP. “Florida GOP Takes Stance On November Constitutional Amendments.” 6 May 2024.
https://florida.gop/fl_amendments_positions

who was later convicted on multiple federal charges related to the January 6th U.S. Capitol insurrection, including possession of unregistered firearms and classified military documents. This association raises serious concerns about judgment and alignment with lawful democratic processes.

REPLY #4: Campaign Involvement with Jeremy Brown – *This grievance is a biased statement, displays poor judgment, and proves a lack of loyalty to fellow Republicans which leads to internal discord.*

That the RPOF calls the January 6th event an “insurrection” shows bias and anti-Trumpism. It is reckless and irresponsible to describe what occurred on Jan6 as an “insurrection.” According to Grok, “...no individuals charged in connection with the January 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol attack (often referred to as ‘J6ers’) were convicted of insurrection under the federal statute that criminalizes it, 18 U.S.C. § 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection).⁴ Not one.

I remain proud of my role as Campaign Manager for a J6er. Unlike the RPOF and my local REC, I stood by fellow MAGA members who were unjustly accused for Jan6 until they at least received due process. Kind of like “innocent until proven guilty.”

Since the race in question could gain a Republican seat in a blue district occupied by a self-described “Marxist Queer,” one would think our Party would do everything it could to win the seat. But it did not. In fact, our then-REC Chair, now State Committeeman, Todd Jennings was overheard at the GOP watch party saying, “Whew, thank God [the J6 candidate] lost.” *Lost to a Marxist!*

As it turned out, the J6 candidate didn’t go to trial until one month after the November 2022 election. So, the Republican Party’s behavior was based solely on conjecture and biased judgment (poor judgment in my opinion as today’s events are proving out).

⁴ Grok. “Were Any J6ers Convicted of Insurrection?” X. 30 Sept 2025, <https://x.com/i/grok?conversation=1973131573823144124>

(FYI: The J6 candidate in question may have been found guilty at trial by a weaponized Department of Justice , but his conviction was later overturned and dismissed with prejudice.)

The RPOF seems to have united with the Liz Cheneys and the Jan 6th [un-]Select Committee as grievance #4 clearly exposes. Rather than research the witch hunts that were conducted by the Democratic Party against some of the most Patriotic MAGA members in our country, the treatment by the RPOF and many REC leaders against J6ers aligned more with the behavior of Democrats and RINOs than President Trump's.

Similar unjust prosecutions were perpetrated against President Trump which is why he understands how the J6ers were railroaded. It wouldn't surprise me if the RPOF and many REC leaders secretly wished Trump had also been convicted of his fabricated crimes, as many RINOs did. If Trump had been tried in Washington, DC, as were the J6ers, he would likely be in jail today.

According to *Grok*, "President Trump has consistently defended individuals charged or convicted in connection with the January 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol attack (often called 'J6ers') by portraying them as 'patriots' and 'hostages' unjustly persecuted by the federal government."⁵ He gets it. The question is, why is the RPOF so anti-Trump on so many political topics. *That's the real division.*

IN CONCLUSION:

There is no need to waste more of the Grievance Committee's time on my case. Everyone knows the RPOF Grievance

⁵ Grok. "What has President said in defense of the J6ers?" X. 30 Sept 2025, <https://x.com/i/grok?conversation=1973131573823144124>

Committee is overburdened with complaints, which makes one wonder why a Party would have so much dissension in its ranks to begin with.

Accept this reply as my notice to vacate my Precinct Committee membership in the Pinellas REC. Until the present leaders are replaced at the RPOF, I will not be part of this divisive, anti-Trump organization that purges grassroots MAGA members for no other reason than that we are in the way of the Establishment's agenda. *God help Trump's home state of Florida.*

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