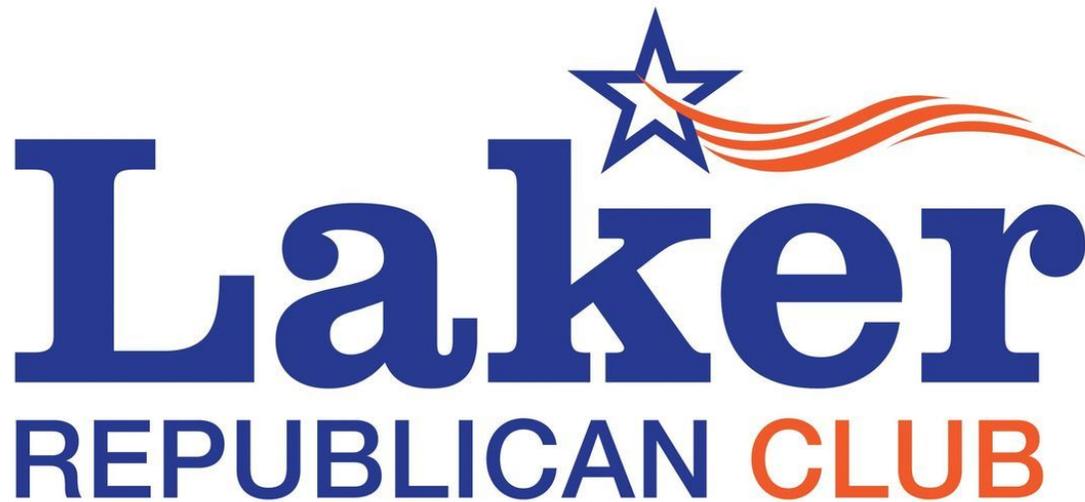


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Thank You For Your Support!

September 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors –

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have reached out in support of the [launch of Laker Republican Club](#). The many words of encouragement and support are much appreciated.

You have reaffirmed our mission of creating a community political group that focuses on Mountain Lakes first through:

- Transparent and accountable local government;
- Fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars;
- Environmental stewardship; and
- The value of Mountain Lakes today and tomorrow.

We did receive several responses that were disappointing, although not surprising given the current divisiveness in the political landscape. What we received might be considered hate mail in certain circles: accusations of being racist, misogynist, anti-LGBTQ, anti-immigration, anti-environment, morally corrupt, unethical, and so on.

With this in mind, we felt it was important to address a few key points.

First, our identification as Republicans provided a **common philosophical starting point** through desire for limited government, individual liberties and responsibilities, tolerance, inclusiveness, and optimism. Our goal was to create a local political group that encourages residents to convene and engage in a friendly environment and promote a sensible long-term vision for Mountain Lakes.

We feel the current political environment lacks a desire for consensus and compromise. Mountain Lakes is a community with an equal number of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents - it serves all of us to listen to one another in the interest of our community. We believe sound policy is built on a foundation of respect for varying viewpoints. We do not believe a worthy example for functional, multi-dimensional government is likely to come from national parties as they currently exist. We believe political progress will emerge from communities working together to solve local issues in a sensible, productive, and civil manner.

We invite everyone to get to know [LRC volunteers](#). We are a group of women and men who care about our community. Our families include members who are ethnic minorities, immigrants, gay, lesbian, and transgender. We are long-term advocates and lobbyists for environmental stewardship and policy. We are executives of nonprofits who focus on providing shelter and affordable housing for those in poverty. We are business owners who employ fellow citizens with diverse backgrounds and political philosophies. We are doctors and lawyers who donate time and services for those that cannot afford them. We are volunteers who serve to address poverty eradication, community development, cultural & educational institutions, and more. We are volunteers in our community through Borough Commissions & Committees, sports programs, schools, and places of worship.

We encourage all residents to [join us in strengthening A Voice for Mountain Lakes](#). Your perspective will be welcomed.

LRC is not attempting to recruit for the Republican party, or asking residents to affiliate with any political party for that matter. Given our name, we understand some residents may come to us seeking information. Links to the [Mountain Lakes Republican Committee](#), [Voter Registration](#), and [Vote-by-Mail Ballots](#) are available on our website if helpful.

Please continue to visit our website for information on our [mission](#), the [platform we support](#), and our [people](#). Also, stay tuned for upcoming policy pieces on ideas important to the future of Mountain Lakes.

Thank you again and with our gratitude,

Laker Republican Club

P.S. – Details of a few upcoming social events scheduled for this fall will be coming out shortly. And please continue to [donate](#) - thank you!



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