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Wernick: Sommerman Used the Taxpayer-Funded County Website to Promote FRSO — a Marxist-Leninist Group That Marches With Communists and Anti-American Coalitions in Dallas

Demands the Fight Back! News / Dealey Plaza item come down, an IT review, and a public condemnation of FRSO

Dallas, Texas — District 2 candidate Barry Wernick called on incumbent Commissioner Andy Sommerman to remove Freedom Road Socialist Organization material that Sommerman published on the official Dallas County website, and to condemn the group he amplified.

FRSO is not a one-off posting. It is a network.

What Sommerman put on the county site

Sommerman's official January–February 2026 District 2 [newsletter](#), hosted on the county website, included an [article](#) from FRSO's newspaper, *Fight Back! News*, about a March 2, 2026 protest at Dealey Plaza. That event was not a District 2 operations story. It was political amplification on a taxpayer platform.

The Dealey Plaza action promoted in that *Fight Back! News* item was organized and backed in concert with groups that include [Freedom Road Socialist Organization](#) / *Fight Back! News*, [Palestinian Youth Movement](#), [DFW Shias for Justice](#), [Revolutionary Front DFW](#), other radical formations named in the coverage of that rally.

That is the article a Dallas County commissioner chose to circulate through an official channel.

FRSO describes itself as a national organization of revolutionaries fighting for socialism in the United States and working to build "a new communist party" based on Marxism-Leninism. Its own materials call for a united front against monopoly capitalism, working-class seizure of factories, banks, utilities, and major institutions, and salute the Communist Party of China.

The same organization, FRSO Dallas, now appears on promotional material for the September 10 "Dallas March on the RNC Midterm Convention" at Pike Park, alongside [Communist Party USA Dallas-Fort Worth](#), [Indivisible Dallas](#), and [Young Active Labor Leaders](#) DFW.



A 2020 article on CPUSA's national site declared that "to be a Communist is to also be an abolitionist," endorsed defunding police and emptying jails, and said abolitionist ideas "can lead to the dismantling of capitalism itself."

FRSO already marched in the coalition Sommerman promoted from the county website. FRSO is now marching again with [Communist Party USA](#). That is the association. It did not start next week. Sommerman already put it on the taxpayer-funded page.

"[Texas Government Code § 557.022](#) says a communist may not appear on the ballot in this state," Wernick said. "Yet this commissioner put a Marxist-Leninist newspaper on the official Dallas County website. He needs to take it down, and he needs to condemn FRSO. Silence is a position. District 2 deserves to hear it."

Wernick said the pattern matches Sommerman's other use of official power: moving polling places to private sites for partisan advantage, then reciting mosque-by-mosque returns.

On September 10, FRSO Dallas and its advertised partners, including Communist Party USA Dallas/Fort Worth, called a march on the Republican midterm convention at Pike Park.

By 1:40 p.m., Dallas Express reporter Carlos Turcios was [posting video from the scene](#): hundreds of marchers surrounding two Christian counter-protesters as socialist activists began pushing them, with several masked individuals identifying with Antifa in the crowd. His question, on the record: "Where's the police?"

When groups that openly seek to replace the American constitutional order take that fight into the street, officials who amplified those networks on county pages own part of the climate they advertised. District 2 cannot afford a commissioner who platforms FRSO with taxpayer tools and then looks away from what that network does next.

What Wernick is demanding

- Sommerman immediately remove the *Fight Back! News* / FRSO item from the official county website.
- Sommerman publicly condemn Freedom Road Socialist Organization and state that a Dallas County commissioner will not amplify Marxist-Leninist organizations.
- The Dallas County Office of Information Technology review how revolutionary material was published through an official commissioner channel and bar county platforms from carrying it.
- Sommerman apologize to the taxpayers of District 2.

"The county website should tell people how to get the services they already pay for," Wernick said. "It should not be a bulletin board for groups building a new communist party and marching with those who reject the American system."

About Barry Wernick

Barry Wernick is the Republican nominee for Dallas County Commissioner, District 2.

Barry Wernick's Positive Vision for District 2: wernickfortexas.com.

Incumbent Commissioner's Radical Associations Record: sadandblueindistrict2.com/radical-associations