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The Sarasota GOP is back in the news.

Local Sarasota County GOP establishment leaders have identified their enemy, and it isn't the party of opposition. Instead, the party's elected leaders have decided to travel down the path of lawfare and are targeting our local, grassroots, America first patriots.

Frankly, I/we (the Executive Board of the Caucus) am/are at a loss for why this lawsuit has been filed against another CONSERVATIVE political organization, airing in public, what is clearly an internal Party dispute/situation. This was certainly NOT our choice; we have been making every effort to avoid publicizing this by negotiating a resolution quietly/private through our attorney.

My question is:

Who is financing the newly created club's legal expenses?

Is it the Republican Executive Committee of Sarasota County? A look at their Treasurer's report would probably answer that question.

GOP funding has been in the red since the establishment decided to stand against local America First leaders. One of the initial clashes between the two sects became unbearable during the 2022 elections, as local community members pushed conservative leaders through for a win, with little help from their Republican party.

After the recent Ziegler fiasco that lingered so long in the press, why would the Republican Party choose to air out, (I repeat) what is obviously an internal problem, in public?

And why would they want to discredit/attack another conservative club sharing the same exact goal; working to elect qualified grassroots Republican candidates?

Maybe you, as investigative reporters can seek out the answers to these questions. I/we hope you do.

In November of 2023, the Republican Club of South Sarasota County received a notice that a series of rule changes by the RPOF for chartered Republican Clubs would be implemented. These changes to their bylaws would put all chartered club's treasury, elected officers, membership list and even who could speak at their meetings at risk of being taken over. The club



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decided that the risk to reward of remaining a chartered Republican club and their ever-changing rules was not worth it and voted to resign our charter. In other words, we became autonomous and truly self-governing. Is that American anymore?

But the establishment can't allow grassroots, America First community leaders to gain too much power. They can't allow a club of local leaders to surpass their power in leadership...so what do they do, file a lawsuit.

The America First of SWFL Caucus is a conservative club that is completely transparent & whose records are available to any member...at any time and we will continue to resist any efforts by the "establishment" to affect/curtail/diminish/cripple our independence.

The "Caucus" meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S (on the island).

Warm Regards,

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