

EXHIBIT A

Complaint against Kevin Hartke

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To chair@maricopacountygop.org <chair@maricopacountygop.org>

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Dear EGC Board,

For your perusal, I am submitting a complaint against Kevin Hartke for breaking a MCRC Bylaw by endorsing a non Republican candidate during the 2024 Primary and for actions that go against our Conservative Republican values.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
Lois Shugarr LD13 PC, SC
480 213-7652

9/12/2024

Dear Chairman Berland and EGC Board,

Whereas: The actions of Mayor Kevin Hartke conflict with Conservative values. Since Mayor Hartke took office, Chandler city management and ideology have become increasingly antithetical to Republican values. As Conservatives, we believe in limited government and fiscal responsibility. Mayor Hartke's actions, by contrast, are not aligned with these values and have not resulted in lower taxes, fiscal responsibility, and a strong middle class. One example is Mayor Hartke's support of DEI and similar programs. As head of MAG, he continues to promote ideology which is far from Conservative. Mayor Hartke purports to sending out surveys, which he states reflect the opinion of his constituents, but the surveys are written in such a way that opposing opinions cannot be submitted.

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2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

A Message from Mayor Kevin Hartke



I am so proud to live and serve in Chandler, where diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) are part of our identity. We continuously embrace what unites us and celebrate what makes us different. Whether I'm attending the Multicultural Festival, the Asian American Community Conference, attending Diwali and Juneteenth events, or simply walking by inspirational murals in downtown Chandler, I feel surrounded by diversity. Yet, as is the case with any cause worth fighting for, there is always more that we can do.

This strategic plan is a true labor of love that embraces fundamental DEI values and solidifies Chandler's commitment to preserving them. Staff has done a tremendous job gathering information, getting feedback from residents and employees, then shaping what they learned into a clear, intentional plan that will guide our city for years to come.

This is a plan that will deliver results, outlining DEI priorities, goals and actionable items to reach them. It provides a clear roadmap for current and future City Council and staff members as new initiatives and programming opportunities are explored.

I'd like to say a special thank you to those who worked so diligently to bring this plan to life. I have no doubt it will benefit Chandler for years to come.

Whereas: To fulfil his "outlook" for the city, Hartke endorsed non-Republican candidate OD Harris when there were Republican candidates on the ticket. Councilman Harris states he is "nonpartisan" but his voting and participation record on the Chandler City Council demonstrate radical left-wing ideology. Councilman Harris' primary focus on the Council has not been lowering taxes or improving the quality of life in Chandler. Rather, Harris championed radical left-wing causes like Critical Race Theory (CRT), DEI and BLM.

Whereas: Mayor Hartke's endorsement of OD Harris violates the MCRC Bylaws. MCRC Bylaws (January 2024) page 13, Article VI: Executive Guidance Committee, Section 5: Elections Neutrality, B: Endorsement of Non-Republican Candidates states:

No member of the MCRC shall lend an endorsement to a non-Republican candidate in any election that has a Republican candidate on the ballot, and any MCRC member holding an elected position who publicly supports, campaigns, or endorses any candidate from any party other than the Republican party shall lose all privileges provided:

1. The member was provided written notice mailed via certified US mail to the member's last known address,
2. The member was provided an opportunity to defend himself at the next EGC meeting but not less than 10 days after notification,
3. The EGC by majority vote removed the member's voting rights.

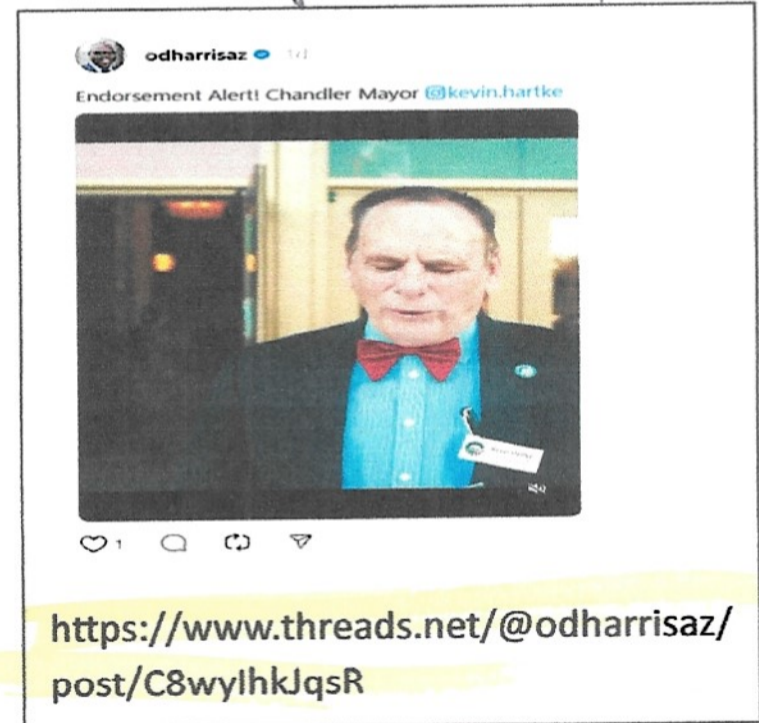
The member will be removed from any and all affiliation with the MCRC, shall no longer have any standing, support, or endorsement and shall no longer use or represent themselves as an MCRC member.

Evidence available publicly demonstrates Mayor Kevin Hartke, a Republican PC of Dublin Precinct, endorsed OD Harris, an "Independent/Non-Partisan", for Chandler City Council when there were several viable Republican City Council Candidates. Prior to the July 2024 Primary election Mayor Hartke's video endorsement of Harris appeared on social media, on OD Harris' website <https://www.odharris4az.com/>, and on Mayor Hartke's website. The highlighted names on the ballot were the four Republican candidates running for the office.

*Posted on Instagram
6/28/24*



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Therefore: Not only did Kevin Hartke violate MCRC Bylaws, he also caused confusion amongst his City of Chandler Republican constituents at a time we needed every office filled with solid Republicans. We hereby request that Kevin Hartke lose his PC status, standing, support, and endorsement by the MCRC and affiliated Republican organizations.

EXHIBIT B



Maricopa County Republican Committee
7030 W Oakland St
Suite 101
Chandler, AZ 85226
October 30, 2024

Mr. Kevin Hartke
536 N Apache Dr
Chandler, AZ 85224

Dear Mr. Hartke:

Your attention is called to the fact that the Executive Guidance Committee (EGC) of the Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC), at its meeting on October 1, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. Hartke is hereby cited to appear at the MCRC EGC meeting to be held on November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the MCRC Office (address above) for trial, to show cause why his Republican intra-party voting rights should not be removed based on the following charge and specifications:

Charge. Lending an endorsement to a non-Republican candidate in an election that had a Republican candidate on the ballot.

Specification 1. Before October 1, 2024 as regards to the Chandler City Council Election on July 30, 2024, you publicly endorsed OD Harris, while Republican candidates were also on the ballot. This has led to OD Harris being elected for the Chandler City Council, while 2 Republicans head to a runoff election for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

As a courtesy, the relevant section from the Maricopa County Republican Committee bylaws is included as Appendix 1.

Pursuant to the MCRC Bylaws, this letter is being sent via certified U.S. Mail to your last known address as recorded in the Maricopa County Recorder's Office.

Kindly be present at the location and time indicated above.

Sincerely,
The MCRC Executive Guidance Committee

Letter to [REDACTED]

Mr. Kevin Hartke

Appendix 1

Article VI – Executive Guidance Committee
Section 5 – Elections Neutrality

B. Endorsements of Non-Republican Candidates

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Link to 2024 MCRC Bylaws: <https://maricopagop.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/McrcBylaws2024.pdf>

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