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Wyoming Republican Party

*Wyoming Republican Party State Executive Committee Passes
Resolution to Censure Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee*

Cheyenne, WY – During the monthly meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Wyoming Republican Party a resolution to censure Laramie County Clerk, Debra Lee, was passed unanimously. The State Central Committee will consider the resolution at its next meeting to be held in Douglas, WY on September 7th.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO CENSURE LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK DEBRA LEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Executive Committee of the Wyoming Republican Party as follows:

WHEREAS, County Clerk Debra Lee was required to test electronic voting systems, including all tabulators, at least two weeks prior to the primary election, pursuant to W.S. 22-11-104; and

WHEREAS, the testing she performed contained erroneous test ballot numbers, which was brought to her attention, but she failed and refused to retest the machines within the statutory timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the erroneous test ballot numbers she used were so bad that they were wrong in 100% of the contested races; and

WHEREAS, several candidates for office and the Wyoming Republican Party were forced to file a civil action against her because she refused to comply with the statutes; and

WHEREAS, it was only after the lawsuit was filed and a criminal complaint was filed with the District Attorney's office that she agreed to retest the 2 DS450 tabulators; and

WHEREAS, although her errors in testing the DS200 tabulators that violated Wyo. Stat. sec. 22-11-104 (b) (iii) were immediately brought to her attention and requests were made that she retest those DS200, she refused to retest the DS200s; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statutes sec. 22-11-104 (b) (iii) specifically requires the Clerk to conduct proper testing by assigning a “different number of valid votes” to each candidate for an office; and

WHEREAS, although these errors were brought to her attention and she was asked to retest multiple times, Clerk Debra Lee failed to acknowledge her errors and resisted retesting the erroneously tested DS200s; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Debra Lee doubled and tripled down in her statements to the public and the press that there were no errors in the testing, which was a lie; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Debra Lee either did not test 11 of the 13 DS200 tabulators or she tested them in secret, without notifying county political party Chairs and candidates, either of which violates Wyo. Stat. sec. 22-11-104 (b) (iii); and

WHEREAS, Clerk Debra Lee had sufficient time to retest all DS200 tabulators so she was in compliance with Wyoming Statutes, but refused, even though Albany County and Park County’s Clerks retested a similar number of tabulators before the primary election; and

WHEREAS, the only one DS200 tabulator she agreed to retest after litigation commenced was a spare DS200 that was not used in the primary election; and

WHEREAS, despite the Wyoming Republican Party offering her the opportunity to retest the DS200s after the election, Clerk Debra Lee refused; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Debra Lee either failed to test “voting machines” or failed to invite all County Chairs of political parties and candidates to attend the public preparation of all “voting machines” before the primary, either of which violated W.S. 22-10-108; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party has had the privilege of working with numerous County Clerks over the last 3 weeks, most of whom were honest, professional and worked diligently to comply with the statutory safeguards designed to ensure election integrity, including Albany, Goshen, Platte, Converse, Weston, Carbon, Sweetwater, Washakie, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Sublette, Teton, Uinta, Johnson, and Sheridan Counties; and

WHEREAS, we did not have the same experience with Clerk Debra Lee; and

WHEREAS, the voters deserve better.

THEREFORE, BE IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the State Executive Committee of the Wyoming Republican Party that Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee is hereby censured for violating statutory provisions designed to provide election integrity safeguards, misrepresenting that her erroneous testing had no errors, resisting even the most common sense efforts to fix her statutory noncompliance, flatly ignoring multiple early attempts to help her rectify the situation with both the DS450 and DS200 tabulators, failing to perform the public preparation of the voting machines mandated by Wyo. Stat. section 22-10-108, and resisting accountability at every turn.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2024.

/s/ W. Frank Eathorne, Chairman
Wyoming Republican Party State Executive Committee.

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