

Statement released by Monroe County Republican Party on April 27, 2024.

The Monroe County Republican Party and its committee representatives express profound disappointment with the video released by the President of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. This video was subsequently shared as well as endorsed by the Bloomington Board of Realtors. These ostensibly non-partisan entities have chosen to insert themselves into the Monroe County primary elections.

The recommendation to disrupt each party member's autonomy in selecting their candidates for the general election is alarming.

The lack of engagement by these organizations in these races over the past two decades has led us to this juncture. It is regrettable that the Chamber and BBoR would prefer their Republican members to vote for a Democrat rather than support Republican candidates who traditionally align more closely with their espoused values.

We condemn, in the strongest of terms, the attempts by both organizations to leverage Republican voters to sway the Democratic Party, as they seem unable to influence Democratic Primary voters to select a candidate that represents the organizations' values. Instead of backing Republican candidates who typically embody their values, they are urging their Republican members to interfere in the Democratic Primary rather than support and promote outstanding Republican candidates.

A preliminary review of the Democratic candidates poised to be potential successors indicates they will not be an improvement over the current situation, merely a different manifestation of the Democratic Party's twenty-year mismanagement of County Government. We have Republican candidates at the local and state levels poised to provide superior governance. We urge those concerned about the electability of Republicans in Monroe County to invest their influence and support, including public endorsements, in our strong Republican candidates this year, and in subsequent election cycles. By remaining on the sidelines while witnessing the decline of the business climate in Monroe County they are allowing the situation to worsen.