

CCDP Passes Two Resolutions About Donor's Money

Money Tied to Donor Under Federal Investigation Should be Returned or Donated

The Chatham County Democratic Party (CCDP) passed two resolutions at its October 18th Executive Committee meeting regarding the potentially tainted contributions that mega donor and Durham resident Greg Lindberg and/or his companies have made to the local Chatham County Republican Party, the North Carolina Republican Party, and the North Carolina Democratic Party.

The donor and his companies are under investigation by the US Attorney's Office in Charlotte for alleged "drug offenses, crimes against financial institutions, or money laundering crimes."

The first resolution respectfully requests that the Chatham County Republican Party (CCGOP) immediately remove the \$100,000

contribution from the donor Greg Lindberg from their treasury and suggests they send the funds to one or more Chatham County non-profits benefiting affordable housing, education, the arts, or water quality.

When asked how the CCDP would handle a contribution of such significant proportions, its chair Jan Nichols said, "I would want to know why an outside donor would be interested in our county and the party especially given the size of this particular contribution. What, if any expectations, implied or otherwise would be attached to a gift of \$100,000? Our executive team would vet that donor, and naturally when we accepted it, we'd publicize such a large gift to our community." Nichols continued "I find it odd that the CCGOP never trumpeted the

success of securing such a sizable donation. And while large gifts are welcomed, the financial strength of the local Democratic party is based on the consistent and significant contributions we receive from donors ranging from \$5 to \$500."

The second resolution passed by the CCDP respectfully requests that the North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) and the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP) immediately remove any funds in their treasuries from mega donor Greg Lindberg and/or his companies and send such funds to non-profit groups based in North Carolina that assist the victims of hurricanes Florence and Michael.

"We are well aware that fundraising for the state parties is challenging and that it takes a

consistent level of funding to effectively run a state party," said former NC Democratic Party Chair Randolph Voller, who was the author of both resolutions. "This has especially been the case since the extreme GOP-led general assembly decided in 2013 to eliminate tax check off funding for all political parties in North Carolina. This cynical decision has forced state parties in North Carolina to seek more significant financial support from very wealthy individuals in order to keep the organizations on solid financial footing. This would be a good opportunity for bipartisan policy making in order to reinstate tax check off funding for North Carolina."

— CCDP Executive Committee

Lindberg Political Contributions Draw FBI Scrutiny

Chatham County Line has confirmed that the third quarter financial reports were filed with the State Board of Elections on October 29th 2018 for all transactions through October 20th. The fourth quarter reports are due on January 10, 2019 and will reflect all transactions through December 31st.

The records through the end of the third quarter indicated that neither State Party, Democrat and Republican, nor the local Chatham County Republican Party had refunded any of the Lindberg contributions to the donor or given any of the Lindberg contributions to charity or the Federal Government even though this leading state donor is facing scrutiny from federal investigators.

On November 1st, WRAL reported that North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey (R) handed over \$240,000 to the federal government of Lindberg funds that his campaign committee received from the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP). Initially Causey suggested to the government that he return the \$240,000 to the NCGOP, but the FBI suggested that his committee could not do that

because "it was part of their investigation."

North Carolina's Insurance Commissioner Causey subsequently informed WRAL that the handoff of the check was not part of a deal nor a federal government seizure. Causey stated that his campaign complied with all campaign finance laws. He also said he's been cooperating with the federal investigation, which became public knowledge after a subpoena naming Lindberg was served on Causey's department and requests for information were sent to the State Democratic and Republican Parties. Causey also confirmed that "the federal investigation had nothing to do with me."

The investigation sought reams of documents from the department about Lindberg and his insurance companies. It's unclear how interested investigators are in his political donations, but spokespeople for the state Democratic and Republican parties have confirmed that investigators had indeed reached out.

The campaign committee for Wayne Goodwin (D), former head of the NC Department of Insurance and current chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party, also

received contributions from Lindberg. The contributions were received during his bid for re-election during the fall of 2016.

— Randy Voller

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Thanks again!
 Jan Nichols, CCDP CHAIR

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