

Easton Courier Statement

A group of motivated registered Republicans, diverse in backgrounds and disenfranchised with the current representation of the Easton Republican Town Committee, attended the caucus on January 4, 2022 as per their rights under existing State rules and ERTC bi-laws to challenge spots on the 30 member ERTC endorsed slate. At the 1/4/22 caucus, twelve new individuals garnered more votes than some of the existing members who were interested in maintaining their seats on the ERTC. The atmosphere was enthusiastic and energetic at the caucus due to the election of 12 new members who voiced their intent to represent intrinsic Republican values and ideals for Easton.

There has been an unfortunate attempt by the former members who lost their seats at the caucus to falsely portray the involvement of the new members as unfair, rebellious, and radical. In actuality, it was a fulfillment of the legal purpose of the caucus and the ideal in democratic action. In effect, the election of the 12 new members by their peers and now recognized by the State as a part of the ERTC endorsed slate was a true grassroots effort to ensure the best possible Republican representation for the town.

The key reason for increased attendance at the caucus was the failure of current ERTC leadership, lack of enthusiasm to deliver on key elections, and derive strong voter turnout. The ERTC has been divided over the years with in-party conflict over differing priorities and ideals for Easton. This impulse toward division was further demonstrated by those not receiving enough votes to be members of the ERTC endorsed slate who are forcing a primary challenge in an attempt to rejoin the ERTC effectively ignoring the will of the voters who have already put forth their desired ERTC endorsed slate which includes these 12 new members as recognized by the State.

Historically, Easton was a predominantly Republican town with twice as many registered Republicans as Democrats. As that demographic has shifted toward a more even balance with Democrats, the ERCT under its former iteration did not rise to the challenge to promote its candidates, ideology, and Republican priorities. Motivation that led to the election of the 12 new members was driven by the following consideration factors under the former ERTC leadership:

Defeated by the Democrats in two consecutive elections for First Selectman.

Defeated by the Democrats in two consecutive elections for State Representative.

A shift in the Board of Finance leadership to the Democrats.

Lack of enthusiasm, creative ideas or effort for increasing Easton Republican registration and voter turnout.

Nonresponsive to state zoning challenges that threaten local control.

Nonresponsive to a state movement to identify Easton as a racist community.

Support for regionalization.

A compromised P&Z commission that takes its cues from MetroCOG rather than the people of Easton.

The newly elected members represent a diverse group of Easton Republicans who are dissatisfied with the current ERTC leadership and the direction of the party under its former control. The new individuals represent a broad spectrum of Republicanism and who are committed to inclusive leadership that will represent and work with all Easton registered Republicans.

They will stand up for smaller government, excellent schools, lower taxes, protecting our water, and home rule. The new members are committed to the tenants of the ERTC platform in practice, not just in theory, and will work to keep all Republicans informed and engaged on the issues that face Easton. They are committed to achieving a victory at the Republican primary, working collaboratively to restore Republican unity, improve interparty relations and communication with the community, and promote Republican victories in November 2022 and beyond.

Sincerely;

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