Resolution to Remove Mike Carey as County Party Chair

Submitted to the Salt Lake County Republican Party

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6(A) of the Salt Lake County Republican Party Bylaws establishes the County Central Committee as **"the governing body of the Party"** with full authority to conduct Party functions; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6(C)(1) grants the Central Committee the authority to **remove a Party Officer** only **"by a 2/3 vote… with a minimum quorum of 20%… and provided prior notice is given"**; and

I. Improper Removal of the Vice Chair

WHEREAS, the Chair oversaw and participated in the improper removal of the Vice Chair by:

- Misusing Article III, Section 2(A)(4) to declare a vacancy based solely on political disagreement;
- Failing to establish actual incapacity or unwillingness as required by the Bylaws;
- Bypassing the Ethics Committee required under Article V, Section 3;
- Failing to call a properly noticed meeting of either the Central Committee or Executive Committee to establish cause and vote on removal;

These actions violate Articles II, III, IV, and V of the Bylaws.

II. Improper Removal and Sanctioning of Seven Duly Elected Republican Party Members

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Chair oversaw the improper removal or sanctioning of **seven Duly Elected Republican Party members**, in violation of:

- Article IV, Section 3(B), which requires:
    - Prior notice
    - A 2/3 vote
    - A quorum of 2/3 of the Executive Committee Members
    - Establishing cause

- Article I, Section 7, requiring conduct with “honesty, fairness, civility, respect for others and good faith”;
- Article V, Section 3, requiring Ethics Committee involvement for conduct concerns;

WHEREAS, these removals were executed without proper notice, without quorum, without cause, and without adherence to the required procedures, constituting a pattern of abuse of authority;

III. Violations of Robert’s Rules of Order

WHEREAS, Robert’s Rules of Order (the parliamentary authority recognized by the Party) prohibits:

- Declaring vacancies without proper motion, debate, and vote;
- Removing members without due process;
- Ignoring the rights of members to appeal, debate, and vote;
- Unilateral actions by the Chair that override the assembly;

The Chair’s repeated unilateral actions violate fundamental parliamentary principles of fairness, due process, and the rights of members.

IV. Abuse of Authority and Override of the Electorate

WHEREAS, the Chair’s actions have repeatedly overridden the will of the electorate by:

- Removing elected officers without proper authority;
- Removing Executive Committee members, Precinct Chairs and Delegates without proper authority;
- Calling elections for positions that were not validly vacant;
- Concentrating power in the hands of a few officers contrary to the structure of Party governance;

These actions undermine the democratic integrity of the Party.

V. Harm to Party Governance

WHEREAS, the Chair’s repeated violations have caused:

- Procedural confusion
- Erosion of trust

- Disruption of Party operations
- Loss of confidence in leadership
- Damage to the Party's reputation and internal cohesion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake County Central Committee hereby **removes the County Party Chair from office**, pursuant to Article II, Section 6(C)(1), for repeated violations of the Bylaws, abuse of authority, and conduct contrary to Robert's Rules of Order;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the office of County Party Chair is hereby declared **vacant**, and the Party shall proceed under Article III, Section 2(D) to elect a new Chair to complete the unexpired term;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Central Committee directs that all future concerns regarding conduct or performance of elected officers be submitted to the **Ethics Committee**, as required by Article V, Section 3;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED

that the Central Committee reasserts its governing authority under Article II and directs all Party Officers to strictly adhere to the Bylaws and to recognized parliamentary authority, including Robert's Rules of Order, in all future actions.