

## REPUBLICAN LIBERTY CAUCUS (RLC) INVESTIGATIVE OUTLINE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

1. Barry Peterson was the Chairman of the Idaho State Republican Central Committee Resolutions Committee for several years.

I was appointed to the same committee for four years while he was Chairman as KCRCC State Committeeman.

2. Barry Peterson was elected Chairman of the Idaho State Republican Party in 2012.

3. Barry Peterson as Chairman of the Idaho GOP, appointed Cornel Rasor of Bonner County, to Chairman of the Idaho State

GOP Central Committee Resolutions Committee. Cornel replaced Peterson on the Resolutions Committee.

4. On January 5, 2013 during the Idaho Republican Party Winter State Central Committee, the Resolutions Committee with

Cornel Rasor as Chair, the committee passed Resolution 2013-13: Republican Liberty Caucus. The resolution was submitted

by Harmony Black, LD 12 Chair and Phil Hart, LD 2 Chair, see **Exhibit A**. Here is a You tube video of the passage is found at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aUZz1LA7cQ> .

5. On January 5, 2013, during the Idaho Republican Party Winter Central Committee meeting,

Resolution 2013-09: Republican Liberty Caucus was passed by the full body.

6. According to the Republican Liberty Caucus web site, <http://www.rlc.org/> the following is stated:

### **Republican Liberty Caucus – Idaho**

Chairman: Karen Calisterio ([kcalisterio@gmail.com](mailto:kcalisterio@gmail.com))

**Vice-Chairman: Phil Hart** ([hart101@gmail.com](mailto:hart101@gmail.com))

Treasurer: Mary White ([mrsmimiwhite@frontier.com](mailto:mrsmimiwhite@frontier.com))

Secretary: Jason Robinson ([jason4idaho@gmail.com](mailto:jason4idaho@gmail.com))

Board of Directors

The RLCID Board of Directors is composed of the 4 Officers, 7 Regional Directors, 2 Congressional District Directors (aka At-Large Directors) and Alternate Directors. The 7 Regional Directors were elected at the Chartering meeting on June 20th, and the Congressional District Directors and Alternates were elected by the Board in subsequent meetings.

Region 1 (Counties of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone and Benewah)

Director: Tiffani Clark

Region 2 (Counties of Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho)

Director: Paula Bauer

Region 3 (Counties of Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Canyon, Gem, Elmore, Owyhee and Boise)

Director: Harmony Rice

Region 4 (County of Ada)

Director: Ryan Davidson

Region 5 (Counties of Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Lincoln, Cassia, Twin Falls, Camas and Blaine)

Director: Rick Martin

Region 6 (Counties of Bannock, Power, Oneida, Caribou, Bear Lake, Bingham and Franklin)

Director: Garry Capell

Region 7 (Counties of Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Jefferson, Fremont, Clark, Custer, Lemhi and Teton)

Director: Dan Roberts

**Congressional District 1:**

**Director: Cornel Rasor**

Congressional District 2:

Director: (vacant)

Web site: <http://www.idaholibertycaucus.org>

7. On March 8, 2013 the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee held it's Lincoln Day Dinner. Cornel Rasor is advertised as the top speaker above Lawrence Denney, Senator Crapo, Senator Risch and Representative Labrador. Cornel is also identified with a RLC logo on the advertisement which is the Republican Liberty Caucus. Cornel is not currently an elected official, he was a Bonner County Commissioner. See **EXHIBIT B**.

8. From the RLC web site <http://www.rlc.org/about/statement-of-principles/> the following is provided:

### **Personal Liberties**

We affirm the principle that individual rights and liberties are unlimited, as specified in the Ninth Amendment. No law should deny, disparage or restrict the right of every person to privacy, freedom of travel, association, **possession of substances**, or **adult consensual behaviors**. We oppose any requirement of government authorization prior to exercising those fundamental freedoms.

### **Abortion**

Abortion is a critical life and death choice for every pregnant woman. Whether government should intervene to influence that choice is dependent on the legal status of the fetus. We acknowledge that there can be honest and ethical differences of opinion on that status, the rights of the woman, and the proper role of government. We favor civil discussion of this question, **but take no position on the merits** of conflicting legal, ethical, and religious viewpoints on either side. We oppose any allocation of government funds or resources to facilitate abortions, advocate in the public discussion, or to jeopardize the right of any woman to defend her own life and health. We support a resolution of this issue through the proper judicial and legislative channels specified in the Constitution.

### **Traditional Marriage:**

We support the separation of church and state as a safeguard of religious liberty and freedom of belief. **We support an end to any government role in the definition or administration of marriage.** Government involvement should be limited to the registration of civil contracts of union.

### **Rule 5. Candidate Endorsements**

Any candidate endorsement by the Caucus shall comply with the following: A. The endorsement of candidates for U.S. Congress may be proposed by a majority vote of either the executive committee of the Caucus or the Chartered State where a candidate is to be elected. No proposal for endorsement shall be official or made public until it has been confirmed by a majority vote of the other executive committee. B. No candidate contesting an election against any Republican Party nominee may be proposed for endorsement by the Caucus; C. Chartered State executive committees, or such body as the Charter State Bylaws specify, may endorse candidates for any state legislative seat or state positions. D. A candidate for President of the United States may be endorsed by the Caucus by a 2/3 vote of the active and voting Chartered state's executive committees. The national Secretary shall notify all Chartered states of a favorable national board proposal for endorsement and state executive officers shall inform the Secretary of the approval or denial by their executive committee within 60 days. **E. Preference shall be granted to any candidate who has signed the "Liberty Compact" of the Caucus or who has been rated as "libertarian" in the "Liberty Index" of the Caucus;** F. Endorsements may be withdrawn for good and sufficient reasons upon the majority vote of both the proposing and confirming executive committees.

### **9. From the Idaho Republican Platform Adopted June 23, 2012:**

#### **Sec. 2 Traditional Marriage**

We call upon government officials and legislators to protect the traditional family and use all means possible to prevent expansion of the definition of marriage beyond that of a bond between one man and one woman.

#### **Sec. 3 Right to Life**

- A. We strongly encourage adoption as an alternative to abortion and support legislation that expands opportunities and provides assistance to the adoptive process.
- B. We reaffirm our support for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and for the rights of the unborn child. We oppose abortion based on sex selection, convenience, or as a method of birth control.
- C. We oppose partial birth abortion and support legislation to abolish this practice.
- D. We support parental consent for minors to obtain an abortion.
- E. We oppose the use of federal or state tax funds to aid in the destruction of human life.
- F. We oppose the use of Idaho taxpayer funds to finance so called "health" abortions.

### **10. From the Idaho Constitution:**

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

### **ARTICLE III LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

Section 28. Marriage. A marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state.

## EXHIBITS

### EXHIBIT A

#### **Resolution 2013-13**

##### **Republican Liberty Caucus**

Submitted by Harmony Black, LD 12 Chair and Phil Hart, LD2 Chair

Whereas, founded in 1991, the Republican Liberty Caucus works to advance the principles of limited government, free markets and individual liberty within the Republican Party;

Whereas, during the Idaho State Republican Convention in Twin Falls, a group of delegates assembled to take the initial step to create an Idaho affiliate of the RLC;

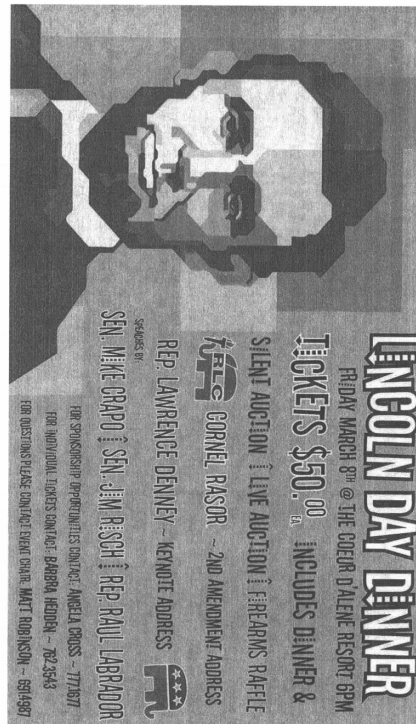
Whereas, pursuant to RLC National Rules, a state convention was held and bylaws for an Idaho state affiliate were adopted;

Whereas, the national RLC now recognizes the Idaho RLC;

*Therefore be it resolved*, that the Republican Party of Idaho officially recognized and welcomes the Republican Liberty Caucus of Idaho.

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### EXHIBIT B



### MOTIONS:

1. This motion will be entered into the KCRCC minutes.
2. Until the RLC states on it's website defining their position on critical issues that it is strongly Pro-Life, Pro-Traditional Family and will endorse Republicans, the KCRCC will not support any Idaho RLC event, candidate endorsed by the Idaho RLC or advertise in any manner the RLC or the Idaho RLC.