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To: Ms. Almendarez, Enquirer

In response to your emailed questions:

1. Did the BCRPKY part vote 30-2 to allocate \$45,000 for use during the primary election? What was that money allocated for specifically? If you have any exact language in a motion or something, that would be great. If not, just whatever you remember.
2. ^If the above number is not correct, please let me know.
3. Is the BCRPKY endorsing candidates?
4. Tell me about the mailer any way you'd like.
5. Why are the candidates listed on the right so different than the ones listed on the left? (For instance, there are clear differences in the kinds of photos used, the language used to provide information about them, stars are used on the left as bullet points while warning symbols are used as bullet points on the right.)
6. How many of these went out?
7. Is this mailer an endorsement of any candidates?
8. Did the money for this mailer come from the \$45K approved for use in the primary? How much did the mailers cost?
9. Was there any kind of vote or survey about how to represent each candidate? If so, who (precinct captains, any Boone Co. Republican, etc) and how many people were included and when did that happen?
10. I've spoken to several people who are unhappy the flyer was a "hit job." What would you say to them? How do you address their concerns?
11. I am seeking out people who are happy about how the mailer turned out. (I'm sure I will find plenty of people today but this is still the beginning of the reporting process). What do you say to those people?
12. Who made the mailer? Who approved it?

Please see responses below:

1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 12 – The Boone County Republican Party Committee (BCRP) exists specifically to elect conservative Republicans to office. In accordance with the KRS and KREF regulations, our funds are raised and spent on this effort. The strategies employed by the BCRP are not public, nor are they subject to public enquiry. The amount of money raised and how the monies are spent are public record and can be found on our approved reports on the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance website.

The BCRP is one of the largest, most active Republican Parties in the state of Kentucky, and their committee is made up of precinct officers from across all 64 voting precincts in our county. All business conducted by the party is in accordance with RPK rules and Roberts Rules of Order, with a quorum established, motions made and seconded, and a vote taken by the eligible voting members. Only actions

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approved by the Committee are executed. In general, our Committee has 99-100% agreement on all actions taken by the party, including our Strategy and Budget.

3, 7 - No. The party is however providing information to voters on candidates running in the Republican Primary with the intent to educate them on issues and facts relevant to the party platform.

4 - Mailer is attached. What you provided was only one side.

5, 10 – It is inevitable that some people will be unhappy. You cannot please everyone. I would challenge people that are unhappy with the mailer to dispute the facts.

11 – The response to our Mailer has been overwhelmingly positive. Many, many voters have reached out thankful that the party is “using our resources wisely,” in an effort to educate voters on critical races that have the potential to deceptively undermine the conservative Republican Party platform and the positive, conservative Republican policy positions that make Boone County and Kentucky such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Regards,

Chet Hand, Chairman
Boone County Republican Party

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