

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA

February 16, 1988

Mr. Scott McGeary  
Chairman  
Arlington County Republican Committee  
413 South Glebe Road  
Arlington, Virginia 22204

Dear Scott,

Rex Wackerle has forwarded to me under cover of his January 29 letter certain proposed amendments to the Arlington County Republican Committee Party Plan which the Committee proposes to consider on February 16. I have been requested to review these amendments to determine if they are consistent with the State Party Plan. I believe it necessary to address only two proposals below. The others appear to be acceptable.

I had some initial reservations regarding the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 2. A. (3). If the intended result was to set aside one from among the precinct memberships allocated to each precinct for the precinct captain and the precinct captain was to be selected by some method other than direct election by mass meeting or other method authorized by the State Plan, then I think the proposed amendment would conflict with Article VI, Section B. 1. of the State Plan. However, as I have since been advised, the intention is simply to provide that a precinct captain, upon being electing as such, is simultaneously being elected a member of the County Committee along with other County Committee members. If the latter is the correct interpretation, and it is made clear to those voting that the candidate being elected precinct captain is also being elected as a member of the County Committee, I believe the amendment is acceptable.

The provision for forfeiture or termination of committee membership as proposed in Article III, Sections B. (12) and D. (4) for failure to obtain a minimum number of work hours or points is, I believe, inconsistent with Article VII, Section C of the State Plan. The latter limits removal of a sitting committee member to appropriate notice and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the other members of the unit committee. Failure to obtain the minimum number of hours or points might well be a criterion upon which removal might be predicated. Nevertheless, the mechanics of the State Plan must be complied with. The Committee must vote for removal as opposed to having it be automatic. There is one exception presently written into that State Plan but it covers only absences.

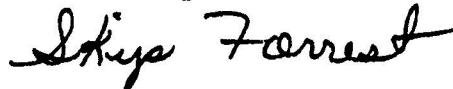
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There may be other proposed amendments which might be collaterally affected by my comments. If so, I am sure that the County Committee will take that into account in their deliberations. Otherwise, as noted, the other proposals do not seem to entail conflict problems.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at my office until approximately 5:00 p.m. My direct dial number is 804-783-7254.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Skip Forrest".

William A. Forrest, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Rex Wackerle  
Mr. Donald W. Huffman  
Mr. Joe Elton