

As you know, the top ballot race in 2015 has no Republican running. Dalesandro, a Democrat, and Marc Boldt, a *former republican* who filed as “Prefers No Party”. I agree with the Columbian on one thing: Mark Boldt is “a former Republican” ([Columbian 6/17/2015](#)).

Marc Boldt’s past voting record, past and current actions, as well as positions on issues in this current race in my eyes *make this race between two equivalent liberals*. In fact, Boldt could be even more damaging to our county’s freedom and prosperity agenda than Dalesandro due to his connections from past service and his already developed ability and willingness to frustrate conservative agenda items. If you doubt this, you might want to seek feedback from existing councilors who have experience working with him.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

I intend to introduce a resolution at our endorsement meeting of Wednesday, Aug 26th, to endorse “Write In Liz Pike for County Chair”. Some important things to note about this campaign:

- This is not Liz’s idea, she will not be filing, she will not be campaigning, but, she will serve if elected.
- We have very significant commitments from multiple donors and have already filed C1 forms to establish the PAC. I’ve been told we will “have whatever we need.” But launch is contingent upon the CCRP endorsing the campaign.
- This will be run by a grassroots PAC – therefore as an independent expenditure campaign there cannot be any coordination with Liz Pike. Anyone volunteering for this campaign please be aware that you must not discuss campaign strategies, tactics or messaging with Liz. In fact, the safest bet is to discuss nothing about the campaign with Liz at all.
- This weekend you will receive a survey request via a separate email. Please avail yourself of the information in this email before responding to the survey.

OTHER IMPORTANT STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

There are other tangential issues which will be well-served by this effort:

- Giving conservatives someone to vote for.
- The lack of an (R) at the top of the ballot may cause significant GOP voter turnout challenges which could cause serious harm to our other GOP candidates such as Julie Olson, Lisa Ross and Bill Turlay as well as school board candidates like Frank Decker and Dick Rylander.
- The massive GOTV effort which will be required for this write-in race will be contacting the same exact targeted voter demographics

which are critical turnout for the other republican races. Absent this well-funded write-in campaign, there is no way a similar GOTV effort could be mounted.

- The grassroots nature of such an effort should greatly expand the number of conservatives in Clark County we will ID and with whom we can establish communication by phone, email, social media etc. These new contacts can be a foundation for caucus/convention attendance and for volunteers in 2016 for local, senatorial, gubernatorial and/or presidential candidates.
- If the CCRP is not willing to fight when faced with such negative circumstances as we find ourselves in now, we run the very real risk of demonstrating irrelevance in the eyes of both the conservatives of Clark County, and especially in the eyes of the donors willing to fund this project. NOT GOOD.
- Write In Liz Pike can actually win if the Republican and other conservative voters are properly informed of the option. Liz Pike would be an awesome leader in the county chair position and a unifier of conservatives.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Appendices at the end of this message I hope will inform or remind you of just SOME of the egregious anti-Republican actions taken by Boldt in the past which enraged Republicans and caused the pre-2013 board to censure and sanction him. *We must not forget these past actions, nor remain ignorant of his current positions when deciding what course to take in this election, nor should we be dismissive of the major personal sacrifices made by some members of the prior board when they undertook the challenge of confronting Boldt's performance and actions.*

To summarize just some of the actions of Boldt the last time he held office (not an exhaustive list):

- Raised property taxes 6 years in a row UNTIL he was threatened with sanction
- Endorsed the Democrat against the nominee of the Republican Party, *two elections cycles!*
- Voted to confiscate weapons in case of a Katrina like emergency. Only reversed vote years later when it was made public and he was challenged on it.
- Supported the CRC.
- Made robocalls to raise C-Tran taxes with a phony threat of cutting buses for disabled. *The money then went to support the BRT which voters had rejected.*
- Refused all invitations from three different GOP Chairs to speak to the PCO's.
- Voted overwhelmingly with the Democrat on the Board time and time again.

Current issues include:

- Boldt endorsed by “Young Democrats of Clark County”

While a person can't control who endorses them, they can control their reaction to endorsements. According to [The Columbian 6/17/2015](#), “Boldt said he was thrilled to receive the organization's endorsement.”

- Boldt on “Alternative 4 Growth Plan” ([Columbian 7/16/2015](#))

“Marc Boldt, no party preference: Boldt believes Alternative 4 will be "thrown out" once it reaches the state, he said. Boldt said it was created without communication with the cities or core planning principles in mind. Boldt also criticized Madore for developing the alternative instead of letting county planning staff do it. "I believe in the intent," Boldt said. "But the way he's handled it, he's alienated everyone.”

- Boldt on Fee Waiver ([Columbian 7/13/2015](#))

“Marc Boldt, no party, and Dalesandro, a Democrat, have called for an end to the waivers”..... “Marc Boldt, no party preference: Boldt also called for an end to the program”.

While David Madore said it has made Clark County the most "business-friendly community on the West Coast. Our cash balances are healthier than ever as new revenue is lightening the tax burden for everyone and providing for better county services while we keep a lid on taxes " And regarding Mielke the article states “Mielke praised the county's fee-waiver program, saying it has attracted big-name companies such as Wal-Mart into unincorporated Clark County. "It's been very successful," he said.

- Boldt on CRC / Light Rail ([Columbian 3/30/2015](#))

“Boldt criticized the current Clark County council, saying it has focused not on the business of local government, but on ‘matters that divide the community.’ Issues like the failed Columbia River Crossing”...

I believe if someone wanted to re-introduce the debacle of Clark County paying for Portland Metro light rail boondoggles, voting for Marc Boldt is a great place to start.

I hope the information above, along with the supporting historical documentation below will be enough to persuade you that endorsing “Write In Liz Pike” is the best course of action for the CCRP, for current and future republican candidates, and most importantly, for Clark County.

Sincerely,

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===== APPENDICES =====

APPENDIX 1:

Letter from Commission candidate Svehaug to CCRP Board supporting Boldt Sanction:

To the board of the Republican party,

11.22.2011

As a lifelong Republican when I was asked to run for office I thought I would get a lot of support and help from the Republican party members. Instead I get an elected official (Marc Boldt) who claims to be a Republican endorsing my opponent - a liberal Democrat - that is inexcusable! (Marc never even met or talked with me first to find out about my views.) A true Republican would want to replace a liberal Democrat with a true Republican.

To say I was harmed and shocked is an understatement (my election difference was 2.57%. So me gaining and Steve losing 1.3% or more would have won my election for Republicans. A number of the board and other hard working Republicans asked me if I would run again. Apparently good Republican candidates often walk away never to run again when they find out that they don't get much support or even as in my case an elected official supported by the Republican party endorses a Democrat? If this is allowed no wonder these candidates walk away. A true Republican would fight and work to replace a Democrat with a true Republican.

Look what Marc has done while in office recently – while Republicans are working hard to stop the tolls, light rail, and the boondoggle CRC project he votes for it. He even made robo calls for CTRAN and the light rail funding in this last election. We don't need a fake Republican fighting against true Republican issues, policies, and candidates.

It is time for Republicans to stand up for our values and show the world that we mean it and will defend them and act!!

Sanction Marc because of his actions against you as a board undermining your credibility, against the Republican party, and against the Republican citizens of Clark County whom you are to represent and defend!

A true Republican would want to replace all Liberal Democrats with true Republicans. He would also fight for Republican values and instead he fights against fellow Republicans.

Marc and Steve Stuart think that you do not have the steel to sanction Marc. They and the Democrats will be laughing at you tonight if you don't. Prove them wrong and vote to sanction Marc tonight. The cheers from true Republicans will fill your ears and not the jeers of the Democrats.

Sincerely,

Alan Svehaug

APPENDIX 2:

CENSURE RESOLUTION:

Clark County Board of Directors motion for sanction of Marc Boldt.

November 22nd, 2011

Whereas the Clark County Republican Party (CCRP) holds the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States and The Bill of Rights in the highest regard. Whereas according to the original intent of the Founding Fathers, these founding documents are the foundation of our Liberty and the Supreme Law of the Land. Whereas the sole purpose of government, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, is to secure our unalienable rights given us by our Creator. Whereas when government grows beyond this scope, it is usurpation, and liberty is compromised.

Whereas the citizens of Clark County through their elected delegates and representatives have deliberated at length to establish and refine the CCRP platform consistent with our founding principles and the proper role of government. Whereas the CCRP platform is a local compact with the citizens of Clark County outlining actions to be taken to "*secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity*".

Whereas the CCRP platform regarding Reduced Taxes / Balanced Budgets states "We believe that governments at all levels should only be supported with the necessary revenues or taxes to accomplish their constitutional roles, mandates, duties, and responsibilities." Whereas Marc Boldt has failed to support the second principle in this section of the CCRP platform where it specifically calls to "Reduce taxes to enable the citizens to keep more of their hard earned money;" Whereas Marc Boldt has actively supported increased taxes, such as: robo calling to support increasing C-Tran funding to over 40% of the total local sales tax, voting to increase the 911 phone tax, voting to increase AMR fees (9% funded by health insurance, balance paid by tax payers), and voting to purchase new dump trucks at \$114,000 each versus maintaining existing trucks during a recession.

Whereas Marc Boldt has actively supported tax increases and approved unnecessary spending, the CCRP platform was violated. Whereas Marc Boldt has violated this section of the party platform, sanctions by the CCRP are warranted.

Whereas the CCRP platform regarding Economy states, "We believe economic liberty is essential to a free society." and that, "History has proven that a free market system is the best available vehicle to promote prosperity for individuals and society as a whole." Whereas Marc Boldt has failed to support the third principle in this section of the CCRP platform where it specifically states that government should not give special treatment to one business or group at the expense of another.

Whereas Marc Boldt has failed to adamantly oppose an admissions tax on certain entertainment businesses to fund another, the CCRP platform has been violated. Whereas Mark Boldt violated this section of the party platform, sanctions by the CCRP are warranted.

Whereas the CCRP platform regarding Local Control states, "We believe the most effective, and accountable, government is the government closest to the people." and that, "The proper role of government is to provide only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and the best government is the government which governs least." Whereas Marc Boldt failed to support the first principle of this section of the CCRP platform where it specifically calls to "Enact a new county charter (Home Rule Charter) to allow citizens the right to over rule the decisions of their elected officials and public agencies."

Whereas Marc Boldt publicly committed to support Home Rule Charter with the election of Freeman, and then voted against the motion, the CCRP platform was violated. Whereas Marc Boldt has violated this section of the party platform, sanctions by the CCRP are warranted.

Whereas Marc Boldt's name appeared on a website (http://stuartforclarkcounty.com/?page_id=179) at the top of a list of endorsements for a non-republican candidate opposing a nominee of the Republican Party. Whereas Marc Boldt was contacted and requested to explain this disturbing observation.

Whereas Marc Boldt was interviewed on June 29th, 2011 at a meeting with CCRP Chairman, Brandon Vick and Board of Directors member Chuck Miller. Whereas during this interview; Marc Boldt acknowledged his endorsement and support of a non-republican candidate.

Whereas Marc Boldt endorsed a non-republican candidate for Clark County Commissioner with a public record of more aggressively working in direct opposition to many of the principles and values defined within the CCRP platform.

Whereas Marc Boldt endorsed a non-republican candidate for Clark County Commissioner in a contested race against a nominee of the Republican Party.

Be it therefore resolved by the Clark County Republican Party that Marc Boldt is to receive no endorsement or support from the CCRP and no benefit from CCRP resources including but not limited to funding and use of the CCRP office, promotion of his candidacy on the CCRP website, newsletter, or CCRP special events.