



HILLSDALE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

August 31, 2026

RE: Formal Notice of Violations and Demand for Removal of HCREC Officers

Members of the Hillsdale County Republican Executive Committee, District 5 Committee, and Michigan Republican State Committee,

Attached is my **Formal Notice of Violations and Demand for Removal of HCREC Officers**, dated August 31, 2026.

I am submitting this document to the HCREC Secretary and officers, with copies to District 5 and State Committee, so that there is a clear written record of the violations that have been raised repeatedly over the past several years and the corrective actions that have followed.

This is no longer a dispute confined to Hillsdale County.

The record now includes the continued reduction of Hillsdale County precinct-delegate representation from **133 in 2020, to 100 in 2022, to 50 in 2024, and finally to 43 in 2026**, despite Michigan Election Law, Michigan Republican State Committee bylaws, prior District action, State Convention action, credentials proceedings, and the 2026 Policy Committee corrective action.

The Policy Committee formally found that the Hillsdale County Party and Executive Committee had acted in **bad faith toward members and delegates** and directed corrective action concerning the 2026 precinct-delegate allocation.

That corrective action did not occur.

Instead, the delegate allotment was reduced again.

The resulting 43-seat structure was then used to constitute the voting body at the August 13 Hillsdale County Republican Convention.

The controversy subsequently reached the August 22 State Convention, where the Credentials Committee sustained the District 5 challenge and denied credentials to the delegation submitted under Brent Leininger's authority.

The attached notice addresses these events together with the duties imposed by:

- **MCL 168.623a;**
- **Article XIII(I) of the Michigan Republican State Committee Bylaws;**
- **the HCREC Bylaws;**
- **Fifth District and State Party actions; and**

- **the responsibilities imposed upon HCREC officers themselves.**

It also addresses the overlapping roles of individuals acting within the county Republican organization and Hillsdale County election administration, and the continuing course of conduct that has persisted despite repeated notice and intervention.

I am not asking the HCREC to determine whether any individual has committed a criminal offense. Questions concerning criminal conspiracy, election-law violations, misconduct in office, or other statutory offenses belong to the appropriate investigative authorities and courts.

I am asking something much narrower and entirely within the authority of the HCREC:

Have the officers of the Hillsdale County Republican Executive Committee fulfilled the responsibilities of their offices under the bylaws they are obligated to follow?

Article IV, Section 3 of the HCREC Bylaws provides for removal of officers by majority vote for failure to fulfill the responsibilities of office.

As a precinct delegate, I am not independently authorized under the HCREC bylaws to make that motion from the floor. Accordingly, the attached filing formally demands that an eligible HCREC voting member bring the question before the Committee.

If no voting member is willing to do so, that fact should also become part of the official record.

I specifically request that the HCREC Secretary preserve the attached document with the official records of the Committee and identify its submission in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

District 5 and State Committee members are being copied because the issues described in this filing have repeatedly required District and State Party intervention, and because the record should reflect what action is taken locally now that the HCREC has again been placed on formal notice.

The purpose is straightforward:

There should be no future dispute over who knew, what they knew, what law and Party rules were identified, what corrective action had already been ordered, or whether the HCREC was given an opportunity to address the conduct of its own officers.

Respectfully,

Lance Lashaway

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August 31, 2026