

May 10, 2019

Dale Taylor, Chair Hanover County Republican Committee

VIA E-mail

Dear Chairman Taylor,

On May 10, you requested a ruling or interpretation with regard to the Party Plan's provisions related to members of a Legislative District Committee (hereinafter, "LDC"). The Plan's provisions in this area are quite clear and leave little to interpret.

Article V, Section A makes the unit chair of each unit wholly or partly within the district a member of the LDC, subject to the special proviso you cite in your letter at Article VI, Section E. That proviso applies to divided units, i.e., units that make up all or part of more than one district. In that case, the unit chair serves on the LDC for the district in which the unit chair resides and for any other district "designates a person residing in" the district "to serve at the pleasure of the Unit Chairman … with the authority and vote of a Unit Chairman."

Unit chairs or their designees make up the membership of LDCs. There is no authority in the Party Plan for a unit committee or any subcommittee of a unit committee, such as its executive committee, to replace the chair or the chair's designee on any LDC.

This letter constitutes a ruling or interpretation of the Party Plan. Pursuant to Article X, it may be appealed to the Appeals Committee or directly to the State Central Committee within thirty days of the date it is posted on the RPV website.

Sincerely,

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