



# RightForBucks

## Special Report

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Bucks County Republican Committee

Institutionalized Corruption

The Endorsement-Sample Ballot Business Model

The Rigged and Illegitimate June 25<sup>th</sup> Election

Ethics Complaint Filing Against Pat Poprik

But WAIT! There's MORE! Bombshell Revelation!

This report was written to educate voters and the committee members of the Bucks County Republican Committee on:

- How the Bucks County Republican Committee (BCRC) operates
- How it uses a **corrupt set of bylaws and unscrupulous tactics to concentrate massive amounts of power** into the hands of a small group of unelected people whose motives, methods and outcomes have no relation to the interests of the Republican voters in Bucks County.
- How the party elites used unethical and illegitimate methods to win the recent election of the county party leaders.

This report will also explain why a multi-faceted **formal ethics complaint has been filed** with the Bucks County and PAGOP Republican Committees against the sitting county executive, Patricia Poprik (see link below). The writers of this SPECIAL REPORT are constitutional conservatives who have sacrificed their time, energy and money to shed light on and reform a corrupt system. All but one are elected Republican committee members. We are attacked and vilified by the party elites because we pose a threat to their power and we talk about things that they don't want **We The People** to know about. We will now expose how the GOP Establishment has designed and uses this corrupt system to keep power out of the hands of patriotic constitutional conservatives, the heart and soul of the Republican Party.

The BCRC operates under bylaws that were last amended on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1972, just days before long time Bucks GOP boss Harry Fawkes was installed as the party chair [BCRC Bylaws](#) . Fawkes used these bylaws to retain absolute power over the party operations and finances for forty years, before handing the reins off to his Fitzpatrick-backed successor Patricia Poprik. The bylaws bestow upon the county chair **the power to effectively select the candidates that will win primary elections, where all of the power lies in political parties. In politics, if you have the power to ENDORSE candidates, you then have the power to CONTROL how these candidates vote and use their positions to maintain power. You also have the power to extract MONEY and LOYALTY from those who seek to run for elected offices.** The bylaws contain racist language from a bygone era, glaring inconsistencies with the PA. State GOP bylaws, and were designed so that they could never be changed, thus "trapping" the unsuspecting electorate in a **corrupt system that allows an unscrupulous county executive to thwart any attempts to bring about change by those seeking reform of the system.**

Here is a short list of several of the "features" that were designed into the Bucks County Republican Committee (BCRC) bylaws, and how the system works:

- 1.** The bylaws vest the power of making endorsements NOT with the DULY ELECTED rank and file COMMITTEE MEMBERS, who are ELECTED by the voters, but rather with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is a construct of the system and is effectively an UNELECTED group of loyalists hand-picked by the county chair. It functions as an appendage of the county executive, as he/she has the power to **APPOINT a second executive in every area where there is already one that may have been elected by the local committee in their area. Many areas are not even**

**allowed to elect their own executive due to quorum requirements and VACANCIES, or empty committee seats, and many of these areas end up with two APPOINTED (unelected) executives.**

This effectively allows the county chair to CANCEL out any dissenting votes on the executive committee by simply appointing an establishment party loyalist in every area of the county. Many of these appointees are lawyers who get patronage money from the political establishment of BOTH parties. After the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 county party election, dozens of so-called “elected” executives were actually appointed by Pat Poprik despite receiving far fewer votes than their conservative challengers. In addition to this, one member we spoke to said that he was INSTRUCTED NOT TO ATTEND THE LOCAL ELECTION meeting, so that there would not be a quorum. **The game is rigged. The largely appointed Executive Committee functions as a rubber stamp to implement the county executive’s personally chosen endorsements and agenda.**

**2.** The BCRC bylaws are very specific with regard to the powers (including the power of appointing committee members and executives) given to the county chair. However, they are conveniently devoid of details when it comes to procedures and limits to these powers. This provides the county chair the opportunity to obfuscate, bend or flat out invent the rules under which the party operates. The BCRC bylaws state that when there is not a rule or procedure stated in the bylaws, that the committee shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order ( [Robert's Rules of Order](#) ). However, as you will see in the ethics complaint, this is NOT how Pat Poprik and her executive team operate. When the rules don’t suit them, they simply ignore them or make them up.

**3.** As Pat Poprik herself has stated in public, the bylaws are written in such a way as to make it impossible to change them. In order to amend the BCRC bylaws, a 2/3 majority INCLUDING VACANCIES (empty seats) is required. When Pat Poprik took over as county chair over a decade ago, she vowed to fill the empty committee seats [The Morning Call Article 6.6.2008](#). However, the county chair has purposefully allowed HUNDREDS of seats (out of a possible 608) to go unfilled for a decade (routinely denying requests by qualified conservatives to be appointed), thus there has never been enough committee people to obtain the numbers needed to make changes to the bylaws that are so desperately needed. Effectively, the empty seats have voting power because without their vote, you can never change the bylaws! In order to make changes, one remedy would be for HUNDREDS of reform-minded committee members to be recruited, trained and ELECTED to committee seats and win the votes to make things right. This is what RightForBucks and other grass roots patriot groups have been working on for 18+ months, with unprecedented success through our Precinct Project. It requires huge amounts of human resources and money to accomplish this. Another avenue would be through appealing to the PAGOP, whose bylaws state that the all county committee bylaws “must not be inconsistent with the state bylaws”. The State GOP leader (Lawrence Tabas) is obligated by the state bylaws to intervene to correct the inconsistencies. **Lawrence Tabas has been notified and copied and must fulfill his duty as the state executive to correct the Bucks County bylaws and bring them into compliance.**

**4.** The county bylaws are flawed, ambiguous, and inconsistent with the state committee bylaws [PAGOP Bylaws](#) with regard to PROXY VOTING (a member voting on behalf of another). On one hand, the BCRC bylaws state that committee members may appoint another committee member to vote at county meetings on his/her behalf. On the other hand, they state that proxies are not

permitted in the election of Executive Committee members. The party leaders (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Ass't. Sec. Treasurer) ARE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, so they should not allow proxy voting in their election. The current leadership interprets this to mean that UNLIMITED PROXY VOTING (ie. Unverified mail-in ballots) is permitted in electing the party leaders! So, the for the bi-annual county reorganization meeting to elect the county party officers, they allow UNLIMITED PROXY VOTING but NOT for electing executives in the local areas or in any other voting procedure. This feature is in direct conflict with the PA GOP bylaws, which limit proxy voting to two (2) votes/member, for obvious reasons involving election integrity and preventing RAMPANT BALLOT HARVESTING. **At the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BCRC county reorganization meeting, 200 of the 420 votes were cast by proxy (unverified mail-in votes) with a whopping 100+ votes carried in by just THREE loyalist "ballot mules". The very same people who endorsed and helped to elect the PA. state representatives who voted for the disastrous Act 77 law enshrining unlimited no-excuse mail-in voting are the same people who rely on massive numbers of harvested ballots to win their own reelection.** Do you see how that works now? They stuff the ballot box to elect the county chair, who then appoints the executive committee, who makes the endorsements. Brilliant! And totally CORRUPT.

- 5.** Featured in the state committee bylaws but notably ABSENT from the BCRC bylaws is the essential provision that PROHIBITS THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRIOR TO ITS BI-ANNUAL ELECTION. This is a massive inconsistency. Prior to the June 25<sup>th</sup> BCRC election of officers and after a decade of leaving hundreds of seats go unfilled, Pat Poprik APPOINTED NEARLY 100 NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT ELECTED May 17<sup>th</sup>. These same last-minute appointees WERE PERMITTED TO VOTE FOR HER JUST DAYS LATER, MANY OF THEM BY PROXY VOTES! It is an egregious and cynical violation of ethical standards in direct conflict with the state bylaws that the party boss would be permitted and encouraged to fill empty seats with people who would then vote for her just days later! Each of these illegitimate votes cast by UNELECTED committee members served to CANCEL out the vote of a DULY ELECTED MEMBER. The voters of Bucks County who ELECTED these members to vote for their party leader had their votes STOLEN AND CANCELLED BY UNELECTED LAST MINUTE APPOINTEES. **No self-respecting organization would tolerate the Chairman (OR Woman) of the Board stacking its board of directors with appointed members days before an election. It is blatantly corrupt and unethical and Pat Poprik should be removed from her position for this reason alone.**

All of these "features" incorporated into the Bucks GOP bylaws serve to ensure that the county executive retains absolute power over the party operations through the use of procedural hocus-pocus, the appointment of the vast majority of executives whom The Chair can fire at will, as well as controlling the endorsement of candidates. These constructs serve as a near-perfect environment under which the county executive can operate what we call the "**Candidate Selection Racket**" using the "**Endorsement-Sample Ballot**" business model.

Once the endorsements have been arranged, the party leaders have a hand-picked slate of candidates that they can push to voters on one "official" piece of paper, and the "real estate" on the SAMPLE BALLOT HAS MARKETABLE VALUE. Candidates will PAY MONEY, swear fealty and otherwise prostrate themselves in order to get their name on this Sample Ballot, because they know it will get them elected. The endorsed candidates will

ALWAYS swear that they “can’t be bought” and that they’ll “vote their conscience”, despite the mountains of evidence to the contrary. **The Endorsement-Sample Ballot Business Model produces candidates that do what they are told by the party bosses who endorsed them and got them elected. This is how we got Act 77.**

**Here's how the Candidate Selection Racket works:**

**The county executive identifies candidates for office that he/she feels satisfy three major needs in order of importance:**

- 1) They will take orders and be loyal to the party and its leader.
- 2) They can win a general election.
- 3) They are registered Republican but are usually squishy and weak and will not challenge or embarrass the party leadership.

Consider the slate of Bucks GOP elected officials. Can you name any principled conservatives with a strong personality and a spine? They are few and far between. It’s NOT because conservatives couldn’t win in a general election, though the party leaders will always tell you otherwise.

All candidates who seek to run in a primary and who wish to work within the BCRC to be elected in a republican primary election must go before the county chair for a “screening” meeting (except for candidates that she has already decided to endorse, in which case “you’re in”, no screening required). If you as a candidate are not seeking the endorsement, are seen as an independent thinker, a “conservative” or someone she can’t control, you will be encouraged to “wait your turn” and “pay your dues” running for dog catcher. If you don’t give up, you will be marginalized, shunned by the loyalist mob, be excluded from petition signing events to prevent you from getting your name on the ballot and have little chance of winning the primary. If you are seen as a threat who may be able to actually win over an endorsed candidate you can expect to be smeared with lies, silenced and treated like a pariah by the county chair and her loyalist executives. **Very few unendorsed candidates ever win primary elections in the BCRC.** Can you name any?

The Executive Committee has been given their marching orders and they then vote to ENDORSE the selected candidates before the primary, **rubber stamping the selection made by the county chair. Anyone who tells you that Pat Poprik doesn’t select the candidates is flat out lying to you. How many times must one witness this charade before acknowledging it?**

**The rank and file committee members are then instructed by the executives that they MUST hand out the “official Bucks County Republican Committee Sample Ballot” to voters on primary election day, asking them to vote for the endorsed candidates, all listed on one sheet of “official” paper with the BCRC logo on it.** They are instructed that they are required to do this but what they are NOT told is that they are **under NO OBLIGATION PER THE BYLAWS to support the candidate selected and endorsed by the party bosses in a PRIMARY election or to hand out the sample ballot!!!** In fact, they are threatened by their local capos that “unless you hand out the sample ballot you will NEVER become an executive!”. They send SPIES and executive BULLIES out to the polls to see if the committee people are handing out the sample ballot!

This is where the drafters of this maleficent document left a **chink in the armor of the Endorsement-Sample Ballot business model. The bylaws did not make it mandatory to support the endorsed candidate in a primary, but the party leadership does not want committee members backing the candidate of their choice, as**

that throws a monkey wrench in their master plan. So, to “fix” this problem the Executive Committee issued an EXECUTIVE ORDER NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR OWN BYLAWS to enable them to BULLY and HARASS committee people into handing out the sample ballot on primary election day. ( [Executive order on sample ballot](#) ) MOST of the committee people are not aware that this order is invalid, OR they simply don’t want to be harassed by their local loyalist executive, and they comply with it and hand out the Sample Ballot on election day anyway. The result is that 99% of candidates that win their primary have been endorsed by the party boss. **Being endorsed is almost a guarantee of primary victory for a candidate, and it is a seductive lure for aspiring politicians to sell their souls in exchange for it.**

**The endorsed candidates WIN their primary, and all Republicans are then in a position where they have no choice but to vote for the Republican candidate in the general election,** even if that candidate is someone like Brian Fitzpatrick, who runs as an INDEPENDENT in the general and votes like a Democrat once in office.

The **Endorsement-Sample Ballot business model** has been used for decades and has been wildly successful in **getting the hand-picked selected candidates elected.** It bestows huge amounts of political power on the county executive, whom all candidates must now court and curry favor with if they want to win. **It also provides the county chair the opportunity to be the conduit for doling out money and resources to candidates.**

**What do the rank and file committee people think of this situation?**

Most committee people are not aware how this system works because the elites don’t talk about how the sausage is made. **It’s like a dirty little secret not to be discussed in polite Republican society and cocktail parties.** Most committee people have never read the bylaws and simply don’t understand how all this works. They are generally good people who just want to be involved in their local precinct or area, and not in The Doylestown Swamp. Most go along to get along.

They are being used to knock on doors, work the polls, do the heavy lifting, but the elites really don’t want to hear much from them. The elites don’t want the committee people selecting or supporting non-endorsed candidates AT ALL... thus the EXECUTIVE ORDER regarding the Sample Ballot. Primaries are an inconvenient hassle that the elites wish they could just skip. This is why smug, arrogant executives always ask primary candidates “if you don’t win the endorsement will you bow out of the race?” They want candidates to get their approval or give up! They don’t want to have to go out and work in primary elections. It costs them time and money. THEY want to SELECT THE CANDIDATES for the voters and be done with it. They know better than voters and committee members. **Their business model cannot tolerate open and fair primary elections.**

**Where are the voters left after all of this chicanery? What’s in it for the voters?**

The voters by and large have NO CLUE about how this system works, much less that it exists. They have been conditioned to go to their poll and carry the Sample Ballot into the voting booth and walk out feeling good that they did their civic duty and voted for A REPUBLICAN.

The voters are not stupid however. They see that the GOP Establishment has supported RINOS like Brian Fitzpatrick while refusing to support the one candidate who fought hardest for us, President Donald J. Trump. The Doylestown headquarters were stocked to the ceiling with Fitzpatrick signs but you couldn’t get a Trump sign from them. They see Republicans going to Harrisburg and handing the Democrats the Golden Goose of mail-in voting. They see sold out political opportunists and traitors like Jim Greenwood telling us to vote for

Biden, Shapiro and Fetterman with NO REBUKE from the GOP leadership. Now we see these same “Republicans” on Shapiro’s team! They see Pat Poprik writing letters co-signed by John Cordisco the Democrat party leader proclaiming that the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 election was the most secure election ever. They DENY THAT ELECTION RIGGING AND FRAUD EXISTS, and they attack us for talking about it! The voters smell something bad, but they can’t put their noses on it. **The smell is the rotten stench of political corruption** and it’s only going to get worse unless there is a change in leadership of the party coupled with an overhaul of the bylaws and the advent of fair and open primary elections.

In response to the corrupt and illegitimate BCRC county reorganization election of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the appointment antics of Pat Poprik in the lead-up to this circus, **a formal ethics complaint has been filed with the Chair of the BCRC Ethics Committee, Joe Pizzo, signed by scores of outraged committee people who witnessed the corruption and malfeasance and whose votes were cancelled or stolen.** A copy of the complaint can be found here [Ethics Complaint](#). It is notable that ALL of the members appointed to the ethics committee are hard-core Pat Poprik/Fitzpatrick Party loyalists. Mr. Pizzo himself, the chair of the Ethics Committee is on the executive leadership team. No conflict of interest here...nothing to see...move along now! The BCRC ethics committee met recently and decided to remove MAGA Granny Dawn Bancroft from her duly elected committee seat for parading in the capital on 1/6/2020 while dismissing CREDIBLE AND WELL DOCUMENTED charges of harassment, **PHYSICAL ABUSE AND BULLYING** by establishment hack (and convicted felon) Peder Cox on a female poll volunteer at Pebble Hill Church at the May 17<sup>th</sup> primary election.

We have little hope that this Ethics Committee, whose members have ALL been appointed by the county chair that is the subject of this complaint, will be able to objectively consider the complaints and do anything to fix the bylaws and reform the corrupt system. However, it is imperative that the committee people with character and conviction, as well as the disenfranchised voters are informed of what is really going on. They can be comforted that there is a group of patriotic Americans in Bucks fighting for what is RIGHT. **We are not going away. We are not backing down. We will not be silent. We occupy the high ground in preserving our Republic.**

## **BUT WAIT...THERE’S MORE!**

**When you opened up the .pdf file of the OFFICIAL Bucks County Republican Committee Bylaws did you notice anything strange?** The Bylaws were apparently amended and signed on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1972. However, when you look at the official bylaws on file with the county you will notice several anomalies:

- 1) There is NO “wet” signature made by C.V. Afflerbeck, the chairman and authorized signor. His actual signature does not appear on the document, just a typed attestation. **HE DIDN’T SIGN IT. Where’s the original document and why was that document not submitted to the county?**
- 2) At the bottom of each page you will see a chain of text indicating **that the document was created as a “.doc” file using a computer or word processor, not a typewriter, as would have been the mode of creation in 1972!**
- 3) The table of contents contains Rule XI: “REVISION OR SUSPENSION OF THESE RULES”, **however there is no section on suspension of the rules, AND PAGE 15 IS MISSING FROM THE DOCUMENT.**
- 4) The font and spacing characteristics of the document are obviously NOT images of ink on paper made by a mechanical typewriter in 1972! There were NO .doc files in 1972 because computers and word processors weren’t invented until at least 10 years later!!!

**We contend that the official copy of the Bucks County Republican Committee bylaws that are on file with the county are not legitimate legal documents, possibly fraudulent or altered, and that the committee has been operating under a CORRUPTED and ALTERED set of rules for decades.**

RightForBucks calls for the immediate removal of Pat Poprik from her position and the reversal of the illegitimate June 25<sup>th</sup> county election. We call for a SPECIAL ELECTION in which only DULY ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS voting in person via secret ballot will elect a new leadership team with the mandate to draft a new set of bylaws including the following revisions:

- Vacant committee seats have no vote and count for nothing. Any reference to “including vacancies” on quorum or any other voting matters for any election or vote shall be removed.
- Committee members will elect a Parliamentarian (who does not have to be a committee member) to oversee bi-annual county party elections. No candidate for the 5 officer positions shall be involved in running the election.
- Elimination of appointed Executive Committee members where duly elected executive(s) exist in that area. The power of appointment should exist and be used solely for filling empty/vacated seats and not be able to be used to effectively cancel out the votes of elected members.
- Elimination of the ability to appoint “coordinators” who have a vote on the executive committee.
- No committee members will be appointed and allowed to vote in the period between a primary election and the bi-annual county reorganization meeting. Only duly elected committee members have a vote.
- Proxy votes are limited to 2/member for county elections.
- Executives will be bound by the votes of their local committee members in endorsing (or not) candidates for office. A 2/3 majority vote by ballot of all executive committee members present will be required to make endorsements.
- It shall be plainly and clearly stated that committee members may support the candidates of their choice in primary elections and not be bound by endorsements or compelled to distribute a “official sample ballot” published by the county committee.
- Eliminate Rule IV Article 6 sections C and D which include sexist and racist language.
- The Ethics Committee shall be elected by the committee members.

By implementing the changes that we are calling for, the Bucks County Republican Committee will usher in a new era of unity, energy and renewed commitment to conserve our Republic as the Founding Fathers designed it. The result will be a renaissance period driven by a new sense of purpose encouraging new members to join, new candidates to run in fair and open primaries, and a new image of high ethical and moral standards.

RightForBucks and our patriotic conservative allies around the county will continue to work for reform and keep you informed on what is going on behind the scenes in Bucks County. We will continue to educate and train people to get involved at the local level. Please visit us on the web at <http://www.RightForBucks.com/contact> , sign up for our email list and contact us to let us know how you would like to contribute to our mission and help save our county and our country from the political corruption and endless growth of the government leviathan.

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Sincerely,

  
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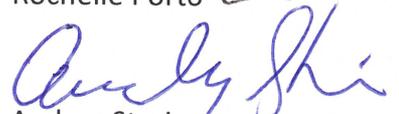
  
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