



Dear Friend,

Yesterday MRP distributed a DRAFT Constitution to replace the existing MIGOP poorly written by-laws because this will be the backbone of new and reformed by-laws coming from the policy committee.

Why?

**Because the existing MIGOP Constitution is badly broken.** How many times have we seen intra-party disputes in Michigan make headlines through courtroom drama? Way too many times! And not just during the present administration, but through many administrations. **In the end, lawyers get paid, and justice gets compromised.**

That's not a path to victory.

This document was a work in progress over many, many months. While Jim Copas was the primary project manager for the initiative, many people had their hands in the draft that we published yesterday.

We experienced some pushback from both sides of the Hoaxtra/Karamo leadership dispute. Interestingly, most of the negative comments we got were from people that had read a prior draft of the Constitution, but not the most recent version edited with the help of MIGOP Chief Legal Counsel Dan Hartman amongst many others.

I encourage all to take a close hard look at the document that was published yesterday. It has some significant changes to address concerns that were expressed in prior drafts, so please give this a fresh look. I attach the document here:

# MIGOP

Michigan Republican Party Constitution<sup>1</sup>



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- 1) Only 1 person can drive the bus
- 2) 4000 people cannot all have their hands on the steering wheel...only one.
- 3) That's the state chair
- 4) However, this does not mean that the 4000 riding in bus don't own the bus and ultimately have the right to determine the destination of where the bus is going...
- 5) And that means the chair must behave and conform to the will of the people
- 6) That's what this proposed constitution represents and provides...
- 7) This is our collective opportunity to lock in a grassroots minded MIGOP for the foreseeable future, this constitution...
  - a. Limits power of state chair and is held to standards of conduct
  - b. Larger but weaker state committee because it is not the state convention of delegates as it sometimes thinks it is
  - c. Strong Delegate rights
  - d. Limits the power of county chair's and are held to standards of conduct
  - e. Limits the power of district chair's and are held to standards of conduct
  - f. Delegate rights protected
- 8) If you decide to maintain the status quo of repeated chaos so be it
- 9) That's your right as delegates to do so
- 10) If you want order, structure, accountability, predictability and protections of delegate rights
  - a. Vote for this recommended constitution and you will have it
- 11) At the end of the day the chair is not a dictator and cannot prohibit or authorize this matter
- 12) This is a single delegate right and in my mind duty to present to the entire convention of delegates for consideration

And isn't that the true essence of what you all have been looking for anyway?

Delegate rights, delegate protections?

It should be noted that MRP represents an independent voice exercising First Amendment rights. MRP is not a mouthpiece for Michigan Republican Party Kristina Karamo, Jim Copas or Dan Hartman or any other one person.

Unlike so many cowards that hide behind pseudonyms, I publish under my own name because I am unafraid of standing boldly for liberty and **Christ**. It is in **HIS** service that I have **volunteered** my time to write MRP commentary.

In our nation's past history, we found that the first attempt at a constitution, a document called the articles of confederation, was inadequate. As a result, a constitutional convention was held in 1787. It was understood by the founders that in holding a convention, the delegates had plenipotentiary power to completely throw out the Articles of Confederation and come up with an entirely new constitution. That's exactly what they did. That document was ratified and today it serves as the finest system of government ever developed by man.

The Articles of Confederation were not adequate. So, they were abandoned for something better,

The Current MIGOP rules are broken, we need a new system!

**On that issue, we will plan a live town hall for Thursday night at 7:30pm with guest Jim Copas and maybe more. I will moderate the conversation. Jim will give a brief overview and we will take questions. Unlike cowards that unfairly screen questions, we will read each question so long as it is germane to the topic.**

If you have any comments or questions for MRP, please contact us at: [info@puregrassroots.org](mailto:info@puregrassroots.org).

If you have a better solution, we would love to hear it.

Yours in Service,



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**P.S. Please forward this e-mail on to all the other activists in your network.**