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U.S Senate Candidate calls for Tennant's Resignation

Constitution party chairman and U.S. Senate candidate Phil Hudok calls for the rule of law, cites examples of past activism where he and his party got results, and calls for the resignation of Secretary of State Natalie Tennant over the impropriety of her actions apparently engaging in unlawful electioneering practices last week in Charleston.

Elkins, WV, Monday, October 27, 2014 - Concerning Secretary of State Natalie Tennant's disregard for election code 3-3-2a:

(5) No person may do any electioneering nor may any person display or distribute in any manner, or authorize the display or distribution of, any literature, posters or material of any kind which tends to influence the voting for or against any candidate or any public question on the property of the county courthouse, any annex facilities, or any other designated early voting locations within the county, during the entire period of regular in-person absentee voting. The official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting is authorized to remove the material and to direct the sheriff of the county to enforce the prohibition.

On October 22, 2014, our Secretary of State and dozens of her supporters flagrantly violated the law and the public's trust at the Kanawha County Voters Registration Office and courthouse in Charleston as reported in the Charleston Daily Mail. This is intolerable. Many West Virginians have heard me say throughout my campaign for U.S. Senate that "the Constitution matters" and "the rule of law matters." Our country suffers from the "Too Big To Fail" and "Politically Correct" mindsets to the point that we have allowed political correctness to trump the rule of law at both the state and national levels.

The Constitution Party of West Virginia has a history of fighting for the rule of law. This is exemplified in our battle to petition for ballot access in state parks where we were forced to take legal action to seek justice. Refer to Civil Action No. 2:08-CV-61 (filed April 18, 2008 concerning an incident which took place on September 22, 2007) where Judge John Preston Bailey ruled in favor of the CPWVa and against Mr. Frank Jezioro, Director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Sam England, Superintendent of Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park, and three other government employee defendants.

In another instance, on May 23, 2009, we brought over sixty sworn affidavits of election law violations in the 2008 general election to the attention of Secretary of State Tennant. We were

promptly issued a gag order, sternly warned not to discuss the situation to the point of a jail sentence, and treated as the guilty party. We waited for four years for redress of our grievances but nothing was done and no one was held accountable for the documented election law violations. We subsequently discovered that there had been no policy for dealing with such violations until procedural rule 153 CSR 21 was created on July 9, 2009 - a month and a half AFTER WE raised the issue. Our initiative and activism here forced the Secretary of State to do her job. But how many other elements of our state election law lack written administrative procedures?

Natalie Tennant has clearly violated election law that she swore to uphold. Natalie and Shelley participated in several venues, including the Clay Center debate where Secretary of State authorized candidates, Phil Hudok, Bob Henry Baber, and John Buckley were excluded. It would have been honorable for both establishment candidates to refuse to participate and, undoubtedly, the four sponsors would have capitulated and we would have seen fair election practices followed. However, they did not do the honorable thing.

Natalie Tennant has violated the public trust and called into question her ability to lead.

During my campaign, a regional DMV manager threatened to have me arrested for petitioning on public property. I was exercising my constitutional rights in pursuit of ballot access. Unlike Natalie, I will not violate the law but instead exercise my rights and demand the rule of law. I call upon Attorney General Patrick Morrissey to begin an immediate and thorough investigation into last Wednesday's incident.

The honorable thing for Natalie Tennant to do, however, is to withdraw from the race.

Will we see honor, or, will we see "Too Big To Fail" political correctness? Consider endorsing the man who has been steadfast, fought the good fight, and is uncompromising on rights and responsibility.



Sincerely and with no apologies,
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