

A Resolution of Censure for Representative Stephanie Mickelsen

WHEREAS, Stephanie Mickelsen was elected as a Republican representative of the State of Idaho House of Representatives in Legislative District 32;

WHEREAS, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen did pledge to support the U.S. Constitution, Idaho State Constitution and the Republican Party Platform during her run for office and her tenure in office;

WHEREAS, a Petition was delivered to the LD32 Chairman with respect to Representative Stephanie Mickelsen’s possible breach of her Article XIII Integrity in Affiliation pledge containing 16 Allegations;

WHEREAS, LD32, at a meeting held on October 19, 2023, formed a Special Investigative Committee to review the Allegations and render Findings and Recommendations to the LD32 Committee;

WHEREAS, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen provided no responses to the Allegations;

WHEREAS, the Special Investigative Committee held a meeting on November 27, 2023 that Representative Stephanie Mickelsen refused to attend;

WHEREAS, the Special Investigative Committee thereupon rendered Findings and Recommendations to the LD32 Committee on December 4, 2023;

WHEREAS, the LD32 Committee held a hearing on December 5, 2023 where the 16 Allegations and the Special Investigative Committee’s Findings and Recommendations were presented and reviewed;

WHEREAS, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen refused to attend the December 5, 2023 hearing;

WHEREAS, the LD 32 Committee voted and found Representative Stephanie Mickelsen to be in violation of the Republican Party Platform on these 8 Allegations:

Allegation 1, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “YES” on HB 24; Amendment SB1167 “Idaho Launch Grant” in violation of Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A, D and E and Article I, Section 2, Paragraph C of the Republican Party Platform adopted July 16, 2022.

Allegation 2, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “NO” on HB 91 – “Prohibits State Government Paying Membership Fees or Dues with Public Funds” in violation of Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A, D and E; Article I, Section 2, Paragraphs A, B and C; and Article I, Section 3, Paragraph B of the Republican Party Platform adopted July 16, 2022.

Allegation 4, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “NO” on House Bill 155 – “Prohibition of the State from Requiring Proof of Certain Vaccinations” in violation of Article III, Section 10 and XIII, Section 3, Paragraphs C and D of the Republican Party Platform adopted July 16, 2022.

Allegation 6, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “NO” on HB 265 – “Restricts Access of Minors to Sexual Exhibitions” in violation Article XIV, Section 4 of the Republican Party Platform, adopted July 16, 2022.

Allegation 7, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “NO” on HB 273 – “Property Tax Amendment” in violation of Article 1 Section 2 Paragraphs A, B and C of the Republican Party Platform, adopted July 16, 2022.

Allegation 10, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “NO” on the override of Governor Brad Little’s veto of HB314 – “The children’s School and Library Protection Act” in violation of Article XIV, Section 4 of the Republican Party Platform adopted July 16, 2022. The override failed by one vote in the House of Representatives.

Allegation 12, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “YES on SB1147 – “Appropriation of Funds to WWAMI Program” in violation of Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A and D; Article III, Section 8 and Article XIV, Section 3 of the Republican Party Platform adopted July 16, 2022.

Allegation 13, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen voted “YES on SB1176 – “Appropriation for Colleges and Universities” in violation of Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A and D and Article III, Section 8 of the Republican Party Platform adopted July 16, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. In light of the above violations and the totality of Representative Stephanie Mickelsen’s voting record as set forth in Allegations 1 thru 13 in the Petition which demonstrates a gravitation toward the Democrat Party and REPEATED disaffiliation with the Republican Party Platform and Republican Party elected officials, Representative Stephanie Mickelsen be Censured with a Vote of No Confidence in her asserted affiliation with the Republican Party and the Republican Party Platform;
2. The Legislative District 32 Republican Committee calls upon Representative Stephanie Mickelsen to publicly reaffirm her commitment to the Idaho Republican Party Platform and to consider the Platform when evaluating proposed legislation;
3. The Legislative District 32 Republican Committee Secretary be directed to transmit an official copy of this Resolution to Representative Stephanie Mickelsen;
4. The Legislative District 32 Republican Committee Chair be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Idaho State Republican party as required by party rules; and
5. The Legislative District 32 Republican Committee publish a copy of this Resolution on the Bonneville County Republican Central Committee web site.

Representative Mickelsen's voting record appears to be drawn toward the Democrat party and away from mainstream Republican votes as evidenced by constituent complaints on 13 different bills. While Republicans do deviate from time to time, Representative Mickelsen appears to have a higher frequency of deviancy from Republican values.

Examples of voting against the majority of Republicans and with full Democrat opposition include: HB-155 Prohibition of the state from Requiring Proof of Certain vaccinations, HB-259 No absentee ballots shall be sent out without the request from the voter, HB-265 Restrictions on minors access to sexual exhibitions (drag shows), HB-273 Property Tax Amendment to clarify voters can use initiatives or referendums to reduce the property tax base budget of a city or county, and HB-314 The children's school and Library Protection Act.

In addition to her voting record, Representative Mickelsen seems to have no interest in the Party's concerns over her voting record. Republican Legislative District 32 has tried to communicate with Representative Mickelsen on several occasions without success.

The Republican Legislative District 32 hereby espouses a vote of No Confidence in Representative Mickelsen by majority vote by duly elected members of the Republican Party in District 32.

ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2023



Legislative District 32 Republican Committee

Doyle Beck, Chair