

# **Elect Merry Guy for Chair**

## **NCGOP Congressional District 11**

### **FAQ: “Third Rail” Q and A**

**Here is a list of questions several folks have along with my answers. These will help you understand my position on subjects that can be considered contentious for some. Feel free to email me with any other questions you have. I will add them to the list! I believe in full transparency, and you should expect it.**

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**A. I heard that Jason Simons and Michael Whatley both called you and asked you to run. Is that true?**

**Q.** I keep hearing that rumor too and I’m not sure who wants to keep it going, but it isn’t true. I doubt it will stop all the rumor mongering, but let me reiterate, I did not receive any phone calls, emails or text messages from Simons or Whatley asking me to run, nor did I solicit their support. (Just for the record, no smoke signals or carrier pigeons were involved either.)

I considered entering the race two years ago, but I had family commitments which are not applicable today. I passed the idea of running this year by a few close friends in the District, just as a trial balloon. I guess word got out that I was considering it because very quickly, my cell/text/email was filled with encouragement to run and vows of support. I was humbled by the response and decided that this was the time for me to run for the District Chair position

So, yes encouraging folks did influence my decision to run, but they were friends and acquaintances in the District, not Raliegh

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**A. In your opinion, what is the biggest mistake a District Chair should avoid making?**

**Q.** Both County and District leadership should avoid the three “D’s” at all times: Division, Discontent and Discord. Nothing distracts our volunteers from our urgent business of winning elections more than division.

Everyone needs to be focused on the election ahead of us, not looking over their shoulder. To avoid contributing to discord among the volunteers, the District Chair can take some simple steps:

- Stay focused on the District Business of helping Counties win elections. Volunteers will follow your lead.
- Do not engage in the Primary elections – keep personal preferences completely private.
- Support every candidate on the ballot from top to bottom with EQUAL ENTHUSIASM. The volunteers will follow your lead.

We have an extremely important task ahead of us. Do the numbers – we can grow the Party by addition or multiplication, but we won't grow it by division.

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**Q. Shouldn't the Party hold our elected officials accountable once they are in office?**

**A.** Yes! Our Republican elected officials use the Republican Party Brand and our Get Out the Vote efforts to win elections. Of course, it is reasonable and expected for them to uphold our Republican Platform once in office.

There are many different ways to approach that, and some are more effective than others. In my experience, the best way to encourage our elected officials and hold them accountable includes:

- Establish a good relationship with the officials and facilitate frequent access to town hall meetings to answer questions and provide updates.
- Give them the courtesy to address concerns first as one on one between Party leadership and the elected official, before public meetings.
- Encourage the constituents to thank the officials when they show platform support or take the best conservative course of action.
- Encourage constituents to write, text, call, or email officials asking them to take the best conservative stance when important votes are on the table. They respond to public pressure.
- Ultimately, if an elected official absolutely turns on the Party – Liz Cheney is the standard for that – members will most likely seek an alternative viable candidate– however party leadership should not engage in Primary elections.

Trump needs a majority in both Chambers of Congress to control and implement the MAGA. We cannot afford to lose any seats and must stay focused after the primary on supporting our candidates. Our very country is at stake, and we must never forget that.

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**Q. I keep hearing you support Thom Tillis and that is a problem for me. Is it true?**

**A.** Let me set the record straight. I will not support Thom Tillis for Senate in the upcoming primary. Nor should my opponent. Neither of us should be publicly for nor against any primary candidate before the primary election.

As Party Leadership, we must stand down for the primaries and be prepared to give our untarnished support to every candidate on the ballot after the primary election. That's the job.

I will be prepared to give my full support to all the candidates on the ballot after the primaries and will not have to retract any positions taken or statements made before the primaries.

My job as District Chair will be to help the Counties win elections and engaging in primaries is counterproductive to that goal. I will gladly bring professionalism and a sharp focus on winning elections to the Party.

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**Q. How do you feel about censuring elected officials?**

**A.** When a DEM gives cause, I think censuring is useful to draw public attention to criminal, immoral or highly unethical behavior.

If the subject is a REP with no criminal convictions, careful analysis must be given in the context of whether the censure will help or hurt our overall objective of electing Republicans.

- Will the censure change the behavior of the official?
- Will the censure change the outcome of a primary election?
- Will the censure help the DEM candidate win in the next election?
- Will the censure campaign be divisive locally?
- Will the censure campaign take effort away from winning elections?

Party leadership should set the example and think strategically, not emotionally.

Only after answering each question thoughtfully and honestly should a decision be made to censure. Everything we do as a Party needs to move us in the direction of winning elections and therefore away from divisions.

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