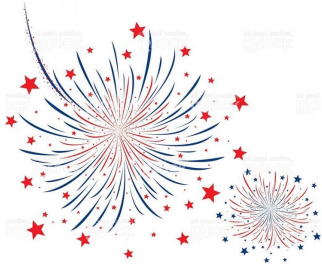
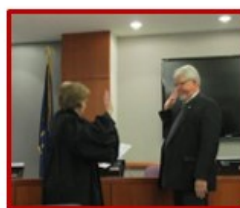




Swearing In the Republican Leadership Team January 1, 2019



**THANK YOU, JUDGE MARY HARPER, FOR CONTINUING OUR
REPUBLICAN TRADITION!**





Want to Make a Difference? Get Up Off the Couch!

Making a Difference—A New Resident's Thoughts

It has now been over a year since my husband and I picked up stakes and escaped the People's Republic of California. During that year, we have been welcomed and made to feel a genuine part of this community. As the year comes to a close and a new one approaches, there are some political observations that, as a new-comer, I would like to share.

I have been active in politics since high school when I supported Barry Goldwater for President. Over the years, I have participated in a wide variety of campaigns and crusades in California where I grew up and in Colorado where I had the privilege of living when President Reagan was in office.

When we moved to Colorado in the eighties, I found it was amazing how just a little effort could lead to powerful connections and real participation in politics. Colorado is a caucus state. What that means is that the election process begins in your neighborhood with a meeting of party leaders. I discovered that if one attended a caucus it was easy to be selected to attend the County convention. That then instantly connected you to local party leadership.

Within five years I was elected Chair of the county central committee, became well acquainted with all local elected officials and leaders and participated in state and national campaigns as well. Just by hosting a few political events at our home, gubernatorial, senatorial and congressional candidates visited in person to discuss their political goals with us and our neighbors.

As a result of that experience, I set a personal voting standard for myself that I have honored ever since:

I will not vote for a candidate for any office unless I have physically touched him or her. If I cannot get that kind of access, the candidate cannot get my vote.

Of course, the rule works both ways. One has to make the effort to attend and participate in political events attended by candidates. You can't just sit on the couch and watch TV ads. You have to reach out and participate.

I was curious to see how difficult it would be to find access to the kind of political involvement I enjoy here in Indiana. I am pleased to report that with the assistance of the open and welcoming group of local Republican leaders in Porter County, I have been able to jump right in. It was easy in 2018 to meet my "touching" standard for candidates at every level of government. Of course it remains an ongoing duty on my part to stay informed and connected.

I must admit that I was disappointed in the somewhat lackluster turnout of Republican voters in Porter County this year, however. We lost some local races that we should have won. To be sure, there was a lot going on and local campaigns varied in the effectiveness of their communication with the voters. While we were successful in re-taking the U.S. Senate seat and electing Republican statewide officers, in our local races, many Republicans just did not focus on candidates and issues. Yet those offices have the most direct effect on each of us.

As a new member of the Porter County community, I want to encourage all Republicans to re-commit to the Republican cause. To maintain the quality of life we all enjoy here takes an effort. It is not difficult, but it does require action.

If you believe in the United States Constitution, fiscal conservatism, traditional family values and inherent God given rights for all Americans, you have a duty to get up off the couch! The Indiana Republican Party welcomes you and your dedication to all that makes America great.

Julie Hayward Biggs

Republican Leaders Enjoying an American Christmas!





ELECTION CALENDAR MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION May 7, 2019

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

- First day that a major political party candidate may file a declaration of candidacy for the municipal primary.
- First day to file a declaration of candidacy for nomination by a town convention in a town having a population of less than 3,500
- First day an independent or minor party candidate may file a petition of nomination for the municipal election.
- First day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the municipal election.

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2018.

Friday, February 8, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for a major political party candidate to file a declaration of candidacy for the municipal primary.

Monday, February 11, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a withdrawal of candidacy for the municipal primary.

Friday, March 1, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for regular party committees to file 2018 annual campaign finance reports.

Saturday, March 23, 2019

DEADLINE for the county election board to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have previously filed an approved application with circuit court clerk.

Monday, April 8, 2019

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

DEADLINE at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Friday, April 12, 2019 End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, April 18, 2019

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.



ELECTION CALENDAR (Continued)

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

May 7, 2019

Monday, April 22, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports for primary candidates (including unopposed primary candidates where no primary is conducted).

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for inperson absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for in-person absentee voting.

Monday, April 29, 2019

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for inperson absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for in-person absentee voting.

Monday, May 6, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerks to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in person at the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

DEADLINE, by midnight, for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time, in certain cities and towns.