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**Subject:** State Committee

Chairman Smith, Chairman Wilson, and Group Leader Cheryl: These are the duly elected State Committeemen from Pima County LD19 for 2023-2024:

Judith Alkire  
John Emery  
Jeanne Hughes

These are not State Committeemen for the 2023-2024:

Mary Butler  
Cynthia Kuhne  
Frances Le Marche

No one has authorization to remove duly elected State Committeemen simply because someone likes someone else better. I'm sure we'd all love to just replace some Democrat with the Republican we prefer with the stroke of a pen and a gavel strike from a Chair. Obviously, we can't. Elections have consequences.

There has been A LOT of confusion with this LD because there is a part of LD19 in Pima that represents voters and PCs only in precincts in Pima County. This is the group that works with Chairman Smith in Pima and who elected Chairwoman Wilson. There is another group of hard working Republicans in LD19 as a whole who live on 5 different counties. This group has members that are represented by the state party as part of their respective counties. Precincts do not cross county lines. State Committeemen represent elected PCs and GOP voters in those precincts at the state level. I hope this clarifies WHY the party is set up the way it is. There is basically no reason to have Precinct Committeemen if they don't represent the precinct and the county they live in. And I've been a fighter for our PCs.

I've been doing my best to work with everyone and support Chairman Smith in his new position. He believes that I should be the one to notify everyone about these decisions. These decisions are final and are made based upon the current rules and bylaws of the Republican Party of Arizona. I've copied our attorney on this email as well so he has this information.

See you all on Saturday.

Warmly,

Chairwoman Kelli Ward  
Republican Party of Arizona