



Osage County Republican Committee
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February 26, 2026

Via 1st Class Mail and Certified Mail, Return Receipt

Mr. Darryl Griffin



Dear Mr. Griffin,

The Osage County Republican Central Committee (OCRC) has voted to reject your 2026 candidacy under the Republican label for the Office of Presiding Commissioner.

This rejection is based on your failure to complete the required vetting process and remit the filing fee to our Treasurer, as mandated by Missouri law (RsMO 115.357) and OCRC bylaws. We have also been informed that you do not intend to participate in vetting and are reportedly planning to use county taxpayer funds to challenge the committee's authority, including hiring legal counsel.

Vetting is a free, straightforward process to ensure candidates align with the Missouri Republican Party Platform. It protects the Republican label and voter trust. Missouri law and U.S. Supreme Court precedent affirm that political parties have the right to control who may use their name on the ballot, including rejecting unwanted associations.

Given your actions since December 2023 — including your public outburst and disparaging remarks directed at committee members during our December 21, 2023, meeting when we were amending our bylaws to incorporate vetting, as well as your continued behind-the-scenes efforts to undermine and disparage the process — this rejection is final. We have no intention of reversing this decision or offering an appeal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Linda Rantz

Linda Rantz, Chairwoman
Osage County Republican Central Committee

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