

Maine Township Republican Woman's Club
and Other Prominent Local Republicans
P.O. Box 382, Des Plaines, IL 60016

July 7, 2018

To: Honorable Char Foss Eggemann
Maine Township Republican Committeeman
1117 S. Harrison
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Committeeman Eggemann:

We, the undersigned, write you today demanding that you hold the Republican Party members to the same standard of conduct, decency and ethics that you do of the Democratic Party. It has come to our attention that your endorsed candidate for the 55th District is calling for the resignation of Mike Madigan for allowing sexual harassment to occur in the Democratic Party and the State Capitol. As you can see in the attached RWOPR Facebook shared post of October 31st, 2017, all of your slated candidates "applaud the strength of the individuals coming forward with their experiences, as well as all who are speaking out against this abhorrent behavior". However, no such hue, outcry and demand has been made of one of the Republican Party's officials, namely, Maine Township Trustee David Carrabotta, despite clear allegations of such by a fellow Trustee, Kimberly Jones, whom you previously slated. As you are well aware, in the cases of Kevin Quinn, Tim Mapes and Lou Lang, it appears swift condemnation and removal from their positions was done immediately. In all those cases, the harassment was verbal. In this case, the alleged harassment is actual groping yet you and your fellow Republican Women of Park Ridge and Republicans of Maine Township have been strangely silent. Not only have you not moved to condemn this behavior, your leadership group embraced Trustee Carrabotta after these public allegations by having him be the standard bearer of the flag of the Republican Women of Park Ridge in the Memorial Day Parade.

This is frankly outrageous and disturbing, and we write you today to demand of our leadership to condemn such behavior and call for his resignation immediately. As you are well aware, Kim Jones has a stellar reputation in the community with 30 years of service in State and local government, which you recognized by choosing her as one of your precinct captains as well as choosing her to literally be one of the first people you

chose to slate for the Maine Township elections. Your silence is deafening.

Thank you,

cc: Governor Bruce Rauner
Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti
Illinois Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady
Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin
Illinois GOP Chairman Tim Schneider
Cook County GOP Chairman Sean Morrison
Illinois State Representative Michael McAuliffe
Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri
Amanda Biela, Candidate for State Representative
Ammie Kessem, Candidate for State Representative
Marilyn Smolenski, Candidate for State Representative

Signatures:

Carol A. Langan Vice-President Maine Township Republican Women
Dorlene K. Prosal, Member + former Chaplain of MTRWC
John Provenzano, Past President MTRWC
Denise Joffe
Maine Township Trustee Kimberly Jones
Susan M. Key Assessor Maine Township MTRWC Treasurer
Joy Buckley Member Park Republican Women P.K.
Jean Diotal
Missy Langan
Lara J. Marsh; MTRWC club Secretary

Posted on Republican Women of Park Ridge, October 31, 2017

JOINT STATEMENT: NO ROOM FOR SEXISM IN ILLINOIS

Women running to change culture of sexual harassment in Springfield

"Together we represent a wide range of professions, backgrounds and personal experiences. We're running to improve the lives of the families in our districts and across the state. This starts with changing the culture in Illinois politics, because there is no room for sexist behavior at any level of our government.

"It's clear from the news breaking out of Springfield, Hollywood and across the country that this issue isn't going away. This is a pervasive problem that needs to be addressed immediately, starting with putting better people in leadership.

"Our lawmakers and leaders must be held to the highest standards as representatives of Illinois' ideals. Together we plan to go to Springfield and restore the reputation of our state and our statehouse through principled and thoughtful policy and behavior, because our citizens and staff deserve respect and fair treatment in every aspect of their lives. We applaud the strength of the individuals coming forward with their experiences, as well as all who are speaking out against this abhorrent behavior."

Mary Battinus
Bilingual Special Education Teacher
Candidate for State Representative, District 57

Jillian Rose Bernas
International Relations Manager
Candidate for State Representative, District 56

Amanda Biela
Teacher/Non-Profit Director
Candidate for State Representative, District 15

Julie Cho
Operations Consultant
Candidate for State Representative, District 18

Ammie Kessem
Chicago Police Officer
Candidate for State Representative, District 19

Katie Miller
Nurse
Candidate for State Representative, District 53

Marilyn Smolenski
Small Business Owner
Candidate for State Representative, District 55