

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

May 5, 2022 - In recent editions of your publication, letters in support of Two Harbors Mayor Chris Swanson appeared which were submitted by Tim Jezierski. While I certainly support the right of anyone to freely share their opinions, Mr. Jezierski left out of his submissions one interesting fact-that he is the current Chair of the Lake County Republican Party. This fact may not have been germane at the time these letters were published, after all it is the right of any private citizen to support or not support any particular public official. However, recent circumstances now make this detail an important one for your readers to consider when weighing the merits of his arguments.

Mr. Jezirski recently filed suit to block the on-going recall process now underway in Two Harbors. In his filing, Mr. Jezierski makes specific reference to his position as a political party official as a material fact in his statement to the court seeking standing to bring suit. In doing so, he has chosen to wade into dangerous waters-by injecting partisan politics into what is clearly a non-partisan, municipal matter. Interestingly enough, Mr. Jezierski is not even a Two Harbors resident, and it behooves me to understand how this matter is even any of his business.

Unlike Mr. Jezierski, I have no problem in-

forming your readers of my position as his political counterpart-I am the current Chair of the Lake County DFL. Also unlike Mr. Jezierski, I am an actual Two Harbors resident. In my position as political party Chair, I am a full-throated supporter of my party, and a supporter of DFL- and Democratic Party-endorsed candidates and office-holders at both the state and national levels. However, and for very good reasons, the Lake County DFL does not involve itself with local and municipal political activities. We do not, as an organization, endorse candidates for local, non-partisan offices. We know that county and municipal officials have to work effectively with state and federal lawmakers of all political stripes to best serve their constituents. To interject partisan politics at the local level would jeopardize local officials' ability to best serve the residents of their communities.

The Two Harbors City Charter clearly defines the process for seeking the resignation or recall of a city official. The Charter and the provisions contained therein was created by an independent citizen commission, and was ratified by the voters of Two Harbors in a city-wide referendum. While we don't take official positions on such specific matters, the Lake County DFL does support the principles of the democratic process, and the rule of law. And we have full confidence in the duly elected city council members and the professionalism of the city staff to see this process



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through, as it is clearly laid out in the Charter.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Jezierski, and the party he represents lacks the wisdom to step aside and let the citizens of Two Harbors decide who they want to lead their city. The interjection of partisanship, in this matter, is a disservice to all.

Todd Redmann, Chair Lake County DFL

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