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Judge Throws Out Lawsuit by Alameda County Republican Party Chairman Cummings Against Constitutional Republican Central Committee Members

Alameda County, California (November 26, 2008) – The Honorable Frank Roesch of the Alameda County Superior Court denied the suit by Paul Cummings, the Alameda County Republican Central Committee (ACRCC) Chairman, brought against the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and seven Constitutional Republican defendants. In his suit, Chairman Cummings had sought to have the election of the Constitutional Republicans to the ACRCC voided and the memberships to which the defendants were elected by Alameda County voters declared vacant, allowing him to fill the ACRCC with individuals of his selection.

As we hoped, with moral support and financial assistance from many liberty-minded individuals from our own back-yard here in California, to our friends from as far away as Italy and Australia, to our allies from the Campaign For Liberty, the Golden Gate Minutemen and the Republican Liberty Caucus of California, we were able to prevail in court, and retain our seats on the Central Committee to which we were elected by the Republican voters of Alameda County. We would like to thank the Bay Area News Group, the S.F. Chronicle, the Independent, Michael Erickson and Matthew Heath of the Sonoma County Republican Party, Jesse Benton, Debbie Hopper, Jeff Greenspan, and Matt Hawes of the Campaign for Liberty, and Adina Cappell, Vice Chair of the Republican Liberty Caucus of California. We also want to give special thanks to our counsel, Mr. Gerald Salcido, of Baker and McKenzie, LLP for representing us during the hearing, and to the Alameda County Counsel for addressing the election law issues of the case.

There is no doubt that the Chairman's ill-conceived and petty lawsuit has had a negative effect on the Republican Party's local candidates in the November elections. One can only wonder what the results would have been if the resources diverted by this lawsuit had instead been directed to supporting the campaign efforts of Dean Andal in Congressional District 11 and Abram Wilson in Assembly District 15. We are sure the Democrats are extremely grateful.