

--- On Tue, 10/17/17, Kathryn P <[kathrynpotter1@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynpotter1@gmail.com)> wrote:

> From: Kathryn P <[kathrynpotter1@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynpotter1@gmail.com)>  
> Subject: Fwd: District 1 Leadership Change  
> To: "Missy Funk" <[missyangel@gmail.com](mailto:missyangel@gmail.com)>, "Douglas Barber"  
> <[barber.douglas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barber.douglas@sbcglobal.net)>  
> Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 11:26 PM

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> ----- Forwarded message -----  
> From: Chairman <[chair@mchenrydems.org](mailto:chair@mchenrydems.org)>  
> Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
> Subject: District 1 Leadership Change  
> To: Kathryn P <[kathrynpotter1@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynpotter1@gmail.com)>

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> Dear Kathryn,  
> I know you have heard that there are some changes being made to the  
> Party Leadership in your District. While our Executive Board voted  
> overwhelmingly to support this move, it was not an easy decision to  
> make. Attached to this email is a copy of the letter I am sending to  
> you tomorrow. I'd like to give you a little background on how this  
> difficult decision was reached.  
> About a month ago Kerri Barber, who is the wife of District Chair Doug  
> Barber, sent us a written apology for her repeated attempts to damage  
> our Party over the past year. We believed it was a sincere apology,  
> and we asked her to address the Democratic Central Committee meeting  
> last month so that she could apologize to the entire group and begin  
> the healing process. Unfortunately, Kerri used her time at the podium  
> as an opportunity to market her "Progressives" organization. Since  
> then we have reports of continued attacks. I think it's fair to say we  
> were tricked.  
> The Executive Board is itself strongly progressive, and we haven't  
> detected any ideological motivation behind Kerri's and Doug's attacks  
> on the Party. We are not sure what the motivation is. We are simply  
> unable to continue to tolerate their attacks (which have been  
> facilitated by Doug's access to Executive Board deliberations) while  
> we try to do the Party's business of recruiting, training and  
> supporting Democratic candidates, and building our Party's  
> infrastructure. We are all volunteers. The noise is too distracting,  
> and it has damaged our reputation inside and outside our county. We've  
> been patient, but now it's time to say "enough is enough."  
> If you have any questions about what is happening, please do not  
> hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your understanding.  
> Michael Bissett  
> Chairman  
> Democratic Party of McHenry County  
> 224-622-4911

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