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Region 2 Representation - LNC Meeting

Hey, team. Many of you probably already know that the Region 2(our region) representation is a focal point in the news surrounding the suspension of Caryn Ann Harlos as Secretary of the LNC. I want to make sure to get all of the details out in the open as I saw them as it was happening.

A few days before the meeting, both me and Dave Jones(Chair of LP TN) messaged Steven Nekhaila about the vote. For full transparency, here's what I sent Steven:

My stance on Caryn Ann hasn't changed: I think it would be completely appropriate to vote yes to suspending Caryn Ann. I think her constant negativity, spreading false information as truth on all of her channels, and feigned emotional damage from anyone disagreeing with her slightly is cause do it. Frankly, I think her attitude and communications are a cancer on the organization. I'll understand if you disagree and even if you want to vote no. I won't hold any vote you make against you.

Haven't heard too much from members in my region.

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And, for the record, I hadn't heard from anyone in our state and so added that last bit to let him know I wasn't necessarily speaking for everyone, but giving my own advice. Steven and David also let me know they only received a hand full of emails, mostly canceling each other out. I hope you also note, that I gave an out. I never received a response to this message. I did send a subsequent, unrelated message that he did respond to. My understanding is Dave sent something similar and was also ignored. Around this time, David and Steven were in communications. David was telling Steven that he wasn't going to make it, but that he could if Steven was leaving and he needed our alternate to step in. He did not indicate to David that he would be leaving early and our alternate would be needed.

On Saturday, Steven let other members of the LNC know that he would be leaving very early on Sunday. They reached out to David to let him know he'd be needed and so he made plans to make the drive from TN to Louisville. David reached out to both me and Dave to see what we thought about the vote and I sent him the above again. A decision was made not to tell Steven on the basis that all of the details leading up to this moment were some kind of plan to

not be there and make sure a vote went a certain way.

In truth it was a massive miscommunication on the part of Region 2 leadership. There was no "backstab". Steven doesn't feel backstabbed. He told all of us as much. Chairs and LNC representation should be meeting more regularly to discuss topics on the agenda so we can get on the same page. That simply didn't happen this time. We've all met to talk about the series of events and the communication breakdown and have agreed to always try and have at least one meeting the week before an LNC meeting to discuss the agenda items and to make sure nothing like this happens ever again.

Please feel free to ask any questions you might have about the situation as I'm sure I've left something out.

Sorry for the long post for all of you who have no idea what's going on and don't care. 😊