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MANDATE

In Re: *Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RNHA) of Illinois Dispute*

This matter was before the Republican National Hispanic Assembly National Executive Committee (RNHAEC) pursuant to the appeal filed by Steven Orlando (“Orlando”), et al, and responded to by Rafael Rivadeneira (“Rivadeneira”), et al. The RNHAEC has jurisdiction pursuant to RNHA Rules 3, 12 (a) (2), and 15 (b).

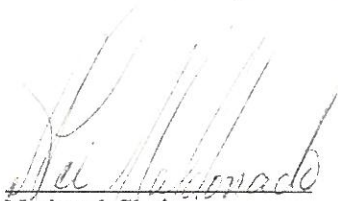
Documentary evidence and arguments were submitted during the course of several weeks and reviewed by the RNHAEC. Subsequently, the appellant brief of Orlando, and the brief of appellee Rivadeneira were reviewed by the RNHAEC.

The RNHAEC, being advised of the premises, hereby finds and decides as follows:

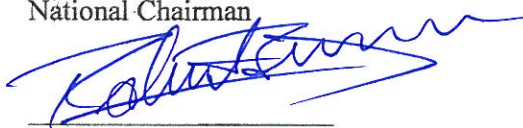
- 1) The Appeal of Orlando is summarily dismissed.
- 2) The Election of Rivadeneira is recognized solely for the purpose of this Decision.
- 3) The RNHA Executive Committee (RNHAEC) hereby denies Rivadeneira’s standing to invoke RNHA Rule 14(d) (Amended July 21, 2007), inasmuch as his election was not unchallenged and was controverted at the time he sought to invoke Rule 14(d) as the purported RNHA of Illinois Chairman and he intended to bypass the RNHAEC; he was thus not an unchallenged and official member of the RNHANC and thus could not invoke the rule.
- 4) The RNHAEC additionally finds that there were insufficient members of the RNHANC who supported Rivadeneira’s attempt to invoke Rule 14 (d) to request a special RNHANC meeting to discuss the RNHA of Illinois controversy, however, this finding is rendered moot in view of Rivadeneira’s lack of standing to invoke the rule *ab initio* after the RNHAEC assumed jurisdiction in this cause and gave Rivadeneira and Orlando specific and detailed instructions drafted by Counsel to assist the RNHAEC to address the case at hand and where the parties did not fully comply with these instructions.

- 5) Based upon the actions of the members of the RNHA of Illinois, including but not limited to those of Rivadeneira and Orlando, the RNHAEC hereby finds the actions of Rivadeneira and Orlando have been disruptive and counter to the best interests of the RNHA. Based upon the behavior of the members of the RNHA of Illinois, current facts and circumstances, damage to the RNHA of Illinois and embarrassment to the Illinois Republican Party as well as the failure of the RNHA of Illinois parties to follow the instructions as provided by the RNHAEC, the failure of the parties to mediate their dispute despite the personal efforts of the RNHA National Chairman and the Republican Party, the RNHAEC has withdrawn its official recognition of the Illinois Chapter of the RNHA pursuant but not limited to RNHA Rules 3, 12 (a)(2), and 15 (b) (Amended, July 21, 2007).
- 6) Rivadeneira, for purposes of this Mandate only, as the chairman of the formerly recognized RNHA of Illinois Chapter, may within seven (7) calendar days of this Decision, file an appeal of RNHAEC's decision to withdraw its official recognition within one week of this decision by a brief, not to exceed three (3) pages in length. This brief shall be typed on 8½ by 11 inch paper, with one (1) inch margins on both sides as well as the top and bottom, and double spaced with Times New Roman twelve (12) point font. Any brief submitted that does not strictly adhere to these instructions will not be read or considered. Upon receipt, RNHA National General Counsel will submit a copy of any such brief to RNHA National Chairman Alci Maldonado for distribution to the RNHAEC.
- 7) The brief shall be sent via certified mail directly to Robert Bunn, the RNHA National General Counsel and Chairman of the RNHA National Legal Team at the following address:

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