COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 27, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of a request from the Fayette County Republican Party to authorize the County Clerk to recognize and certify the removal of Ms. Marilyn Watts as the Republican Representative on the Fayette County Board of Elections, and to recognize and certify the appointment of Ms. Claudia Eisenburg as the Republican Party's replacement on the Fayette County Board of Elections.

Background/History/Details:

On June 11, 2013, the Fayette County Republican Party voted to remove Ms. Marilyn Watts as the Republican Party representative to the Fayette County Board of Elections.

The Republican Party's Executive Committee also unanimously ratified a nomination from the Chairman of the Fayette County Republican Party, Scott Fabricius, to have Ms. Claudia Eisenburg replace Ms. Watts on the Fayette County Board of Elections.

The Republican Party is asking the Board of Commissioners to recognize and certify said appointment of Ms. Eisenburg to the Fayette County Board of Elections.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of a request from the Fayette County Republican Party to authorize the County Clerk to recognize and certify the removal of Ms. Marilyn Watts as the Republican Representative on the Fayette County Board of Elections, and to recognize and certify the appointment of Ms. Claudia Eisenburg as the Republican Party's replacement on the Fayette County Board of Elections.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Fayette County Republicans

June 12, 2013

Steve Brown
Chairman, Fayette County Commission
140 Stonewall Avenue West
Suite 100
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Dear Commissioner Brown,

As you are aware, the County Committee of the Fayette County Republican Party voted to remove Marilyn Watts as its Republican Party representative to the Fayette County Board of Elections. Last night, in accordance with the Local Act that re-created the Board of Elections in Fayette County (H.B. No. 1669), the Party's Executive Committee unanimously ratified my nomination of Claudia Eisenburg as the Party's replacement for Ms. Watts on the Board of Elections. I am sending this letter to you in order that the Fayette County Commission can certify said appointment.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and for your service to our Fayette County,

Sincerely,

Scott Fabricius
Chairman, Fayette County Republican Party

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May 13, 2013

Mr. Scott Fabricius
Chairman, Fayette Republican Party
760 Birkdale Drive
Fayetteville, GA 30215

Dear Mr. Fabricius,

I had the resolution and other correspondence you sent to me placed on the May 23, 2013 Board of Commissioners agenda for acknowledgement. However, our County Attorney Dennis Davenport informed me that the action of removing the Republican representative, Ms. Marilyn Watts, from the Board of Elections and Voter Registration does not belong to the Fayette County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Davenport informed me that the Fayette County Republican Party is responsible for taking the action to remove Ms. Watts since she is officially appointed by the party. Your current resolution states you are "requesting" her removal.

The Fayette County Republican Party would need a formal vote to remove Ms. Watts as their representative to the Fayette County Board of Elections and Voter Registration and then you send us the resolution stating her formal removable.

Upon receipt of the resolution, the item will be placed on our next Board of Commissioners meeting agenda and we will authorize the County Clerk to formally certify the removal of Marilyn Watts from the Board of Elections and Voter Registration.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Steve Brown
Chairman