

WHAT IS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE? AND WHY IT NEEDS TO CHANGE

For as long as I've been involved in local politics (25 years and counting) the local Democratic Party has been associated with the word "machine" more than "party" by those in the know. Its active membership has mostly been made up of elected officials, their employees, and unions. Outsiders haven't been very welcome. If you decide to try to run for office, the first question asked by the unelected "screening committee" which meets behind locked doors is "if we don't endorse you, will you drop out." So much for primaries and democratic elections.

If we want to make the party more accessible, inclusive and democratic we need to depose the "Monarchy of Montgomery County"- or what you could call the "friends and family plan" which makes sure that friends and family of our elected officials and union chiefs all have jobs.

Example: our board of elections is a cesspool of nepotism and incompetence. It's one of the "political plums" that of the patronage system. About 70% of our BOE is there by nepotism or as political payback. The director makes more than any elected official in the county. The board members get \$20K a year for 2 meetings a month. The BOE is the second line of defense against common democrats getting on the ballot.

Those of you who supported Bernie Sanders, and are outraged about the way the National Democratic Party Central Committee actively worked against his campaign- just know the people here locally, operate the same way. It's why when Barack Obama beat their favorite candidate the first time, he had to come here and make his own machine to do the work the party was supposed to be here to do.

After the latest ass whupping, more than ever, it's important that every seat go to people who are committed to growing our democratic party, making it more welcome, and be a true party of the people which believes in electing democrats- not just the friends and family.

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE

We need a better website than
www.montgomerydems.org

We need to work to be able to mobilize democratic voters without relying on presidential campaigns to come to town and do it for us.

We need to provide equal opportunity for all democrats to run for office- and stop endorsements in primaries which isn't done in any other county that I've run in (my congressional runs had me on the ballot in 6 different counties).

We need to stop doing deals to run Judges unopposed.

We need to talk about issues, not personalities.

And we need to build an organization of organizers to deliver our message more efficiently.

We need to win elections.

In case you have no idea who I am, I invite you to read my views of Dayton on www.esrati.com or just google me. My forums aren't censored.

I've been a neighborhood president, civic activist, big brother and a small business owner in South Park since 1986. I've rehabbed five buildings. My neighborhood is a success story. I've been blogging about politics in Dayton since 2005.

Thank you for reading this. And, to those who have voted for me - thanks for your past support.



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Go ahead, shoot the messenger.



DON'T READ THE OTHER SIDE
YOU MAY BECOME A [DANGEROUS] INFORMED VOTER

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY
ARE GREAT FOR
CELL PHONE PLANS,
BUT THAT'S NOT HOW
WE DEMOCRATS
WIN ELECTIONS.**

Put an end to the patronage system



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that the Democrats are the party of, and for, the people.