



Statement from the Fredericksburg Republican Committee Chair

To Neighbors in the City of Fredericksburg,

Elections are a time for passionate debate and differing opinions, but in our exuberance, let's remember to keep our interactions respectful. We may have different convictions and different beliefs, but we must respect the humanity of the individual and the expression that they choose to exhibit.

Vandalizing campaign signs, destroying personal property, and verbally attacking or threatening others who are on opposite political spectrums are not only possible crimes, but more importantly, these things undermine the democratic process, disrespect our fellow citizens, and create tensions that can have unintended outcomes.

We must be able to come to the table and talk to one another with the utmost respect and dignity. Let us show our commitment to civility, to the democratic process, and to freedom of choice, by engaging in constructive dialogue and respecting everyone's right to express their views. Together, we can foster a healthier political environment and ensure a safe place for all Fredericksburg residents, regardless of their political beliefs.

That said, I call on all residents of Fredericksburg, no matter your political party, to respect this request as we move into the most consequential period of the campaign season.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Vezina, Chair

Fredericksburg Republican Committee