



## The Republicans of Jones County Mississippi

August 22, 2014

RE: Jones County Public Forum Request, Sent via email & USPS

In an effort to strengthen the Republican Party, and to restore the faith in the Republican Party of Mississippi, The Republicans of Jones County Mississippi, (represented by concerned Republicans of Jones County) would like to extend a formal invitation to you to attend a public forum on **one of the Tuesdays nights in September, the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 pm at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Sawmill Square Road, Laurel, Mississippi. We request that you speak at this forum in order to answer the questions that you will find in the enclosed attachment. Also in the attachments, you will find details concerning the set up and structure of the public forum.

We hope that your participation in this event will help the Republicans of Jones County understand how you, as a MSGOP leader, view the events surrounding the June 24<sup>th</sup> Senate Primary runoff, and how you as a MSGOP leader think we should move forward as Republicans to salvage our Republic from the destruction of an ever growing government and its intrusion into our freedoms we hold dear. With this information, we hope to be able to determine our level of support for you as an office holder, the Republican Party, and the MSGOP in the future.

The Republicans of Jones County are looking forward to your participation in our advertised event. We ask that you accept or decline our invitation to speak by **5:00pm, August 29, 2014**. Your response and any questions concerning our request or about the event can be sent to Tiffany Parrish, [tiffany@tiffanyparrish.com](mailto:tiffany@tiffanyparrish.com). P.O. Box 8155, Laurel, MS 39441.

Warm regards,  
The Republicans of Jones County Mississippi

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**Forum general information:**

The Public Forum setting is important in that it allows the ordinary citizen to hear directly from his elected officials. Our intention in hosting this public forum is to have the questions of The Republicans of Jones County answered directly by their MSGOP elected public officials.

We acknowledge and realize the potential for disturbance, open discord, and vocal outburst in this setting. We will provide additional security. We intend to publish the questions we have presented to you. Also published, will be the intent on our part to allow no other questions at this event. Those attending will have advance notice that this will be a setting where their statewide MSGOP elected officials will address only the questions presented to them in advance by The Republicans of Jones County, and once again there will be no open question and answer session.

The moderator will make the welcome, give opening statements of the purpose, and parameters of the setting listed above. Then he will introduce you, based on the information you have given him prior to the event. You will be given up to 5 minutes for an opening statement, and then you will be presented with the questions as asked by the Moderator in which you will have up to 7 minutes to answer them. Once the questions have been addressed, you will then have up to 5 minutes for any closing statement. It is our intent to have this meeting last no longer than an hour.

Our preference of scheduling is as follows:

Auditor Stacey Pickering and Chairman Joe Nosef, September 9

Secretary of State Delbert Hoseman, September 16

Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, September 23

Governor Phil Bryant, September 30

However, we will be able and more than willing to accommodate changes based on previously scheduled events of each official.

# Republicans of Jones County Public Forum Agenda

Welcome

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening

Forum	<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Title</i>
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Closing Statements

The Republican Party is “owned” by the same people who constitutionally “own” the United States Government – The People. In the case of our party, it is “owned” by like-minded people who believe in principles The Republican Party over the years have espoused:

- Smaller Government
- Lower taxes
- A Strong National Defense
- Fiscal Conservatism
- Individual Liberties and Responsibilities
- Free Enterprise
- Equal rights, Equal justice, and Equal opportunity
- The Rule of Law
- Ethical conduct
- Commonsense

As the members of America’s greatest political party, the Jones County Republicans duly call together a meeting of like-minded citizens and public officials to a Public Forum to bring together our thoughts and actions pursuant to the recent disenfranchisement of Republican voters, and to set a path of reconciliation to move our party forward for the future.

## FORUM QUESTIONS:

1. In Mississippi, the opportunity for “party raiding” (defined as – “THE ORGANIZED SWITCHING OF BLOCKS OF VOTERS FROM ONE PARTY TO ANOTHER IN ORDER TO MANIPULATE THE OUTCOME OF THE OTHER PARTY’S PRIMARY ELECTION.”

<http://definitions.uslegal.com/p/party-raiding/> ) is possible through the statutes of our half open/half closed primary system. In light of the current actions of fellow Republicans in the US Senate Race, Do you condone party raiding?

Yes OR No

- A) If so, would you consider using this tactic in future elections you are involved in either as a candidate or as an advisor? Also, if you condone party raiding, would you use this tactic in a campaign within your own party’s primary election? Why do you condone party raiding?
- B) If not, seeing that you are against the tactic of party raiding, would you speak publicly against its use in the future, even if the candidate using it was someone you publicly endorse?
- C) As a MSGOP elected official who is against party raiding, would you have any reason to not speak out publicly against it if it occurred in a MSGOP primary?
- D) Have you spoken out publically of your support or opposition to the party raiding that took place in our US Senate Race, or do you not believe that party raiding took place?

2. As a MS Republican, who chose to agree with Republican principles, do you agree with recruiting Democrat voters into the Republican Primary elections?

- A) If so, which is your preference of recruiting Democrat voters: any means necessary to win, or sharing the vision and conservative principles of the MSGOP?
- B) If not, are you saying that Democrat voters should stay out of the Republican Primary?

3. In the previous election there were millions of dollars spent by outside groups. In the future, if an outside group who supported your candidacy during a Republican primary used inflammatory tactics to promote party raiding, would you speak up publically against such tactics as soon as the tactics were used, rather than after the primary?

4. Do you believe that our Republican Primary System needs to be reformed in the state of Mississippi?

- A) If yes, why?
- B) If yes, how?
- C) If no, why not?

5. Do you feel that party raiding has diminished the faith of the Republican voters in the Mississippi primary system?

- A) If yes, what can be done to re-establish that faith?
- B) If no, explain.