

**HOLTZMAN VOGEL JOSEFIAK TORCHINSKY PLLC**  
*Attorneys at Law*

45 North Hill Drive • Suite 100 • Warrenton, VA 20186

June 18, 2018

Jeff S. Jordan, Esq.  
 Assistant General Counsel  
 Complaints Examination &  
 Legal Administration  
 Federal Election Commission  
 1050 First Street, NE  
 Washington, DC 20463

2018 JUN 20 AM 9:58  
 OFFICE OF  
 GENERAL COUNSEL

***Re: Response of New Republican PAC in MUR 7370***

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This response is submitted by the undersigned counsel<sup>1</sup> on behalf of New Republican PAC, and Julie Dozier, in her capacity as Treasurer, in connection with Matter Under Review 7370. The Complainant filed its Initial Complaint on or about April 10, 2018, and a Supplemental Complaint on or about April 17, 2018. The Initial Complaint alleges that Florida Governor Rick “Scott appears to be using the super PAC, New Republican PAC, of which he is chair, to raise and spend soft money in support of his candidacy for U.S. Senate.” The Supplemental Complaint purports to provide “additional evidence ... supporting this conclusion.” None of the allegations made in the Complaint withstand scrutiny, and the Complaint should be dismissed.

Governor Scott announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate on April 9, 2018. The activities undertaken by New Republican PAC while Governor Scott served as the PAC’s Honorary Chair occurred well before Governor Scott became a federal candidate. The Complainant alleges violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e), but Governor Scott was not a federal candidate prior to making a final decision to become a candidate, which was publicly announced on April 9, 2018. New Republican PAC has never operated as a political committee that is established, financed, maintained, or controlled by a federal candidate, and New Republican PAC has never operated as a “testing the waters” vehicle for any prospective federal candidate.

---

<sup>1</sup> Please note that New Republican PAC is represented by Michael Bayes of Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky PLLC. Rick Scott for Florida is represented by Jason Torchinsky of the same firm. This representation is undertaken pursuant to a “firewall” separation between counsel.

## I. New Republican PAC – Organizational Background

### A. New Republican PAC Was Founded in May 2013 by Alex Castellanos

New Republican PAC was not established by Governor Scott in 2017; it was established in May 2013 by Alex Castellanos.<sup>2</sup> Governor Scott became the Honorary Chair of this existing political committee four years after it was established.<sup>3</sup>

The Complaint suggests that Governor Scott took New Republican PAC in a new direction after he became the Honorary Chair, and specifically, that he began “using the Committee to support his federal candidacy.”<sup>4</sup> This claim is absolutely without basis, as a review of New Republican PAC’s founding makes clear.

In January 2010, National Review published an article by Alex Castellanos titled, “*The New Republican: How to build the GOP’s next generation.*”<sup>5</sup> This article argued for a “New Republican” based loosely on the “New Democrat” model of the early 1990s. Mr. Castellanos explained that “[a] New Republican offers an intellectual alternative to the Left’s outdated, top-down, command economy and government” and “believes in authentic, bottom-up solutions not top-down public sector schemes and policies.”<sup>6</sup>

Mr. Castellanos formed New Republican PAC in 2013 to advance these ideas of what the next generation of Republicans – the “New Republican” party – should represent and to support candidates who fit the “New Republican” model.

In 2016, Mr. Castellanos wrote a follow-up article titled “*Opening America to the Future: The New Republican, Part II.*”<sup>7</sup> First, Mr. Castellanos explained that polling and research led him to conclude that “Americans see a Republican party largely incapable of explaining why we need GOP principles to lead us to a better place.”<sup>8</sup> His proposed solution was to promote a focus on “open” systems as opposed to “closed” systems:

---

<sup>2</sup> See New Republican PAC, Statement of Organization, May 8, 2013. The New Republican PAC press release that the Complainant includes as Exhibit A explains that “New Republican was founded by Republican strategist and advertising legend Alex Castellanos a few years ago.”

<sup>3</sup> The *Orlando Sentinel* article referenced in the Complaint as Exhibit I incorrectly claims that “Gov. Rick Scott has set up” New Republican PAC. See New Republican PAC, Statement of Organization, May 8, 2013.

<sup>4</sup> Initial Complaint at 3.

<sup>5</sup> Alex Castellanos, *The New Republican: How to build the GOP’s next generation*, National Review (Jan. 26, 2010), <https://www.nationalreview.com/2010/01/new-republican-alex-castellanos/>.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> Alex Castellanos, *Opening America to the Future: The New Republican, Part II*, National Review (March 1, 2016), <https://www.nationalreview.com/2016/03/republican-party-open-society-freedom-new-republican/>.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

Our research indicates that today's voters see their alternatives similarly: If we give them a choice between "open" and "closed," what do they choose instantly and every time? They choose "open." They choose freedom. And that has powerful political implications.

We've found that if we give voters a choice between an "open" economy as Republicans intend and a "closed" economy as Democrats have defended, voters choose "open." They choose freedom.

If we give voters a choice between a school system that is "open" to innovation and choice, as GOP leaders propose, and the "closed," factory-like school system that Democrats still protect, Americans choose "open." They choose freedom.

And reforming Washington?

If we give voters a choice between growing America's economy as Republicans propose, or growing and expanding Washington's economy as Democrats still defend, guess what Americans pick? They choose freedom.

Give voters a choice between fresh, bottom-up economic growth and old, top-down Democratic plans? Between growing the economy naturally and organically, as Republicans propose, or trying to grow it the old way — top-down, politically and artificially, from Washington — as Democrats still insist? Americans choose freedom.<sup>9</sup>

Mr. Castellanos' two articles explain the basic, motivating concepts behind New Republican PAC. Governor Scott became involved with New Republican PAC in May 2017 in an honorary capacity not to change the PAC's direction, but because he is a "New Republican" like Mr. Castellanos has long described.

#### **B. Governor Scott Served as Honorary Chair from May 11, 2017 to Early December 2017**

Governor Scott became the Honorary Chair of New Republican PAC on or about May 11, 2017, and the PAC "launched a new national effort to change and rebrand the way the Republican Party approaches the challenges of the future."<sup>10</sup> As Governor Scott explained, "Donald Trump needs a Republican Party that supports him with ideas that will make America Great, and ideas that the American people want. New Republican will be an idea generator."<sup>11</sup>

---

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> New Republican Press Release, *Governor Scott to Chair "New Republican" Federal Super PAC; PAC focused on rebranding the Republican Party, Deregulating America's economy & Reinventing government*, May 11, 2017. A copy of the full press release is attached.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

Governor Scott issued the following statement when he became the Honorary Chair of New Republican PAC:

New Republican will market ‘open versus closed’ systems and ‘new versus old’ policies. We will make it clear that Republicans favor an open economy that is free to grow versus a closed and regulated government economy that stagnates. We favor an open education system that provides choices as opposed to a closed antiquated government run system that is one size fits all. We favor an open health care system that stimulates innovation versus a closed government run system. We favor organic bottom-up solutions to problems, the Democrats favor top-down big government solutions to every problem. We favor empowering people at the local level, the Democrats favor federal government decisions made in Washington.<sup>12</sup>

These are, of course, the same ideas and concepts that Mr. Castellanos has promoted since 2010. As *USA Today* reported in May 2017:

The aim [of New Republican PAC] is to “rebrand” the Republican Party away from what Scott describes as the old-line establishment mission that hews too closely to the Democratic Party to a dynamic, almost libertarian, one that embraces economic opportunity through total school choice, aggressive deregulation and open markets. It’s a philosophy that reflects Scott’s beliefs in his six-plus years as governor and those of anti-establishment bedfellow and political ally Donald Trump.<sup>13</sup>

New Republican PAC’s existing philosophy was a natural fit for Governor Scott, and while he served as Honorary Chair, the PAC worked to advance the same ideas it had always promoted. Contrary to the Complaint’s assertions, New Republican PAC was not a dormant “ghost PAC” when Governor Scott became the Honorary Chair, and New Republican PAC was not repurposed by Governor Scott. Governor Scott certainly raised the public profile of New Republican PAC when he served as the PAC’s honorary chairman, but he did not change its direction or purposes.

Governor Rick Scott served as the Honorary Chair of New Republican PAC for only a few months, beginning in May 2017. Governor Scott transitioned out of this role in late 2017, and this exit was formalized when New Republican PAC personnel met on December 7-8, 2017. As of the date of these meetings, New Republican PAC has operated independently of Governor Scott. References to Governor Scott’s honorary position with New Republican PAC were removed from the PAC’s website on January 2, 2018. The Complaint claims that “[i]t does not

---

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> Ledyard King, *Florida Gov. Rick Scott’s message to Republicans: Time for a makeover*, *USA Today* (May 11, 2017), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2017/05/11/florida-gov-rick-scotts-message-republicans-time-makeover/101551646/>.

appear as if Scott has relinquished his role as Chair of the Committee since declaring his federal candidacy.”<sup>14</sup> The facts simply do not support the Complainant’s uninformed assertions.

Following the December 7-8, 2017 meeting, Governor Scott attended a small number of fundraising events as a guest of New Republican PAC.<sup>15</sup> The last of these fundraising events was held in Naples, Florida, on March 3, 2018:



<sup>14</sup> Initial Complaint at 3.

<sup>15</sup> The Politico article referenced by the Complainant, dated February 1, 2018, refers to New Republican PAC as Governor Scott’s PAC (“his New Republican PAC”) and claims, incorrectly, that Governor Scott “leads the federal New Republican PAC.” On the date this article was published (February 1, 2018), both assertions were incorrect.

As the e-mailed, pre-event publicity for the event (above) made clear, this was a New Republican event “featuring Governor Rick Scott.”

### **C. December Leadership Transition**

Following the December 7-8, 2017 meetings, Melissa Stone remained in the position of Executive Director of New Republican PAC. During December and January, Blaise Hazelwood served as a Senior Advisor. Effective February 1, 2018, Ms. Hazelwood became the Executive Director. Melissa Stone continues to serve New Republican PAC as a Senior Advisor.

Since February 1, 2018, Ms. Hazelwood has made all decisions regarding the PAC’s operations and activities. *See* Affidavit of Blaise Hazelwood at ¶ 3. Ms. Hazelwood has not spoken with, or otherwise communicated with, Governor Rick Scott about any matters pertaining to the plans, activities, or strategies of New Republican PAC. *See id.* at ¶ 5. Ms. Hazelwood recalls that she spoke with Governor Scott socially on one occasion, on or about December 12, 2017, but there was no discussion of New Republican PAC or Governor Scott’s future plans. *See id.*

Ms. Hazelwood was not involved in the fundraising events referenced above and did not speak to Governor Scott about those events. *See id.* at ¶¶ 5, 9. Furthermore, Ms. Hazelwood has never spoken to anyone beyond New Republican PAC’s own contracted personnel and consultants about the PAC’s operations, activities, plans, and strategies. *See id.* at ¶ 10.

## **II. Response to Complaint’s Legal Arguments**

### **A. New Republican PAC Activities Prior to Governor Scott’s Candidacy Announcement**

The Complaint accuses Governor Scott of using New Republican PAC to “advance his election” “in anticipation of his federal candidacy,” and specifically, of using “soft money to support his Senate candidacy.”<sup>16</sup> New Republican PAC denies these allegations.

As detailed above, the mission and purpose of New Republican PAC did not change when Governor Scott became the organization’s honorary chair in May 2017. New Republican PAC’s current personnel and contractors are unaware of the date on which Governor Scott made the decision to become a federal candidate, but the date of Governor Scott’s public announcement (April 9, 2018) indicates that he made that decision well after he left his position of Honorary Chair of New Republican PAC.

The Initial Complaint identifies certain consultants that New Republican PAC retained “[u]nder Scott’s watch.”<sup>17</sup> Retaining specific consultants is not evidence of any violation of the

---

<sup>16</sup> Initial Complaint at 3.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 2.



Act. The Complaint does not identify any specific disbursements or expenditures that were allegedly made for the purpose of “preparing to run for the U.S. Senate.”<sup>18</sup> New Republican PAC’s FEC reports, which include itemized lists of disbursements, are a matter of public record. The Complainant makes a general allegation that the PAC made “testing the waters” expenditures but does not identify any PAC spending that was allegedly improper.

Contrary to the Complainant’s conclusory allegations, the PAC’s spending during this period was consistent with its longstanding purposes. There is no basis for, and no evidence to support, the Complainant’s assertion that New Republican PAC “improperly pa[id] for expenses associated with [Governor Scott’s] exploratory activities.”<sup>19</sup>

### **B. New Republican PAC Polling Memorandum**

The Supplemental Complaint asserts that Politico released a copy of a polling memo addressed to New Republican PAC on April 12, 2018. This poll was commissioned by Ms. Hazelwood on or about March 1, 2018. Ms. Hazelwood did not discuss the poll, its results, or the referenced polling memo with Governor Scott. *See* Affidavit of Blaise Hazelwood at ¶ 6.

The Supplemental Complaint’s assertion that “it is clear that New Republican PAC was conducting polling for Scott ... while Scott was very much still involved in the PAC’s operations as its chair” is incorrect and without any factual basis.

### **C. New Republican PAC Website Redesign**

The Supplemental Complaint claims that New Republican PAC redesigned its website before Governor Scott announced his candidacy.<sup>20</sup> This is correct, but the Complainant is incorrect in assuming that Governor Scott had any involvement with the website redesign. The redesigned website was produced independently of Governor Scott after he stepped away from his honorary role with the PAC. The decision to redesign the website was made by Blaise Hazelwood who contacted the PAC’s website vendor about the redesign on or about February 22, 2018. Ms. Hazelwood made the decision to prepare a redesigned website with the intention of publicly launching the redesigned website if Governor Scott decided to become a candidate for the U.S. Senate. *See* Affidavit of Blaise Hazelwood at ¶ 7. (As the various media sources referenced by the Complainant make clear, there was considerable public speculation about this subject prior to Governor Scott’s announcement.) Ms. Hazelwood did not discuss the website redesign with Governor Scott or any other person who was not already a contracted vendor of New Republican PAC. *See id.* The redesigned website was made public *after* Governor Scott publicly announced his candidacy.

The Supplemental Complaint claims that “it is clear that New Republican PAC was ... reorganizing its website while Scott was very much still involved in the PAC’s operations as its

---

<sup>18</sup> *Id.*

<sup>19</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>20</sup> Supplemental Complaint at 2.

chair,” and that “Scott and the Committee plainly prearranged this transition.”<sup>21</sup> Both claims are incorrect and without any factual basis.

#### **D. Fundraising Solicitation**

The Supplemental Complaint claims that Rick Scott for Florida and New Republican PAC “shared the same fundraiser.”<sup>22</sup> The fundraising firm of Drucker Lawhon, LLC, provides services to both entities, subject to a written firewall policy that complies with the requirements of 11 C.F.R. § 109.21(h). Jenny Drucker provides services to Rick Scott for Florida, while Alex Lawhon provides services to New Republican PAC. Ms. Drucker and Mr. Lawhon are “firewalled” with respect to the two clients and the above-referenced policy prohibits each from sharing non-public, material information about their respective client’s plans, projects, activities, or needs with the other.

The Supplemental Complaint asserts that a solicitation for contributions to Rick Scott for Florida was distributed on March 29, 2018, and included an address at 224 E. 6th Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. (New Republican PAC has no information about the referenced fundraising solicitation.) The Complainant asserts that “[t]his is the very same address that was used by New Republican PAC until it filed an amended statement of organization on April 5.”<sup>23</sup> New Republican PAC left the address above on or about January 1, 2018, and moved to office space located at 204 S. Monroe Street, Suite 201-A, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. As reflected on its 2017 Year End Report, New Republican PAC made its first rent payment for office space at S. Monroe Street on December 13, 2017. (Rent for this space is paid to Tag Real Estate Holdings, LLC.) Contrary to the Complainant’s claims, New Republican PAC did not share office space with Rick Scott for Florida at any time.

#### **E. Complainant’s Establish, Finance, Maintain, or Control Argument**

The Complainant advances an alternative theory that “now that Scott is a federal candidate, the Committee is prohibited from raising or spending funds outside of the federal limits in connection with any federal election.”<sup>24</sup> The Complainant cites the Act’s “established, financed, maintained or controlled” provision at 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e). While the Commission sometimes treats these four terms as four separate terms of art, the terms “establish,” “finance,” “maintain,” and “control” are not individually defined. Rather, Commission regulations define the phrase “*establish, finance, maintain, or control*” at 11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c), which sets forth ten factors to be “examined in the context of the overall relationship between sponsor and the entity.”<sup>25</sup> Factors 1, 2, and 3 at 11 C.F.R. §300.2(c)(2) address the term “control.” Factors 4, 5, and 6 generally address “control” and “maintenance” through common and overlapping

---

<sup>21</sup> *Id.*

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*

<sup>23</sup> Supplemental Complaint at 2.

<sup>24</sup> Initial Complaint at 4.

<sup>25</sup> See generally MUR 7070 (Congressional Leadership Fund), Factual and Legal Analysis at 3; MUR 6753 (People for Pearce), Factual and Legal Analysis at 4-5.



personnel. Factor 9 addresses the question of “establishment,” while Factors 7, 8, and 10 address the issue of “financing.”

### **1. New Republican PAC Was Not “Established” By Governor Scott.**

As explained above, Governor Scott did not “establish” New Republican PAC. Specifically, Governor Scott (including any “agent” of Governor Scott) had no “active or significant role in the formation of the entity.” 11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c)(2)(ix). The PAC was established by Alex Castellanos in 2013. The references in the Initial Complaint to Advisory Opinions 2009-06 (Risch), 2007-01 (McCaskill), and 11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c)(4)(ii) are all irrelevant to this matter. Advisory Opinions 2009-06 and 2007-01 both involved pre-existing state campaign committees of federal candidates/officeholders, and there was no question or issue in either case whether the requestor had established his or her own state campaign committee.<sup>26</sup> Section 300.2(c)(4)(ii) specifically applies in situations where “a sponsor may have established an entity within the meaning of [11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c)(2)].” Again, Governor Scott played no role in establishing New Republican PAC. The Complainant is well aware of this fact, and even notes that “the Committee first registered in 2013,”<sup>27</sup> but nevertheless presents this frivolous argument in bad faith.

### **2. New Republican PAC Was “Controlled” By Melissa Stone and Blaise Hazelwood From December 2017 – January 2018, and by Blaise Hazelwood From February 2018 – Present.**

The Complainant also claims that “[s]ince May 2017, the Committee has unquestionably been controlled by Scott.” Initial Complaint at 4. This is incorrect. New Republican PAC does not dispute that Governor Scott exercised some degree of “control” over the PAC during the second half of 2017. However, that “control” ended when Governor Scott ceased serving as the Honorary Chair of New Republican PAC in late 2017. Since December 2017, Governor Scott has not “direct[ed] or participate[d] in the governance of the entity,” and has not had “the authority or ability to hire, appoint, demote, or otherwise control the officers, or other decision-making employees or members of the entity.”<sup>28</sup> Governor Scott was not involved in hiring the current Executive Director, Blaise Hazelwood. Governor Scott ceased exercising any “control” over the PAC’s operations in late 2017, long before he became a federal candidate.

---

<sup>26</sup> Advisory Opinion 2009-06 (Risch) involved U.S. Senator Jim Risch’s former state campaign committee, Jim Risch for Lieutenant Governor Committee. Advisory Opinion 2009-06 specifically notes that “Senator Risch is a Federal officeholder, and the [Jim Risch for Lieutenant Governor] Committee is an entity that is directly established, financed, maintained, and controlled by him.” Advisory Opinion 2007-01 (McCaskill) involved U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill’s former state campaign committee, McCaskill for Auditor. This opinion noted that “Senator McCaskill is both a Federal candidate and officeholder, and the Committee [McCaskill for Auditor] is an entity that is directly established, financed, maintained, and controlled by her.”

<sup>27</sup> Initial Complaint at 1.

<sup>28</sup> 11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c)(2)(ii), (iii).

New Republican PAC and Governor Scott's federal campaign committee have no "common or overlapping officers or employees." Any shared independent contractors operate pursuant to a Section 109.21(h) firewall.

**3. New Republican PAC Was Never "Financed" or "Maintained" By Governor Scott.**

Governor Scott raised funds for New Republican PAC in the past, while he was the organization's Honorary Chair, but he has never "financed" the PAC himself. Governor Scott does not "provide[] funds or goods in a significant amount or on an ongoing basis to" New Republican PAC, and he does not "cause[] or arrange[] for funds in a significant amount or on an ongoing basis to be provided" to New Republican PAC.<sup>29</sup> To the extent that Governor Scott ever engaged in these activities for the benefit of New Republican PAC, this has not occurred since December 2017.

The Complainant does not address the term "maintained." Nevertheless, none of the factors addressing "maintenance" of an entity set forth at 11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c)(2) have any application here.

As explained above, Governor Scott became a federal candidate on or about April 9, 2018 – after leaving his position as Honorary Chair of New Republican PAC in early December 2017. New Republican PAC was not established by any federal candidate or officeholder, and it has never been financed, maintained, or controlled by any federal candidate or officeholder.

**III. Conclusion**

The Complaint's allegations do not withstand scrutiny. New Republican PAC has operated consistently with the Act and Commission rules and regulations at all times during its existence. New Republican PAC was not, and has not been, established, financed, maintained, or controlled by any federal candidate or officeholder, and New Republican PAC has operated independently, as required of independent expenditure-only committees, at all times. The Commission should dismiss the Complaint.

Sincerely,



Michael Bayes  
Counsel to New Republican PAC

Attachments

---

<sup>29</sup> 11 C.F.R. § 300.2(c)(2)(vii), (viii).

**AFFIDAVIT OF BLAISE HAZELWOOD**

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named BLAISE HAZELWOOD, and makes this her Statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts and things set forth are true and correct to the best of her knowledge:

1. I am Blaise Hazelwood. I currently serve as the Executive Director of New Republican PAC, and have served in that capacity since February 1, 2018.
2. I am the owner of Grassroots Targeting LLC, which has its principle place of business in Alexandria, Virginia. Grassroots Targeting LLC contracts with New Republican PAC for my services.
3. Since becoming the Executive Director of New Republican PAC on February 1, 2018, I have made all decisions regarding New Republican PAC's operations and activities.
4. As Executive Director of New Republican PAC, I made the decision to contract with each of New Republican PAC's current vendors and consultants. I made these contracting decisions beginning in February 2018.
5. I have not spoken with, or otherwise communicated with, Governor Rick Scott about any matters pertaining to the plans, activities, or strategies of New Republican PAC. On or about December 12, 2017, I spoke with Governor Scott on topics of a social nature, but Governor Scott and I did not discuss New Republican PAC or Governor Scott's future plans.
6. I commissioned a poll by McLaughlin & Associates on or about March 1, 2018. The decision to commission this poll was mine and mine alone, and I did not discuss the poll or its commissioning at any time with Governor Rick Scott. I did not discuss the results of the poll or the McLaughlin & Associates memorandum with Governor Rick Scott.
7. After becoming the Executive Director of New Republican PAC, I made the decision to prepare a redesigned website with the intention of publicly launching the redesigned website if Governor Scott decided to become a candidate for the U.S. Senate. I did not discuss this redesigned website with Governor Rick Scott. I discussed the redesigned website only with individuals contracted with New Republican PAC as vendors or consultants.
8. I never discussed with Governor Rick Scott his decision to become a candidate for the U.S. Senate and I had no involvement in his decision-making process.
9. I did not attend the March 3, 2018 event hosted by New Republican PAC in Naples, Florida, and I was not involved in planning or organizing that event.

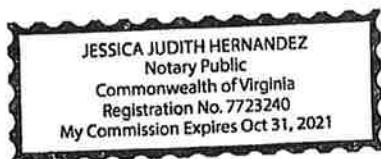
10. The only individuals with whom I have spoken with, or otherwise communicated about, New Republican PAC's operations, activities, plans, and strategies are the PAC's contracted personnel, consultants, and counsel.

DATED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018



Signature of Affiant, Blaise Hazelwood

SWORN to subscribed before me, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

10/31/2021



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**May 11, 2017**

**CONTACT: Melissa Stone**  
**225-772-3059, Press@NewRepublican.org**

## **Governor Scott to Chair “New Republican” Federal Super PAC**

*PAC focused on rebranding the Republican Party, Deregulating America’s economy & Reinventing government*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, Florida Governor Rick Scott announced that he will chair the Super PAC NewRepublican.org, launching a new national effort to change and rebrand the way the Republican Party approaches the challenges of the future.

Governor Scott said, “New Republican’s goal is to make the Republican Party Great Again. Both political parties are hopelessly stuck in WWI style trench warfare. Both political parties are failing us. There is nothing new, it’s the same thing every day - lob some grenades over the ditch and then brace for incoming. The goal of New Republican is to break out of this trench warfare. We have to get rid of all our tired old political jargon and clichés.

“New Republican will market ‘open versus closed’ systems and ‘new versus old’ policies. We will make it clear that Republicans favor an open economy that is free to grow versus a closed and regulated government economy that stagnates. We favor an open education system that provides choices as opposed to a closed antiquated government run system that is one size fits all. We favor an open health care system that stimulates innovation versus a closed government run system. We favor organic bottom up solutions to problems, the Democrats favor top down big government solutions to every problem. We favor empowering people at the local level, the Democrats favor federal government decisions made in Washington.”

New Republican was founded by Republican strategist and advertising legend Alex Castellanos a few years ago. Castellanos will serve as the Super PAC’s senior advisor. The Governor also announced that his former chief of staff and 2014 reelection campaign manager, Melissa Stone, will serve as the executive director of New Republican. Taylor Teepell, who has previously served in Governor Scott’s administration and the administrations of Miss. Governor Haley Barbour and La. Governor Bobby Jindal, will serve as the PAC’s finance director.

“Donald Trump’s election was a complete shock to the system in Washington,” Governor Scott said. “This is the perfect opportunity to do things differently. The President is a friend of mine. I’ve known him for about 20 years. I am committed to helping him as he fights against the political machine and attempts to force real change upon a political system and a city that hates change. Donald Trump needs a Republican Party that supports him with ideas that will make American Great, and ideas that the American people want. New Republican will be an idea generator.”

Visit NewRepublican.org for more information and to view some of the TV and digital advertising the PAC is prepared to launch in the coming months.

###