



The Republican Party of Wisconsin plans on running protest candidates in recall elections. Republican Party of Wisconsin Executive Director Stephan Thompson released a statement on the decision to run protest candidates. He says that in an effort to ensure election fairness, the Republican Party has recruited protest candidates to run in all of the upcoming recall elections. The protest candidates will run as Democrats to guarantee that there is one clear date for the primary election and one clear date for the general election. Thompson says the Republican Party will not actively campaign for the protest candidates, other than collecting nomination signatures to ensure their place on the ballot. Thompson adds that without protest candidates, the Democratic Party would be able to control the dates in which Republican officials face election, potentially separating the elections for State Senate and Lieutenant Governor from the Governor.