

June 24, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Nicholas P. Profitt, Chairman  
The Republican Party of Chesapeake  
P.O. Box 15555, Chesapeake VA 23328

Dear Chairman Profitt,

It is with a clear conscience and unwavering resolve that I submit my formal resignation from the Republican Party of Chesapeake.

From the moment I stepped into my role as Sheriff, I led with experience, integrity, and dedication to the people of Chesapeake. With over 23 years of service in the Sheriff's Office, I have earned my position—not through political favors or backdoor deals—but through hard work, loyalty, and results. I strengthened partnerships with federal agencies like ICE, expanded the School Resource Deputy program in our elementary schools, enhanced programs for seniors like Senior Safety/Scams and Senior Self Defense and began the development of a Mental Health Therapeutic Rehabilitation Unit to treat individuals in need and reduce recidivism. I served this city—not a political machine—and I have always put public safety, transparency, and people above politics.

Yet, from the very beginning, the party chose not to support me. In fact, it actively worked against me. Rather than championing experience and proven leadership, I was undermined, dismissed, and used as a political scapegoat—my Brooklyn, NY roots thrown back in my face despite moving to Chesapeake in 1999 and dedicating my life to serving this community. I was told I was "just like" former Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, a man who stood up for what was right and had the courage to speak out against corruption within this very party. That same courage, I now exercise.

The reality is, certain party insiders—Randy and Shirley Forbes among them—have created a culture of exclusion and control, propping up inexperienced candidates they believe they can manipulate, while pushing out those who disagree or dare to stand independently. That's not leadership—that's politics at its worst.

It has become painfully clear that this party is no longer a place where truth, experience, or diversity is respected. As a minority, a man of color, and a servant leader, I have felt the cold edge of a party that speaks about values while turning its back on them behind closed doors.

I was not sworn in to serve a party, I was sworn in to serve the people. And I will continue to do just that. In November, the people of Chesapeake will decide who their sheriff is—not political insiders. I am running as a **"Write-In"** candidate, and I ask those who believe in integrity, experience, and community-first leadership to **Write In "Dave Rosado" to Keep Our Sheriff.**

I will not participate in a party more concerned with power than principle. I remain committed to protecting the people of Chesapeake and honoring the oath I took.

Sincerely,

  
**Sheriff Dave Rosado**