

Andrew McKenna
Chairman
Illinois Republican Party
205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1245
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Chairman McKenna:

The undersigned organizations are requesting that you, on behalf of the Illinois Republican Party, repudiate the hateful statements of the Republican nominee for the Illinois 5th Congressional District special election, Rosanna Pulido. Ms. Pulido has made a series of remarks that insult Muslims, the Catholic Church, immigrants, African Americans, Mexicans, and gays and lesbians.

If the Illinois Republican Party is to remain viable, it needs to embrace the full diversity of our state, rather than putting forward sentiments such as those expressed by Ms. Pulido. In particular, the Party should seek solutions to the immigration issue, rather than aggravating division.

As chairman of the Illinois Republican Party, we call upon you to clearly state that the Party has no room for hatred. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Joshua Hoyt Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Jamal M. Afaf Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago
Rev. Michael Shanahan PRIESTS FOR JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS
Ahmed Rehab Council of American-Islamic Relations - Chicago
Gene Ramsey Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
Shykira Richards NAACP (Vice President) Loyola University
College Chapter
Jim Madigan Equality Illinois