

**Washington State Republican Party's Chairman Susan Hutchison's statement on the events in Charlottesville, VA**



Dear Friends,

The event in Charlottesville called “Unite the Right” was a White Supremacist and neo-Nazi protest march and had nothing to do with the Republican Party. Republicans will never “unite” with these extremists and their views.

I am a co-sponsor of [this RNC resolution](#) which denounces these extremist organizations and also explains the historical record of Republicans against racism. Please read it here.

It came to light yesterday, that one participant at the march was the President of College Republicans at WSU. While the Republican Party has no authority over the organization called College Republicans (CR), I promptly contacted their national and state offices with this message:

Swift action is required against James Allsup, the President of CR-WSU who marched in the “Unite the Right” event this weekend. His videos were repulsive and do not represent the values and standards of the Republican Party. I call on you to denounce his actions and affiliations with all white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups.

Allsup resigned late yesterday. It should be noted that in a news report Sunday, Allsup did not claim to be a Republican but instead a “paleo-conservative” or “right wing libertarian”.

The Democrats and leftists in our state hope to tie this ugly episode to the Republican party, our elected officials and candidates. Instead, we will use their attacks as an opportunity to affirm our Party's stand against racism and bigotry.

Respectfully,  
Chairman Susan Hutchison