

## Madison RINO Mob Strikes Again: Johnson And Jordahl Sandbag Hagedorn's Supreme Court Candidacy By Mark Belling, WISN-AM

I have been railing for weeks about how the state Republican Party has been sold out by incompetent Madison insiders who are more interested in protecting their lobbying clients than electing Republican and conservative candidates.

Nothing proves my point more than the antics this week by longtime GOP hacks R.J. Johnson and Deb Jordahl, who have lined their pockets for years off of Republican political campaigns and activism. Johnson and Jordahl are trying to shield their patrons at the Wisconsin Realtors Association from criticism for the group's religious bigotry aimed at conservative State Supreme Court candidate Brian Hagedorn.

The Realtors, whose president is Michael Theo, a signer of the anti-Scott Walker recall petition, recently withdrew support of Hagedorn in a vile attack on the religious beliefs of Hagedorn and a Christian school he helped found. That decision was sharply criticized by me on my program Friday and by Republican State Senators Ducey Stroebel and Dave Craig, both Realtors themselves.

Racing to the Realtors' rescue Monday were Johnson and Jordahl, partners in a Madison lobbying and consulting firm and tight with the Realtors. Johnson and Jordahl are also Madison-based GOP insiders of the ilk I contend have been mismanaging political campaigns. Johnson has been a behind the scenes leader of the state Republican party but clearly has put his consulting business ahead of any desire to get conservatives elected to office.

It is telling that when push came to shove Johnson and Jordahl placed a higher priority on shilling for the Realtors than electing a Supreme Court justice. It is profoundly revealing moment about the priorities of two purported GOP "leaders."

The Madison swamp may be even murkier than the one in Washington. Last year a state Supreme Court race was lost when two inept campaign managers who came from the Koch Brothers political operation mismanaged the campaign of candidate Michael Screnock. Now, Hagedorn's campaign against leftist Lisa Neubauer is suddenly sabotaged by Johnson and Jordahl.

Until state Republicans separate the party's leadership from Madison insiders whose conflicts of interest lead them to sell state conservatives out, look for more losing elections. The Madison Swamp needs to be drained, hopefully before the entire Walker Revolution is a distant memory.

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