

To the Honorable Kane County Township Chairs and Officers of the Kane County Central Committee:

At times the law requires us to do difficult things. Because I will be a candidate for Kane County Circuit Judge (for the vacancy created by the resignation of David R. Akemann) I must resign as the Chairman of the Kane County Republican Central Committee and as Precinct Committeeman in Elgin 24, effective immediately.

I wish the law did not require my resignations at this time, but it does. I cannot adequately express my feelings. I have never quit anything -- I have no choice. Although I am heavyhearted, I find solace in knowledge that while I was Chairman, working with you, we were able to impact Kane County for the good. For the last three and one half years, together we have promoted Republican ideals and candidates. With the many successes and the few defeats, we have made Kane County a better place.

Please accept my resignations knowing that I will, to the extent the law allows, promote the ideals of liberty and freedom that are the backbone of our Party.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Hartwell