



Osage County Republican Committee
PO Box 196
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Vetting@OsageCountyRepublicans.com

March 3, 2026

**Notice: Receipt of Your 2026 Filing Fee Check
– Required Next Steps**

Sonya Brandt
via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Brandt:

We received your filing fee check today via certified mail from the Osage County Clerk's office. Please be advised that receipt of this check does not constitute acceptance of your filing fee or approval of your candidacy under the Republican label.

We are holding your check for 7 calendar days (until March 10, 2026) to allow time for you to complete the required vetting process. If vetting is not successfully completed by March 9, your check will be returned by certified mail.

Regarding the use of taxpayer funds: We have been informed that some county officials are reportedly planning to use public taxpayer dollars to challenge the committee's vetting process. This is particularly concerning in an election year when Osage County voters will decide on two initiatives aimed at easing the tax burden on residents and seniors. How can spending taxpayer money to avoid a free process required by their own political party sit well with the taxpayers of Osage County?

Vetting is free, online, and straightforward. It demonstrates your alignment with conservative Republican principles and protects the Republican label for voters. Please complete the process as outlined in our January 31, 2026, letter to you (copy attached as page 2).

If you have any questions, reply to this email or contact me directly.

Contact me at OCRC@OsageCountyRepublicans.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Rantz, Chairwoman
Osage County Republican Central Committee

Enclosure (page 2): Copy of your January 31, 2026 courtesy notice

Additional Enclosure: Copy of the filing fee check received from the Osage County Clerk

cc: Craig Rantz, OCRC Treasurer



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**Courtesy Notice: Vetting Process and Filing Fee
Details for 2026 Re-Election**

Dear Judge Brandt:

I hope this letter finds you well. As the recently elected Chair of the Osage County Republican Committee, I wanted to reach out as a courtesy regarding the upcoming 2026 election cycle. Our late former Chair, Mark Lieneke, explained at Lincoln Day last year that the Committee will again be vetting Republican candidates for office. All details of the process—including deadlines, requirements, and steps—are included in the enclosed attachment.

To help make the filing process as straightforward as possible for you as an incumbent, here are the key details for submitting your \$100 filing fee upon successful vetting completion. You will receive an invoice by email offering:

- **Preferred Option:** Use the secure Square payment link for credit/debit card or e-check—quick and immediate receipt.
- **Alternative:** Mail a check or money order to our PO Box (see above). Our last pickup at the box will be noon on March 31, 2026 (filing deadline). Please allow time for USPS—we're not responsible for postal delays.

A digital receipt will be emailed for you to submit to the County Clerk. For your convenience, full details (including no cash, hand-delivery policies, and handling if paying via the Clerk) are posted on our website at:

OsageCountyRepublicans.com/Vetting/Vetting-Notification-Platform-Review/#Fee-Payment-Specifics

We're happy to answer any questions—just reach out!

Sincerely,

/s/ Linda Rantz

Linda Rantz, Chair
Osage County Republican Central Committee

Enclosure: OCRC Potential Candidate Letter and Vetting Instructions

PS: Save the Date — April 30th — Osage County Lincoln Days!

HOLD – DO NOT DEPOSIT

PENDING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF VETTING PROCESS

TO DEPOSIT VISIT WWW.FIRSTUNITED.COM

Sonya Brandt 4681
80-1401/815

Date 2/24/26

Pay to the Order of Osage County Republican Cmtee \$ 100.00/100
One hundred and 00/100 Dollars

For [Redacted] [Redacted] MP

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