

Regarding the **Secretary of State** race:

As we have endeavored to fight covid tyranny, our efforts over the years have been consistently obstructed in the legislature by the current Speaker of the House, Clay Schexnayder. Business closures and harassments, mask mandates for adults and children as young as two, contact tracing, quarantine, lost time at work and school - all resulted from Clay Schexnayder blocking any and every attempt to end Governor Edwards' declared public health emergency which ultimately lasted for TWO YEARS, in addition to blocking legislation that would have prohibited mandates.

We continue to draw attention to Schexnayder's failings as he runs for political office again, this time for Secretary of State. As we stand opposed to his election, we cannot in good conscience support anyone who defended his actions or character given how much the people of this state have suffered at his hands.

Yet this is exactly what Brandon Trosclair did in the comments of The Hayride's facebook post in May 2021 - more than a year into the protests, rallies, and recalls. Under an article titled "**Meet Clay Schexnayder, a Person Who Sucks**," Trosclair declared it to be a "pathetic attack," and "he's a great guy." He continued by attacking the Hayride, undoubtedly a favorite conservative publication, by stating "most of [Hayride's] articles say whatever you want whether it's true or not."

Additionally, HFL Co-Director Jill Hines is a plaintiff in the Missouri v Biden censorship lawsuit and while clearly many government agencies have colluded to censor citizens, there is not one shred of evidence through the discovery of that lawsuit that points to our current Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin, as one of those who did. Unfortunately, Trosclair includes in his presentations that Ardoin has, and as a plaintiff in that lawsuit, knowing there is just no evidence of that, we cannot in good conscience support him while he does so. (This statement was approved by Jill's attorneys.)

Given all of this, it is impossible for us to support Mr. Trosclair.

We do commend Mr. Trosclair for standing with twenty-seven states and more than sixty plaintiffs across the country who sued the federal government for imposing a vaccine mandate through OSHA.

We support Nancy Landry, current Assistant Secretary of State, for this position. The current SoS office has done much for the integrity of our elections. They supported and promoted SB221, legislation that gave us paper ballots and an auditable election which we did not have before. At the beginning of the pandemic they worked to block concessions other states did which are rife with fraud by suing with Attorney General Jeff Landry to prohibit extended mail-in ballots, ballot drop boxes, and curbside voting. Nancy Landry encouraged the legislature to pass HB646, a bill to clean up the voter rolls, and when Governor Edwards vetoed it (a third time) she implored the legislature to override his veto (they did not). Seeing the same fate for Blake Miguez's Zuckerbucks bill - a bill that prohibits the use of private money to fund elections i.e. funds from Mark Zuckerberg - since it had already been vetoed by Edwards in 2021, Nancy Landry suggested it be carried as a constitutional amendment so it couldn't be vetoed again, and it is now on the ballot.

Lastly, as this is politics, one must look at all possible scenarios. As of this writing, Clay Shexnayder and a Democrat are leading the race. This is due in part to having so many Republican candidates (only two democrats) so the vote is being split. We shudder at the possibility of ending up with Clay as SoS. Nancy Landry is not far behind Clay in the polls and we believe she has the best odds at defeating him.

Hayride article about Clay we refer to above: <https://spectator.org/clay-schexnayder-sucks/>

You can view Trosclair's comments responding to that article here:

<https://www.facebook.com/185465169674/posts/10159367682239675/?mibextid=5MEvZV>

SB221 <https://legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?i=240619>

Hayride article about issue with splitting the vote in the SoS race:

<https://thehayride.com/2023/09/trafalgar-poll-has-landry-with-commanding-lead-muddled-race-for-sos>

HB646 <https://legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?s=23RS&b=HB646&sbi=y>

Zuckerbucks Constitutional Amendment <https://legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?i=244208>

