

CONFIDENTIAL MAYOR BRYCE B. SMITH CITY MANAGER EUGENE C. ZACHMAN  
SUBMITTED TO MAYOR BRYCE B. SMITH CITY MANAGER EUGENE C. ZACHMAN  
FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY J. C. WILLIAMS

The subject matter herein pertains to the formation of a new local democratic party composed only of municipal employees.

The necessity and purpose of such a party is obvious, as slanderous statements are being continually cast as to the fitness, ability and sincerity of any and all municipal employees. We feel it is our unequivocal privilege, as citizens and voters of Kansas City, to defend ourselves from such false accusations.

We also desire to remove the stigma of the so-called "machine boss controlled organization" with which opponents and local newspapers brand us.

As a group of municipal employees who are conscientiously performing their duties, we contend that we have the right to organize our own party for the preservation and protection of our jobs and to vindicate ourselves and our duly elected City Officials in the eyes of our citizens and of the world.

We maintain that we possess the same privilege as opposing groups to organize our own party, to appoint our ward leaders, precinct captains and sub-workers and to lay our case before the citizens and voters. Others groups are doing this and are also obtaining workers under promises of our jobs to circulate recall petitions against our Mayor and City Councilmen whose sincerity of purpose should be unquestioned in view of action they have taken.

We state emphatically that we wholeheartedly believe in the sincerity of our Mayor, City Councilman and other elective City Officials and absolutely believe false the accusations now filed. Without question of a doubt, the large majority of votes they received in the last City election indicated the people's choice, such majority of votes being absolutely bonafide, as all groups have conceded that honesty prevailed in this election.

We declare ourselves unreservedly in favor of a recall election as the one method in which we may vindicate ourselves and our City Officials of false accusations made. We await the outcome with confidence in the knowledge that the citizens of Kansas City know their present City Administrative Personnel and the type of municipal government

they are receiving, while the so-called Charter Group have as yet to announce their candidates. We know the people will not be fooled by the cloak of sanctuary, by the "holier than thou" spirit assumed by this Charter Group which is composed of disgruntled democrats and old guard republicans who have been repudiated by the voters countless times.

For the purpose of organizing and incorporating, we the undersigned, have declared ourselves as the respective officers of this association, styled as the "Municipal Employees Democratic Club", and shall serve until such time as our successors are elected.

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

It is our intention of calling a mass; meeting of all City employees not later than September 1st, 1939, for the purpose of obtaining one hundred percent membership and the permanent election of officers of the association, committies and any and all other administrative personel.

We declare our purpose and will seek the adoption of the following platform at this meeting:

First: We declare ourselves for a strict observance in every detail with our City Charter and administrative code.

Second: We declare ourselves for efficient, economical municipal government and dedicate our utmost efforts to the fulfillment of this accomplishment.

Third: We declare ourselves in favor of the discharge of any and all unnecessary city employees.

Fourth: We declare ourselves in favor of the discharge of any city employee, a member of the organization or not, for any justifiable reason whatever, after such reason has been proven.

Fifth: We declare and pledge ourselves to recognize and work in conjunction with such City Officials, elective or appointive, who become the people's choice by virtue of their election or appointment of an elected official.

Sixth:

Seventh:

Eighth:

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Tenth:

Eleventh:

Twelfth: