

## Collaborative “Call Out” of Steve Stivers, Election Day 2017

### Background:

Rep. Steve Stivers, Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), initiated a meeting with Steve Bannon last Friday, November 3, to strike a deal with the Nazi sympathizer. Stivers asked the head of *Breitbart News* to spare the House incumbents from the divisive primaries Bannon is organizing against Senate GOP incumbents in the 2018 midterm election.

Stivers even asked Bannon to sign an NRCC fundraising appeal!

But that’s not all – during the conversation the two agreed that a legislative fix to grant legal status to Dreamers would “tear apart the party and hurt Republican candidates in 2018,” according to a source familiar with the meeting.”

(<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/nov/03/steve-bannon-gop-house-truce-daca>)

The DACA program is set to expire in March 2018.

Just a year ago, Stivers had this to say about Brannon when he was named chief White House Strategist.

*Asked specifically about what Bannon's role says about Trump's administration, Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers, a close Ryan ally, responded, "But I also see Reince Priebus as the chief of staff, and the White House chief of staff is the most important, powerful position... so I feel like (Trump's) done a good job of doing an inclusive pick so far."*

*Pressed on Bannon, Stivers said, "I don't know a lot about Steve Bannon, so I don't care to be an expert on him."*

*And more broadly on his ties to Breitbart, which routinely attacks Ryan and his allies, Stivers said that was irrelevant. "Everybody has a paycheck, and to get a paycheck, they work. He worked to get a paycheck, and he worked for an employer. And I'm not going to attack somebody based on where they work."*

([https://www.buzzfeed.com/tariniparti/steve-bannon-who-washington-republicans-say-they-dont-know-t?utm\\_term=.jv99pLx7e#.yu1dJXaAl](https://www.buzzfeed.com/tariniparti/steve-bannon-who-washington-republicans-say-they-dont-know-t?utm_term=.jv99pLx7e#.yu1dJXaAl))

Read more about last Friday’s meeting at:

<https://www.politico.com/story/2017/11/03/bannon-meets-with-house-gop-campaign-strategists-244514>

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/paul-ryan-didnt-sign-off-on-nrcc-truce-with-steve-bannon/article/2639567>

## **Action:**

Tuesday, November 7, is Election Day. What better opportunity to tell Rep. Stivers that his time in office is limited? He has, in fact, one year to face voters who are not amused by his alliance with a man who “proudly” told a reporter at the 2016 Republican National Convention ‘we’re the platform for the alt right.’”

(<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/stephen-bannon-five-things-to-know>)

Resistance groups in District 15 are collaborating on a “Call Out Steve Stivers” phone-a-thon on Election Day. Specific groups are hosting shifts and lining up callers to jam the lines and cram the voice mail. Our message is specifically about the Stivers-Bannon meeting on November 3. If you belong to one of the groups covering a shift, we encourage you to call then; however, if that won’t jive with your schedule, then by all means call anytime you can on Election Day. If you are not a member of a group, please call, and consider joining one of our organizations!

We encourage you to call ALL of the Stivers’ offices and if you get voice mail, try later until you get a human. We also urge you to keep the person on the phone for as long as possible. We would like to completely monopolize all of his offices on this issue for the entire day.

**As an adjunct to the Election Day Call Out, you are encouraged to write letters to the editor to bring this meeting to the public’s attention.**

## **Key Points:**

- Stivers has formed an unholy alliance with someone who is associated with the Alt Right, supports white supremacy, and jeopardizes freedom for all Americans. Steve Bannon has been characterized as a Nazi sympathizer, and even called a Nazi by John Dean. David Duke (former head of the KKK) was one of the biggest supporters of Bannon’s White House appointment.
- Stivers has struck a deal with Bannon to protect his and other GOP incumbents’ seats at the expense of the promises made to those in the DACA program – some made by Trump himself.
- Stivers didn’t even consult with Speaker Ryan before setting up the November 3rd meeting with Bannon.
- The DACA program is set to expire in March 2018.

**Sample Phone Script:** *Usually our calls are very issue oriented and we are intent upon making well thought-out points that can just be tallied on a spreadsheet.*

*But this call is different. **This time the goal is to keep them on the phone for as long as possible, and use up their time** – ask lots of open-ended questions and let them stumble around answering them.*

***End your call with this thought: only one year before the people oust Rep. Stivers and elect someone who does not make deals with champions of the Alt-Right.***

*Below is a sample of a rambling call - time for their answers are notated by the .... Have fun, and make them yearn for quitting time!*

“Hello, my name is Jane Smith and I would like to speak to someone about Rep. Stivers’ recent meeting with Steve Bannon. .... Oh, that is you? ..... What is your name and title?..... So why did he do it? ..... So Rep. Stivers thinks Bannon is someone who is trustworthy?..... Wouldn’t you say this was a campaign related meeting, and really didn’t serve his constituents? ..... I’m not happy that he is meeting with this man. Do you know much about him?..... Well, my research says he supports the Alt Right. Do you know what that is? ..... What do you think the Alt Right is? ..... Do you support the Alt Right? ..... Then how can you work for someone who had a meeting with one of the heroes of the Alt Right?.... Is Rep. Stivers a member of the Alt Right?..... Did you know Rep. Stivers asked Bannon to sign a fundraising letter for Republicans?..... I don’t think I would donate to something that had Steve Bannon’s name on it. Why did he do that?..... I have friends who are Republicans, and I don’t think they like Steve Bannon either. Don’t you think that getting his endorsement is a bad idea?..... What is the DACA program? ..... What does Rep. Stivers think about it?..... Had Rep. Stivers released anything about how he would vote on it?..... Why did he put that in the deal with Bannon at that meeting last Friday?..... What is he saying his reasoning was? ..... I’m pretty outraged that he did that. Have others said the same thing?..... You realize this is Election Day, right?..... *(and on and on and on for as long as you can go....)*

**You know, after this whole cutting a deal for elections and DACA thing between Stivers and Bannon, I’m really energized about making sure he isn’t re-elected next year. Have others told you that?.....”**

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