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Broward GOP to elect chair tonight





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Broward Republican activists will elect a chair tonight.

Chairman **Bob Sutton** is seeking re-election and will face **Rico Petrocelli**, who was briefly the chair (<https://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2013/02/broward-gop-interim-chair-surprised-that-chair-quit.html>) in 2013 but then quit citing vague "irreconcilable differences" with the board. Petrocelli, a former Plantation council member, lost a race for Broward Soil and Water Conservation District on Nov. 8th.

Sutton faced criticism in April after he made an oral sex reference to **Hillary Clinton** (<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/article74530512.html>).

"I think when Donald Trump debates Hillary Clinton she's going to go down like Monica Lewinsky," he said. Sutton quickly apologized (<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article74626857.html>).

Petrocelli said the party needs to be more organized before the 2018 election for governor and U.S. Senate.

"We need to harness the energy of Trump volunteers," he said.

The main challenge for the next chair of the Broward Republican Executive Committee will be to grow the party as it's share of the electorate has been shrinking in the left-leaning county. In recent years, Broward Republicans have become outnumbered by independents. The county has about 600,000 Democrats, 258,000 Republicans and about 330,000 independents.

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