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CDCPTR's 2008 Local Elections

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CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Good Government Begins With You!

Based upon our Candidate Forum the CDCPTR endorses the following Candidates:

Indiana House of Representatives Candidates

Indiana House of Representatives District 33

Republican

Bill Davis

Democrat

***~~Andy Schemenaur~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

Bill Davis is the CDCPTR's pick in this race. Bill has consistently served the best interests of the taxpayers of Indiana during his tenure as State Representative for District 33. He has vowed to continue his support for the many local and state government reforms yet to be considered on the floor of the Indiana General Assembly. A consistent requirement of all of the CDCPTR's endorsee's is their unqualified support of SJR1. Bill Davis will lead the charge.

Indiana House of Representatives District 34

Republican

Ted Baker

Democrat

***~~Dennis Tyler~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

Political newcomer, Ted Baker earns the CDCPTR's endorsement for this seat. Ted brings a fresh perspective and sound understanding of the many issues affecting our County and its communities without the inhibiting influences of special interests. Unlike his opponent, Ted has vowed never to consider the constituents of his District as "unrepresentable" irrespective of their political differences. Ted Baker will be a great Representative for the future of Indiana.

Indiana House of Representatives District 35

Republican

Jack Lutz

Democrat

Lee Ann Mengelt

The CDCPTR finds this race just too close to call. Jack Lutz's record speaks for itself. Jack has routinely supported taxpayer friendly legislation and is unquestionable in his support of the second reading of SJR1. On the other hand, Lee Ann Mengelt is a fresh face bringing new energy and the ability to reach across the aisle on many important issues. Lee Ann promises to be very supportive of taxpayer's concerns and has firmly stated she will support SJR1.

Delaware County Commissioners Candidates

District 1

Republican

Bob Wilson

Democrat

***~~Don Dunnuck~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

Outgoing Commissioner, John Brooke, will be a tough act to follow. Brooke's defeat during the Primary Elections was a direct result of a carefully orchestrated, self-serving effort by special interests that had taken exception to Brooke's proactive, community friendly leadership. Therefore, the CDCPTR strongly recommends and endorses Bob Wilson for this seat. Bob understands the needs of this County and can make the tough decisions to move it forward.

District 2

Republican

Tom Bennington

Democrat

***~~Todd Donati~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

The CDCPTR endorses Tom Bennington in this race. Tom and the CDCPTR have not seen eye-to-eye on everything, but in the long run we feel that he has effectively supported taxpayer friendly efforts and will continue to do so. The current Commissioners have been leaders in the effort to modernize, consolidate and cut costs. Keeping Tom Bennington in office will insure that this very important effort survives.

Delaware County Council Candidates

At Large (3 elected)

Republican

Mel Botkin

Brad Razor

Joe Russell

Democrat

***~~Brad Bookout~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

***~~James King~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

***~~Kevin Nemyer~~**
Not interested in addressing the issues

Mel Botkin and Joe Russell have both been staunch advocates of continued reform and efficiency in the face of the growing costs of County government and a shrinking tax base. Brad Razor, like Mel and Joe, understands his primary responsibility lies with the citizens and their tax dollars. The CDCPTR believes their combined capabilities of making the tough decisions independent of external influences, is the team Delaware County needs for realistic fiscal management.

Delaware County Judicial, Treasurer and Surveyor Candidates

The Judicial candidates have always steered away from stating positions and policies during their campaigns. It is the CDCPTR's opinion that their positions of administering justice as opposed to dictating policies and fiscal decisions regarding our local government renders an endorsement of the three Circuit Court races irrelevant. The same issues regarding policy making and fiscal decisions remain true for the Treasurer and Surveyor races. Therefore the CDCPTR is not specifically endorsing any of the Judicial, Treasurer or Surveyor candidates but will acknowledge that there are several very well qualified individuals to choose from. We urge voters to consider the unbiased character and taxpayer friendly positions of each before voting.

*** Denotes candidates that were contacted by the CDCPTR by mail, telephone and in person numerous times starting in June, 2008. These candidates did not respond, or in many cases even acknowledge our invitation to participate in the Forum and respond to the tough questions that we, the voters and the taxpayers, have a right to know the answers to. It is our opinion that if they won't step up and answer to the inquiries of the public now, they won't when elected. Therefore, we don't think that they are deserving of your vote on Election Day.**

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