

Akron Tea Party Endorses Candidates



Akron, OH, April 26, 2010—To educate and inform its members and the general public, the non-partisan Akron Tea Party organization has been interviewing (vetting) candidates for state and national office. The vettings (including thirteen candidates) began in January and concluded this past Saturday.

Saturday morning meetings averaged 40-50 members. Candidates were each questioned for 1 ½ hours, receiving questions on a multitude of topics, from moderators Karl Harsney and Art Drentlau as well as members of the audience. Members of the audience numerically evaluated the candidates in the areas (1) Issue Knowledge, (2) Speaking Ability, (3) Candidate Trust, and (4) Overall Impression. Based on the candidates' scores, endorsements were determined by the Vetting Committee members.

Of the thirteen numerically scored candidates, eight have received the endorsement of the Akron Tea Party organization.

In keeping with the non-partisan philosophy of the Tea Party movement, candidates representing four political parties were interviewed. Representatives of the Republican, Democrat, and Constitutional parties are being endorsed. It is the belief of the Akron Tea Party that the core beliefs and principles of governance of the candidate are far more important than the political party association he or she holds.

Endorsed candidates are as follows: Sandra O'Brien, Ohio Secretary of State; Robert Owens, Ohio Attorney General; Eric Deaton, U.S. Senate; Dan Moadus, U.S. Congress, 17th district; M.E. Bing Henderson, U.S. Congress, 17th district; Paul Schiffer, U.S. Congress, 16th district; Justin Wooden, U.S. Congress 13th district; and Jason Meade, U.S. Congress, 13th district.

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In addition to the above endorsements, the Akron Tea Party is proud to endorse two of its own members for Summit County Council at Large. They are Amy Schwan and Mendy Palumbo.

The Akron Tea Party was formed in March 2009 and now has over 400 registered members. It is listed as a 527 group. A non-partisan organization, it is dedicated to preserving traditional American Values and defending the US Constitution.

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