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FIREFIGHTERS FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

The mission of the Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 124 PAC is to educate political figures about issues that impact firefighters and emergency medical personnel and to support candidates that advocate for strong communities, core services and a fiscally sound budget.

3rd District City Council

The 2015 3rd district primary race is one of our key focuses this year. The Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 124 PAC Board interviewed both candidates. The PAC Board has identified the candidate we believe would provide the best qualities of leadership to the people of Fort Wayne & the 3rd district. The endorsed candidate has professed strong support for public safety, core services, neighborhood infrastructure and community outreach. He also has an understanding of the commitment the Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 124 has in providing the highest level of service to our community.

Mark Stafford- (R)

Mark Stafford is a Republican running in the 3rd District. Mark has worked for the Parks and Recreation division in the City of Fort Wayne for 16 years and is a proud father of 5. He has been married to his wife for over 25 years, and is an active member in his church. He is advocating for strong communities, core services and restoring community infrastructure. He is a strong supporter and advocate of working families. Given a newly adopted state law that prohibits a municipal employee from holding an elected office while working in the City, Mark is prepared to leave his 16-year career with the City of Fort Wayne just for the opportunity to serve in a higher capacity.

6th District City Council

Glynn Hines- (D)

Glynn Hines is an incumbent for the 6th district council seat. He has held his seat on council since 1999. Along with strong support for his community and neighborhoods, Glynn has advocated and supported full staffing of the Fort Wayne Fire Department and core services. Glynn's focus is on neighborhood association empowerment, economic and business development, housing revitalization and new housing developments, public safety initiatives, and programs that focus on the youth, giving them positive alternatives to deviant behavior.

Glynn is married to Pamela Peterson-Hines. She is currently the Executive Director of the National Kidney Foundation of Northeast Indiana. They have been married since January 1, 1983 and have two daughters Monique and Candace. Monique blessed them with a grandson, Carlton Smith. Glynn also has two adult sons.

Educational background for Councilman Hines includes graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne, B.S. degree with a double major in History and Speech & Drama from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana and graduate study at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Glynn was formerly employed by Bank One as Assistant Vice President and with Xerox Corporation as Marketing Manager. His political career began in 1977 with then 1st District City Councilman John Nuckols. He worked as precinct committeeman in the 1st District. Glynn also served as campaign manager for 1st District Councilman Archie Lunsey in 1991.

Glynn is an active community volunteer, serving on the boards of the State of Indiana Commission for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, the Knight Foundation, Directors for the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, Citi Link Public Transit, and advisor to the S.O.A.R. Housing CDC Board. Glynn also served on the boards of the United Way of Allen County, Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission, Project Renew, NAACP, and the Gingerbread House

At Large City Council

The 2015 Council At-Large primary races are strongly contended by many qualified candidates. The Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 124 PAC Board was fortunate to interview 12 candidates (5 Republicans & 7 Democrats) for the 3 available seats. With such a large field of candidates, the PAC Board has identified 3 candidates from each party that we believe would provide the best qualities of leadership to the people of Fort Wayne. Regardless of party, the endorsed candidates have professed strong support for public safety, core services, neighborhood infrastructure and community outreach. They also have an understanding of the commitment the Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters 124 has in providing the highest level of service to our community.

Robert Armstrong- (R)

Mr. Armstrong is employed at Allen County Solid Waste and has been an At-Large member of the Allen County Council since 2009. Mr. Armstrong is an active member of the Fort Wayne community and shows his commitment to public service by serving, and having served, on numerous boards and committees including the FWCS School Board, Wayne Township Advisory Board, Three Rivers Festival Board and the Hamilton Park Little League. Bob is a strong advocate for working families and supports the development of strong neighborhoods as the foundation of a great city. As a fiscal conservative Bob believes in supporting local businesses and the people who make up our community.

Mike Avila- (D)

Mike Avila is running as a Democrat in the Council At Large race. He has been a field representative for the Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers of Indiana and Kentucky for more than 18 yrs. Mike is currently a member of the Fort Wayne Board of Public Works and has strong ties to his community. He has publicly stated that public safety, infrastructure and economic opportunities are his main issues. During his interview with the PAC Board of Directors he stated that his heart lies with working families.

Michelle Chambers - (D)

Michelle has returned Fort Wayne after an extensive stay in California to contribute to the growth and prosperity of our city. She has resided in Fort Wayne for the past four years. Michelle has owned and operated two small businesses and has over twenty years of experience as a public sector employee. Her experience includes community development, economic development, and a supporter of workers' rights. Her campaign platform is economic growth, fiscal responsibility and public safety.

Tom Freistroffer- (R)

Tom played football and received a Bachelor's degree from University of Notre Dame and a Masters in Education from Indiana University. He taught in Fort Wayne Community and South West Allen schools and owns a small business- Freistroffer Appraisal Service. He has 20 years of experience in real estate, and is a member of the National Association of Realtors. He has worked on troubled housing projects as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Tom stated, "I am very familiar with the housing market in Fort Wayne. A strong market makes for strong neighborhoods, which are the jewels of our city." Tom considers himself a strong supporter of public safety, community development and fiscal responsibility.

Lloyd Osborne- (D)

Lloyd has worked for and with the City of Fort Wayne for 30 years and is a supporter and advocate for working families. He considers himself a strong supporter of public safety issues, a fiscal conservative with family values and a chance for citizens to have a voice on City Council.

Lloyd is also the co-founder and board member of a not-for-profit called ICON Family which provides resources such as creative opportunities, critical thinking abilities and careers for young people. Lloyd has been a mentor and leader at Blackhawk Ministries and serves in the capacity of a community volunteer through Neighborlink. Along with his dedication to community service he is a dedicated husband to his wife Shelley Osborne and proud father to his children.

Teresa Sutton: (R)

Teresa (Hanson) Sutton is a Fort Wayne native and a 1985 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School. Sutton has been at Custom Art since 2003 and became the owner/president of Custom Art in 2012. After going through a long process with WBENC (Women Business Enterprise National Council) Sutton was granted Woman Owned Certification. Custom Art is a Woman Owned Certified printing and graphic design company founded by her father in 1962. She is Chairwoman of the Allen County Republican Women's group, has been a State Delegate for 2014 State Convention, and is a member of WOWNet. She is a current member of the Richard Lugar Series of Excellence in Public Service 25th Anniversary class and was Co-Chair of the Northern Indiana WBENC forum.

Teresa is a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and is married with 2 children. She has worked for small businesses and in management since her first job in high school, specializing in printing, retail, restaurants, and hospitality industries.