

Hype and Hypocrisy

Republican, Libertarian and Independent voters can smell hype and hypocrisy in election season. So, why do some politicians bother? Because, some haven't got anything else to offer. Necessity is, indeed, the mother of invention. This primary season is Thomas Edison time for some local candidates. Meanwhile, like Spring Football training camp, it's just back to the basics for others.

Hype is advertising without substance. Have you gotten your fourth expensive, glossy mailer informing you that Forrest Ward is a cub scout den leader? Good on him. Now what issues does he support other than the Yes! Campaign for more taxes, a bad transportation plan and un-elected regional government? Oh yes, and more government spending – roads and dredging specifically – for the 91st HD? What are his issues? Forrest Ward is like a box of chocolates - you never know what stand on issues you'll get.

Hypocrisy is failing to live up to your own low standards. Like, expecting the peasants to pay the car tax, but making sure that you, an imperial senator, are exempted. Or, maybe that's just arrogance.

Either way, the voters can see if any wannabe Emperor has clothes on or not.

Look at Tom Gear and Paul Jost wearing football pads, going hard at it on the simple conservative basics. Both Republicans fought hard to stop the new Sales Tax for the wrong tax, the wrong plan and the wrong way to do it – un-elected regional government. Neither gentleman has to hype anything. They are the real deal to fight tax increases. Their reasoning is as profound as 'block, tackle, run' is for football. The rate of inflation increases your taxes – especially property taxes – every year. So, if you limit government spending to increases in inflation and population, then you get more money for necessary government functions. That's why Gear and Jost signed No Tax Pledges.

Check out motivation for clean, open government for Tom Gear and Paul Jost. Neither Republican seeks public office for personal gain. Both gentlemen aren't beholden to lobbyists for fancy trips. Gear and Jost won't look to increase government spending as a principle – like bring-home-more-bacon-at-others-expense Ward, or as a practice in office.

When Tom Gear and Paul Jost say they are social conservatives, the local conservative activists say 'amen'. Forrest Ward is not a social conservative. Both Gear and Jost are committed, consistent Pro-Family and Pro-Life conservatives of conscience. They are not occasional or 'election year' conservatives.

There is no hypocrisy in the Republican Party loyalty of Tom Gear and Paul Jost. Neither Virginia gentlemen – raised here on The Peninsula – would ever attend or support fund raisers for Liberal Democrats like Forrest Ward. In office, Gear and Jost won't call a sitting Republican governor names or put tens of thousands of dollars into a fund to fight the Republican governor lowering taxes.

We, the voters, saw through the hype and hypocrisy of the Yes! Committee in November. 78% voted 'No' in Poquoson and 72% in York. Two stalwart conservative Republicans stood up for us on the No vote – Tom Gear and Paul Jost. Their opponents thought you were dumb enough to buy all the hype and hypocrisy of raising your taxes forever. They'll do it again if elected.

Hope 78% of Poquoson and 72% of York will vote No New Taxes in the June 10th Republican (that's R-E-P-U-B-L-I-C-A-N, Forrest Ward).

In the meantime, Saturday, May 10th, 9 a.m. at the Poquoson Community Center by the High School on Odd Rd. is the last chance for Poquoson Republicans to ask Forrest Ward how many democrats, exactly, are his wife – the elected Democrat Treasurer of Hampton – bringing in to vote in our Republican primary. Also, it's the last opportunity to ask Ward how soon he will sell his second house or stop overnighting there (and how many nights a week is that you actually reside in the district?) if he loses the primary. York will have a chance to ask good questions on June 5th .

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