

Prime Time for Republican Primary

The Republican Primary is next Tuesday June 10th. It's about time. Folks tell me they have had about all the mud, name-calling and nyah, nyah, nyah they can stand from the Norment-Jost race and from Forrest (not Gump) Ward. Sorry y'all. I am too, truly.

Too bad that primaries go personal and nuclear so fast. I've seen how politicians who should be thick-skinned, not thick-skulled, are like very sensitive orchids. Sometimes the truth, like 'you raised taxes' or 'you supported the transportation tax scam big time', is so painful to these delicate persons that it feels like an attack. Then, a half-truth or a no-truth hit piece, like 'Paul Jost is a recent move-in' and other spurious allegations, is dumped on the voters.

So, if you aren't so turned off that you want to return Virginia to a monarchy, here are some issues to consider when you vote. For 3rd State Senator here are choices:

- 1 Bad Ethics. It smells when a senator is a large stockholder in a company, accepts expensive gifts and trips from the company and then pushes for laws they want.
- 2 Occasional Values. A senator is untrustworthy with a record of haphazard pro-life and pro-family votes on the floor are complimented with anti-family votes or absences in committee and on the floor.
- 3 Imperial Pride. A senator who champions keeping the car tax for the peasants – you – but exempts himself with a dealer tag is out of touch.
- 4 Disloyalty. Opposing on principle shouldn't be confused with killing a Republican governor's budget and Phil Hamilton's compromise budget – and making personal attacks. Virginia gentlemen don't trash their own Party.
- 5 Self-made man. The press invariably refers to 'wealthy' Paul Jost, but forgets to mention he made it over the obstacle of cancer and through hard work. No lobbyist funded Jost and there are no special breaks for sons of Air Force sergeants.
- 6 Anti-Tax. Paul Jost worked hard to fight the sales tax last year. Over 70% of us voted with him. Jost will not raise our taxes and fees - 57 times like the incumbent.
- 7 Trustworthy. Pro-life, pro-family, pro-2nd Amendment, pro-whole Constitution social conservatives support Jost as the trustworthy conservative candidate. The attacks on his legitimacy are just the mud that makes the voters sick.

For 91st Delegate here are choices:

- 1 Second string. Forrest Ward didn't decide to run until the first Yes! campaign pay back candidate bailed out.
- 2 Illegitimate Representative. Ward bought a second house in the same city to 'legally' qualify as a resident of the 91st HD on March 21st. He doesn't live there, which is the spirit of the law, but expects the chumps – you – to vote because he has the money to have 2 houses in the same city.
- 3 Not Conservative. Ward won't tell you why he isn't a social conservative. What is he hiding?
- 4 Democrat Fund-Raiser. Ward held a fund-raiser for super liberal McEachin in his house. Poquoson voted 80-20 against McEachin. Ward attended Democrat Mark Warner's fund raiser. Raising money for Democrats is not what life long

- Republicans do. No elected Republican or Party official supports Ward – None.
- 5 Tax Raises Coming. Ward said at the Hampton SCLC forum we “need revenue neutral tax reform. Get rid of unpopular taxes and raise other taxes.” Huh? What are these popular taxes he will raise? How much? Why ‘revenue neutral’ instead of lower taxes and smaller government?
 - 6 No Issues but name calling. You can wall paper a room with Ward flyers (where does that money come from?) and not see one issue. Ward calls Tom Gear names like S.O.B. in the paper, a chameleon, etc. Ward is a Cub Scout den leader. Ok, got it, now name an issue.
 - 7 Hijack the Primary. Forrest Ward’s wife, an elected democrat in Hampton, is working to get Democrats to vote in the Republican primary. Ward enlisted the help of democrat officials in York and Poquoson to do the same. Unless real Republicans turn out our primary will be stolen.
 - 8 Mr. Representative. Del. Tom Gear stood up against the sales tax referendum in the General Assembly and worked to defeat it last year – representing 72% of his constituents.
 - 9 Populist. Del. Tom Gear’s bills on open government make public officials accountable to everyday people.
 - 10 Conservative Champion. Del. Tom Gear is a trustworthy stalwart for social conservatives in the General Assembly.

June 5th see the 91st HD candidates at the York Republican Meeting. As Attorney General Jerry Kilgore said last week in Hampton supporting Tom Gear, now is the time for ‘calling and hauling’ to call friends, neighbors, co-workers, church family and help them, if needed, to go to the polls. June 10th you choose conservative Republican candidates in Paul Jost and Tom Gear – or not.

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