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Letter from the Chairman

Dear Republican,

2006 is an important election year for Cuyahoga County Republicans in more ways than you may imagine. You already know about our top-of-ticket races, Ken Blackwell for Governor and Re-electing US Senator Mike DeWine, as well as our other crucial Statewide and legislative races. However, as significant as those campaigns may be, we cannot ignore the third branch: we have tremendous opportunities to hold judicial seats, and elect some highly qualified new judges.

If there is one thing you can take away from this quarterly newsletter, it is the list on the page four of judges and judicial candidates. Please pass this list on to all your colleagues, friends, family and neighbors. This list also appears along with the rest of our slate and will be repeated on slate cards mailed throughout the County as Election Day approaches. Do not miss a single opportunity to spread the word that these Republicans are the strongest, most respected, and resoundingly endorsed team of judicial candidates.

Starting at the top of the judicial ladder with the races for Ohio Supreme Court, let's all get behind Cuyahoga County native Terrence O'Donnell and assure his re-election to the high court. In addition, the well regarded Appellate Court Judge and former Republican State Senator Robert R. Cupp represents a great potential addition to the court, and should be elected to join Justice O'Donnell and his fellow justices. Further, at the Appellate Court level we have a great opportunity to pick up two open seats in the 8th District. Former Municipal Court Judge Ralph Perk and attorney Brian Moriarty are the

more qualified candidates in their respective races, and each deserves to be elected.

At the Common Pleas Court level, 15 year incumbent Kathleen Ann Sutula deserves our full support for re-election this Fall. In addition, we have three other current judges running for the bench: Dick Ambrose, Jeff Hastings and Joan Synenberg. All are fighting the "name game" however all look strong going into November's election and are well respected for being a credit to the bench. Also running for open seats are John F. Corrigan in the General Division, and Marty Keenan in the Juvenile Division. Taking on entrenched Democrat incumbents are Roger Kramer, Marilyn Cassidy and Michael Blumenthal in the General Division, and Christopher McMonagle in the Juvenile Division. We expect all to make a strong showing, and look forward to electing the new judges to further the cause and administration of justice in Cuyahoga County.

With Labor Day behind us, the RPCC will begin our campaign fund push, this year to benefit our judicial candidates. Our goal is to raise at least \$50,000 for our Judicial Candidate fund over the next two months. Your generous contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or even \$500 will help us ensure victory for our candidates. Please log on and contribute today so that your contribution can have the greatest impact. Go to www.cuyahogacountygop.com and click on Contribute Online (or you can mail your contribution payable to RPCC Judicial Fund, 1500 W. 3rd, Ste. 120, Cleveland OH 44113).

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Betty Montgomery

Attorney General
of State of Ohio

Ohio voters have rewarded Montgomery's dedication to public service by making her the state's top vote-getter in both 1998 and 2002. Never one to turn away from a challenge, she has broken barriers by becoming Wood County's first elected woman county prosecutor, first woman Attorney General, and first woman Auditor of State. Her effective leadership through innovation and creative problem-solving is demonstrated most recently by maintaining high levels of office productivity with an increased focus on fraud detection despite a 10 percent reduction in staff and nearly \$10 million in budget cuts.

As a state senator, Montgomery earned the Watchdog of the Treasury award. As Attorney General, she put that same fiscal conservatism to work. In 2000, Montgomery's office received national recognition as America's most outstanding consumer protection agency. Betty Montgomery is the only Attorney General in Ohio history to collect over a billion dollars owed to the state. In her first 18 months as Auditor of State, Montgomery's office identified more than \$180 million in misspent or stolen tax dollars, leading to nearly 30 convictions of those who would abuse the public trust.

Montgomery has consistently fought for the values of her constituents. As Attorney General, she successfully defended the Cleveland school voucher program before the United States Supreme Court. She boldly fought the ACLU's assault on Ohio's state motto "With God All Things Are Possible." Montgomery also helped write and successfully defend Ohio's partial birth abortion ban. As Auditor of State, she supported a constitutional amendment stating that marriage should be between one man and one woman, a bedrock principle of our society.



Josh Mandel

State Representative
17th District

Josh Mandel, 28 years old, served as an Intelligence Specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, having graduated 1st in his class from Marine Corps Boot Camp and 1st in his class from Marine Corps Intelligence School. In 2004, Josh served a combat tour in Iraq where he operated with the 1st Marine Division, from Fallujah to the Syrian border.

Josh holds a Bachelor Degree from The Ohio State University where he served two terms as the Student Body President. He also holds a law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Josh currently serves on the City Council in Lyndhurst, Ohio where he was elected with more votes than any candidate for Council or Mayor. On Council, Josh serves on the Finance Committee, Legislative Committee and is Chairman of the Service and Sewers Committee. In 2005, Josh introduced and led the fight for the first Property Tax Rollback in Lyndhurst history.

After finishing his active duty time in the Marines, Josh started The Groveland Company, a consulting firm. In 2006, he is running for State Representative in Ohio House District 17, covering the eastern and southern suburbs of Cleveland. Josh and his fiancé Rae Lynn Wargo are planning a January 2007 wedding.



Edward Fitzpatrick Herman

State Representative
16th District

Edward Fitzpatrick Herman has served his country both at home and abroad, fighting on the front lines of the War on Terror in Afghanistan as part of a highly trained military intelligence force. He used his fluency in Arabic to interrogate senior Al-Qaeda operatives from around the world. For his service, he received the Army Commendation Medal.

Once his military service was complete, Ed won the Republican nomination for U.S. Congress and ran against Democratic incumbent Dennis Kucinich. Although he lost the election, he won the five communities of the 16th Ohio House District and gave Kucinich his closest re-election win to date.

A native of Fairview Park, Ed graduated from Saint Ignatius High School and Fordham University, before continuing his education at the Defense Language Institute and the United States Army Intelligence Center. He and his wife, Mindy, reside in Rocky River, where Ed is actively involved in the Metro-West Kiwanis, among other interests. If elected, Mr. Herman will fight to lower government spending and reduce the bureaucracy of the state, resulting in lower taxes. He will also work to rejuvenate the business environment to help fund schools and education reform.



Re-Elect Tom Patton

State Representative
18th District

For the past thirty years, State Representative Tom Patton has lived in the 18th State Congressional District, helping him to understand what is facing residents of that area. He has expended much effort working to secure new funding and financing for research and development in Cleveland and across the rest of Ohio. His hard work has led to the creation of new jobs across the state.

Rep. Patton strongly supports aiding our public schools by fixing the funding formula. Similarly, he has worked for families and believes that we should have increased notification about the location of sex offenders and stronger penalties for those found guilty of theft. For those residents over age 65, he has sponsored a bill that would freeze property taxes to help them out financially.

Rep. Patton has received numerous awards, including the 2004 NOPEC and Welcome House Legislative Leadership awards. He seeks your support for this re-election and looks forward to serving you during his next term in the Ohio House.



Re-Elect Matthew Dolan

State Representative
98th District

Representative Matthew Dolan, a current resident of Russell, was born and raised in Geauga County. He has shown continued dedication to the area by serving as the Chairman of the Geauga American Red Cross Advisory Board American, a member of the Geauga Library Foundation, and on the Board of Directors at Gilmour Academy and the Kent State Geauga Campus. He is currently a partner at the Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan law firm and has previously served as Assistant County Prosecutor and Assistant Attorney General.

Representative Dolan supports local government, reduced taxes, and real cuts of government spending. He supports programs that create jobs, protect citizens, assist (not sustain) those in need, and eliminate wasteful spending. He favors a complete overhaul of education spending, including rewards to strong districts, the elimination or overhaul of poorly performing districts, and the option of "alternative" schools for poor performers. He supports the Right to Life, the promotion of Ohio businesses, and second amendment rights.

Your **Republican Party** Candidates

For Governor/ Lt. Governor

J. Kenneth Blackwell
Thomas A. Raga

For Attorney General

Betty Montgomery

For Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

For Secretary of State

Greg Hartmann

For Treasurer of State

Sandra O'Brien

Re-Elect US Senator

Mike DeWine

For Congress

Mike Dovilla 10th
Lindsey N. String 11th
Craig Foltin 13th
Steven C. LaTourette 14th

For County Commissioner

Wendell Robinson

For County Auditor

Joseph A. Gallucci

For State Senator

Richard L. Norris - 21st
Howard Shrimpton - 23rd
David Lynch - 25th

For State Representative

Beverly Valencic -7th
Jimmie Hicks, Jr. - 9th
Rosalind A. McAllister - 10th
Anthony Cefaratti - 12th
John P. Hildebrand - 13th
William J. McGivern - 14th
David G. Fago - 15th
Edward F. Herman - 16th
Josh Mandel - 17th
Thomas F. Patton - 18th
Matthew J. Dolan - 98th

For Ohio Supreme Court

Justice Terrence O'Donnell
Judge Robert Cupp

For Court of Appeals 8th District

Judge Ralph Perk
Brian Moriarty

For Common Pleas Judge General Division

Roger S. Kramer
John F. Corrigan
Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula
Marilyn Barkley Cassidy
Michael Robert Blumenthal
Judge Joan Synenberg
Judge Dick Ambrose
Judge Jeff Hastings

For Common Pleas Judge Juvenile Division

Christopher McMonagle
Martin J. Keenan

Please Get Out & VOTE on November 7th!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday September 27,2006

State Representative Tom Patton. Rockside Station \$100 Per Person 6:30-9pm **RSVP 216.432.1022**

Thursday September 28, 2006

RPCC Annual James A. Garfield Hall of Fame Dinner.
RSVP Steven Backiel 216.621.5417

Saturday September 30,2006

Eastern Cuyahoga County Republican Organizations.
RSVP by Wednesday Sept. 27th to Lucy Stickan 440.449.8420

Sunday October 1, 2006

Tailgate Reception for Ed Herman \$250 Per person/Couple 3:30-8pm. **RSVP Julie Thomas 440.617.2127**

Tuesday October 3, 2006

Josh Mandel Fundraiser with Special Guest Jack Kemp. Marriott Downtown at Key Center. Noon. \$250 per couple

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Judge Joan Synenberg - Massimo's 5-8pm. \$100 per person

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Howard Shrimpton for State Senate at Ferris Steak House. \$50 per person. **Contact hrshrimpton@webtv.com**

Thursday October 5, 2006

Robert Cupp for Ohio Supreme Court 5:30-7:30pm. \$150 per person, \$200 per couple. **Contact Grace Drake at 216.347.2149**

Wednesday October 11, 2006

Betty Montgomery for Ohio Attorney General. Bob & Ruth Bennett, 10810 Edgewater Dr. Cleveland \$250 per person

Monday October 9, 2006

Clambake with Tom Ridge: ONLY \$35 Per Person! 6:30-8:00p.m. **RSVP Steven M. Backiel at 216.621.5415**

For more information on these and other local events please visit our website: www.cuyahogacountygop.com