



Republican Party of Cuyahoga County

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Judge Jeff Hastings Recommended to Secretary of State Brunner

(CLEVELAND) - The Republican Party of Cuyahoga County's Executive Committee voted unanimously Wednesday to recommend Judge Jeff Hastings for the open Republican Board of Elections seat. Secretary of State Brunner, who has taken administrative control of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections from her Columbus office, can accept the committee's recommendation and appoint Hastings, or she may reject the recommendation, in which case she is required to provide her reasons for rejecting the recommendation in writing.

Judge Hastings has been a substantial member of the legal community in Cuyahoga County for many years and would bring bipartisan experience to the board in a time when innovative ideas and a strong work ethic are needed to continue the progress that was being made by the former board members prior to Brunner's takeover. Hastings has experience overseeing complex and operations, having managed the 72-employee Cleveland office of Ohio Attorney General under both Jim Petro and Betty Montgomery. His experience with the law is broad, as an attorney in private practice, as the Senior Deputy Attorney General representing the State of Ohio, and as a Common Pleas judge handling over 1,000 civil and criminal matter and presiding over 60 trials, including 2 capital cases. As a judge, Hastings was rated "Excellent" by all 5 local bar associations.

RPCC Chairman Rob Frost stated after the meeting that "The Republican Party is extremely pleased to recommend someone of such high caliber to the Board of Elections, and look forward to Judge Hastings joining Chairman Bennett in serving the people of Cuyahoga County." Hastings, still awaiting approval and appointment by Brunner, stated "I am honored and privileged to be selected to serve in this important position of public trust. I look forward to working with my fellow board members and the fine staff at the BOE as we work towards our common goal of providing the public we serve with a fair and reliable election process that is the cornerstone of our democracy."

The voters of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio will now await the appointment of Hastings by Brunner, along with the appointment of the two Democratic members whom she alone gets to select.

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