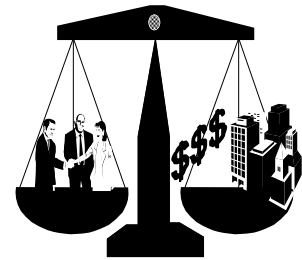


Citizens for Common Sense



Apr 2010

Seeking government that is responsible and responsive to taxpayers in St. Joseph County, IN

2 GREAT EVENTS!

APRIL 15: TAX DAY RALLY

It's been a year since the first Tea Party rally in South Bend – and look what's been happening! Citizens have banded together, hundreds of folks are raising their voices at rallies, thousands are gathering to make their wishes known on healthcare, energy, and most of all – to take our country back!

**Thurs, April 15 4:30-6:30pm
Leighton Plaza (130 S. Main)
between Washington & Jefferson
South Bend**

Don't forget that a growing part of your income tax bill is coming from OUR COUNTY in the form of option taxes! A new one just last year! Let our local officials know that **St. Joe County & South Bend voters are going to remember!**

Speakers will include original rally organizers Cindy Bachota and J.M. Kata, ND business professor John F. Gaski, Common Sense's Kelly Havens, and Congressional candidate Jackie Walorski. Patriotic music, hundreds of fellow citizens, and more. Bring signs!

**VOTE
MAY 4**

APRIL 17: CANDIDATE FORUM

As the May 4 primary nears, there is still time to meet and hear from the candidates. ALL St. Joe and Elkhart County candidates, including state and national reps, have been invited to have tables at the Michiana 912 / CCOM round table and forum. This is **THE** most comprehensive candidate event of the primary season!

**Sat., April 17 from 10am-2pm
River of Life Community Church
corner of Hively & Prairie
Elkhart**

From noon to 2pm, all 5 Senatorial candidates will "square off" at a round table on questions collected from the audience as they arrive. Last opportunity to make informed Primary decisions! Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase. For more info, see www.michiana912.org.

Inside this issue:

- ***Candidate Bios & Key Questions***
- ***Our Candidate Forum on YouTube***
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- ***Common Sense Survey Results***

Want to see more candidate info?

On the next four pages you will find summaries of candidate bios, goals, and positions on some key issues for contested primary Congressional, Senatorial, and State Representative races. This material was gleaned from the candidates' websites (which are referenced) and campaign literature by Citizens for Common Sense.

Check our website for summaries of more contested primary races including the SJC Sheriff candidates (Dem & Rep), and the St. Joe County Assessor candidates (Dem & Rep).

Look for all of these candidate summaries at

www.citizensforcommonsense.info

See the Candidates on YouTube!

Did you miss our March 23 Meet the Candidates Night?

Will you be unable to attend the April 17 Candidate Forum?

See our Sheriff, State Rep and Congressional Candidates on YouTube!

The historic sanctuary at St. Paul's Memorial United Methodist Church was filled March 23 with citizens determined to get informed!. They heard from all 7 candidates for Sheriff, and the contested Republican races for State Rep. Dist. 8 & 21, plus Jack Jordan and Jackie Walorski for Congress. Afterwards, citizens came forward with unfiltered questions.

See it all on **YouTube** at **www.youtube.com/user/Citizens4CommonSense**

☞ *See which of the 7 Sheriff candidates knew the answer to the budget question. You may be surprised!*

Petition Rally Gets Results!

You folks were amazing! With only two hours lead time, we contacted those of you with e-mails and made a few calls – and within two hours FORTY of you (along with others) were at Jackie Walorski's press conference announcing **a petition drive asking Indiana to appeal the Obama healthcare bill.**

Then hundreds of you signed petitions and encouraged others to get online to sign.

Result: Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced that an amended lawsuit will be filed in federal court with Indiana joining 13 other states!

INDIANA WILL FIGHT!

Candidate Bios & Key Questions

Compiled by CCS on Candidates in Contested Primaries

U.S. Congress (Indiana Dist. 2 seat held by Joe Donnelly)

Data condensed from
candidates' websites

Jack Jordan

Raised on a small farm in Indiana, B.S. from Liberty University, MBA-Equivalent from Purdue University, successful career at Eli Lilly including subsidiary C.E.O and job-creating responsibilities, associate faculty IUSB School of Business and Economics, Romania Not-For-Profit Initiatives, Bremen Public School Board president, Life goals: to be a devoted Christian, husband, father, encourager, and go-getter.

Why I'm Running: Enough of career politicians and current policies. The House of Representatives was designed by our Founding Fathers to be everyday citizens who serve a few terms and go back home. Our current career politicians form alliances and raise and spend incredible amounts of money to maintain their power. And there has been out-of-control government spending. My priorities are to stop the misguided policies, focus on jobs, and protect us from our many enemies.

Economy: It is time to teach politicians like Nancy Pelosi what jobless actually means. Our first step is to vote out politicians like Joe Donnelly who are directly responsible for her power. Once Nancy Pelosi is no longer in power, I will fight to ensure there is no more unaccountable spending and soaring debt. Especially when it does not lead to what is so important to many of us: more jobs.

Healthcare: The healthcare bill will ultimately limit care, increase mandates, and increase costs. Yes, there should be reform. Some priority areas include tort reform, insurance industry reform and opening up the ability to buy insurance across state lines. Hoosier common sense would focus on the various areas and methodically pass understandable bills. This approach would be much more effective than the current frantic and chaotic rush which will ultimately result in a federal government takeover of our healthcare system.

Website:
www.jackjordanforcongress2010.com

Jackie Walorski

Born and raised in St. Joseph County, B.A. from Taylor University, executive jobs with Ancilla College, St. Joe County Chamber of Commerce, IUSB; State Rep. since 2004, Assistant Floor Leader, worked to create the Indiana Econ. Development Corp which created thousands of jobs, co-authored the lifetime conceal carry, fought to defund Planned Parenthood, with husband Dean Swihart serves as a missionary/with Humanitarian Relief.

Why I'm Running: As the daughter of a South Bend firefighter, Jackie understands sacrifice and service. She has spent her career fighting for working families and small businesses. While doing mission work, she developed a relationship with the US Embassy in Romania and began working with American companies looking to expand globally. Coming to understand the challenges facing Indiana, she felt called to serve the people of Indiana first at the state level and now in Congress.

Economy: The #1 issue this election is jobs and the economy. The government's response has been to spend money and expand itself. Instead we need to incentivize businesses to come in, as we have in Indiana, by cutting taxes and providing other incentives for the creation of jobs. The role of government, as Reagan said, is not to provide jobs but to create the infrastructure on which individual Americans can build.

Healthcare: The health care bill will kill jobs, lead to significant tax increases for working families, and hurt seniors. It will kill the economy in Indiana. I pledge to support state challenges to the legality of this legislation and all federal efforts to repeal this takeover bill. Why are we not honestly talking about tort reform? Or transparent costs and letting the free market drive down costs? Or portability across state lines? The current plan is a detriment to the American economy and to working families. We have to start over to protect Americans.

Website: www.standwithjackie.com

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U.S. Senate (Indiana seat recently vacated by Evan Bayh)

Data condensed from candidates' websites

Dan Coats

Wheaton College graduate, Army service, Indiana University School of Law degree, US House of Representatives, US Senate, voted to cut taxes and limit spending, served on the Senate Armed Services Committee and Select Committee for Intelligence, stepped down to honor a term-limits pledge in 1999, served as Ambassador to Germany, worked at the law firm of King & Spalding, served as President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. With his wife, Marsha, formed The Foundation For American Renewal to support faith-based initiatives to resolve many of the nation's social problems

Why I'm Running: President Obama and his allies in Congress have priorities in tune with an extreme left-leaning liberal agenda. I could no longer stand idly by and watch without getting back in the arena and trying my best to stop the madness. Getting our country back on track and getting Hoosiers back to work will take more than just saying 'NO!' to what the Democrats are doing. We need to say how we would fix things. I am committed to making the difficult decisions necessary to get us back on track to ensure a prosperous future.

Economy: 1) spending at our current levels cannot be sustained, 2) we must take the steps to incentivize our economy such as tax reductions for businesses, simplifying our tax code and incentives for innovation, 3), difficult, and perhaps unpopular, decisions must be made today in order to ensure a better tomorrow. Congress needs to take responsibility for the national debt by setting a timetable to outline a plan that immediately begins to address this overwhelming problem. The final solution should include a whole range of ideas such as tax reform, using tried-and-true principles of the past that John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan did to get the economy moving again

Healthcare: Start over on health care from scratch. Work on this piece by piece, doing what we can afford when we can afford it. Avoid creating government run health care.

Website: www.coatsforindiana.com

John Hostettler

Ran for US House of Representatives in opposition to political ideology of President Clinton, amended bill to eliminate the "Domestic Partnership" policy of the D.C. government, voted against the House resolution authorizing President Bush to preemptively engage in military conflict with Iraq, successfully amended bill to require the State Department to regulate the use of consular cards of foreign nations in the U.S., successfully amended bill to disallow funding of the ruling which called for the removal of the Ten Commandments from Alabama State Supreme Courthouse, authored a successful Marriage Protection Act (MPA) which would prohibit federal courts from imposing same-sex marriage licenses on any other state. Committees: Agriculture, Armed Services, Judiciary, Immigration, commendations for "Friend of Small Business, "Friend of the Taxpayer"

Why I'm Running: It is no small thing that Thomas Jefferson observed in the Declaration of Independence that we are "endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights." First and most important of these God-given rights is the right to life. John is pro-life. He is also a staunch defender of our Second Amendment Rights.

Economy: Check his website for update

Healthcare: Opposes the government takeover of the US health care system and will work to repeal it. We need to build on the success of Health Savings Accounts, allow individuals and families to negotiate collectively for health care based on where they live or their associations, allow health insurance plans to be purchased across state lines, and enact tort reform.

Website: www.johnhostettler.com

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Marlin Stutzman

Fourth-generation farmer farming 4,000 acres in the Michiana area, owner of Stutzman Farms Trucking, Indiana House of Representatives, State Senator, fighting to reduce wasteful government spending and bring jobs to Indiana, has fought for lower taxes, less regulation and balanced budgets, 90% ratings or above from the Chamber and other small business assns, helped to pass alternative energy incentive legislation in Indiana, co-authored the successful Pro-life legislation, served as chair of Public Policy Committee taking stands for conservative values, with wife Christy is active member of Community Baptist Church serving on mission trips to Russia, Haiti, Mexico, and Guatemala.

Why I'm Running: Indiana has hard-working men and women. I am committed to pushing back government from any place it increases cost and limits personal freedoms. I firmly believe our best future is one that invests in Hoosier families, not more government. We need new leaders who will uphold the Constitution and focus on what is right for the taxpayer.

Economy: Cutting taxes is only half the battle. The real cause is runaway spending. Our priorities should be a strong national defense, securing our borders, and our nation's infrastructure. Apart from those, we must look to shrink government bureaucracy, using Indiana as a model. My platform for job creation encompasses a full-spectrum approach. I support creating a market-friendly environment for businesses by lowering taxes on businesses, eliminating taxes on capital gains and investments, promoting sound energy policy, investing in our infrastructure, and opposing the latest market-killing schemes such as Cap and Trade, government-run health care, and card check.

Healthcare: I do not support any expansion of government-run health insurance. I support expanding free market solutions such as Health Savings Accounts to include all citizens, increasing tax credits for businesses that provide healthcare, and comprehensive tort reform

Website: www.gomarlin.com

Don Bates, Jr.

Raised on a farm in Indiana, received Th.B. at the Bible Missionary Institute, has never held elected office, has worked in the business and financial services sectors, has worked to actually create jobs, board member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, knows that individual citizens working together can achieve great things without the interference of the federal government.

Why I'm Running: Concerned about the future of the nation under liberal leadership, Don decided it was time for him to step up. Ronald Reagan declared that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction and it is up to every generation to rise to the occasion and preserve liberty. He will work for the pro-growth, less-spending, and pro-family policies that Hoosiers believe in, and is prepared to stand up for freedom and for Indiana.

Economy: Job number one is job creation. We will not see a genuine economic recovery until we see Americans going back to work. I propose that we slash the federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 24%, and then down to 20% as soon as possible after that. The bailouts must stop; the government takeovers must end. I will work to eliminate the death tax, reduce the capital gains tax, cut the recently raised payroll tax, make the 2003 income tax cuts permanent, and permanently index the Alternative Minimum Tax for inflation. I will also work for the elimination of unnecessary regulations. To cut federal spending, I support passing a balanced budget amendment.

Healthcare: Americans overwhelmingly opposed to the takeover of our nation's health care system. In order to control the cost of health care we need to eliminate barriers to purchasing health insurance across state lines, and increase the amount of user participation in the system. As long as insurance companies and the federal government continue to pay for the vast majority of health care costs, we will not see any real health care cost-savings. Real reform starts with fixing what is broken, not breaking what is already working.

Website: www.donbatesjr.com

Richard Behney

We moved to Fishers, Indiana in 1994 from Tennessee and fell in love with Indiana. My plumbing business operates in the central Indiana area. I love being an entrepreneur. I enjoy working alongside my plumbing crew, sitting on the back of a truck at the end of a hard day and talking about life. My wife and I often dream of the day when we have all of our kids raised and we ride a Harley down to Key West. I am in the midst of living out the American Dream.

Why I'm Running: A couple of years ago I began to have an unsettled feeling. Public policy issues were affecting our business, intruding into our lives and taking over the control I thought I had. Our elected officials were spending tax dollars faster than the money could be collected. You cannot spend what you do not have. This was not complicated. I wrote to our elected officials and called their offices to no avail. I decided to run for the senate seat held by Senator Bayh because I felt he had betrayed Hoosiers in his quest for a political career.

Economy: First and foremost, there is a need to get the federal government back within its constitutional boundaries. I believe the Congress is required to be elbow deep in involvement: our national security. But beyond that, it is time to live within our means as a nation. Hoosiers can expect me to infuse dollar and cents common sense into the system.

Healthcare: What business is it of our elected officials to fix the health care system? Any problems with the health care system is the responsibility of the consumer and the supplier to work out. A free market always corrects itself. It is time to put a stop to government intrusion into the medical industry. That is a daunting task, but it must be done if we are to keep our nation from making the mistakes other nations' governments have made.

Website: www.richardbehney.com

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<p style="text-align: center;">State Rep. (Dist. 8 seat held by Ryan Dvorak)</p> <p>Data condensed from candidates' websites & campaign literature</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dick Pfeil</p> <p>Graduate of Michigan State, MBA from Indiana University, long history at Koontz-Wagner, campaigned for US Congress, with wife Donna served as delegate to GOP national convention, member of Gov. Daniels' Economic Development Mission to Asia, formerly on boards of local Chamber, Memorial Hospital & others; currently on the Chancellor's Advisory Board at IUSB and part of the foundation which supports the South Bend School Corporation,</p> <p>Why I'm Running: As a supporter of the County GOP dating back many years, I am a conservative and strong believer in the Constitution, limited government, and the free enterprise system. My current situation allows me to put full time and full energy into being your representative.</p> <p>Economy: At Koontz-Wagner I gained considerable experience in building a successful business and creating job growth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mark Schaeffer</p> <p>Resident for 30+ years, Executive VP of Express Press, on Parish Finance Council and School Board at Holy Family Parish in South Bend, treasurer of neighborhood association</p> <p>Why I'm Running: I have chosen to do this because I believe St. Joseph County and northern Indiana have gone in the wrong direction. We need to foster changes. I will bring common sense and accountability to State government. I will build a better business climate to help create jobs. I will return to our Founding Principles.</p> <p>Economy: As a fiscal and social conservative, I believe in a limited government that allows hardworking citizens to thrive instead of a government that stifles prosperity through ever-increasing taxes and spending. We need to support our existing businesses while trying to incubate new businesses that will create long lasting jobs. I will make it my priority to attract promising businesses to the area.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">State Rep. (Dist. 21 being vacated by Jackie Walorski)</p> <p>Data condensed from candidates' websites & campaign literature</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Timothy Wesco</p> <p>Midwest School of Theology, Firefighter/EMS First Responder, Music & Choir Director at Fellowship Baptist Church, former production and tech jobs, founder and chair of St. Joseph County Young Republicans, Co-founder of Elkhart County Young Republicans, NRA member</p> <p>Why I'm Running: I have strong beliefs that represent the core values of the district. I believe in family values, less government and lower taxes. We must defend life, marriage and our families. We must halt the continuous growth in spending and improve efficiency in our state and local governments. Growing up in a family-owned business (Walter Piano), working in the RV industry and serving as a township firefighter has uniquely prepared me to serve.</p> <p>Economy: I support business friendly tax policies and incentives to encourage Hoosier entrepreneurs. Lower taxes and less government will help Hoosiers create jobs. We need to work harder in Indiana to reduce and streamline state and local government to lower taxes on homeowners as well.</p> <p>Website: www.TimothyWesco.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dave Wood</p> <p>BA from Indiana University, 3-term Mishawaka City Councilman fighting tax increases and streamlining government, Community Reinvestment Office and Assistant VP of 1st Source Bank bringing millions of dollars into local communities for housing, services & growth, past school board member for St. Bavo, board and crew leader -Habitat for Humanity in Elkhart Co.</p> <p>Why I'm Running: I am seeking the opportunity to take my professional experience, passion for community service and Hoosier family values to the Indiana House to work for you. I will work hard to create jobs, cut taxes, streamline government, and promote and defend conservative family values.</p> <p>Economy: Job creation and economic growth are my top priorities. Good paying jobs and economic development are the backbone of our economy. Government works best when it creates a stable environment that is conducive to growth, then gets out of the way and lets people innovate, create and work. I have a proven record as a tax cutter, not a tax shifter nor a tax raiser.</p> <p>Website: www.davewoodstaterrep.com</p>

Common Sense SURVEY RESULTS

(Hey, what happened to all of you? Only a fraction of you responded to our survey! But we got enough for a snapshot.)

Results:

1) *Should we amend the State Constitution to cap property taxes at 1-2-3 levels?*

Yes - 35% No - 52% Not Sure - 13%

(Comments: Something is better than nothing; We need to go after spending not taxes;
This still doesn't address reassessment; Doesn't belong in the Constitution)

2) *Should we eliminate township governments?*

Yes - 8% No - 88% Not Sure - 4%

(Comments: This is our most grassroots form of government;
Who wants the county running our fire departments?;
This needs to be decided township by township on the ballot)

3) *Should Citizens for Common Sense endorse a candidate for Congressional District 2?*

Jackie Walorski - 63% Jack Jordan - 0% Joe Donnelly - 7%* Do not do an endorsement - 30%

* tallied before he the healthcare vote

Therefore, even though Citizens for Common Sense historically does not do endorsements, because it was expressed by our supporters by a 2:1 margin that we have a once-in-a-decade candidate who shares our views and fights side by side with us, **we hereby endorse**

Jackie Walorski for Congress

Jackie's stood with us, so WE STAND WITH JACKIE!

545 People

By Charlie Reese, former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper, submitted by several supporters

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them

Have you ever wondered: if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, WHY do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered: if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, WHY do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The President does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices equates to 545 human beings, out of the 300 million, who are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The President can only propose a budget. He cannot force Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Nancy Pelosi. She is the leader of the majority party. She and fellow House members, not the President, can approve any budget they want. If the President vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 People who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair.

If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red.

If the Army and Marines are in IRAQ, it's because they want them in IRAQ.

If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; or to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power.

They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses.

Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees...

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

Donation Form

Help Common Sense Get a Table at the Candidate Forum

We would like to have a table at the Apr. 17 candidate forum for which we need \$50 rent, \$30 for a banner and \$100-\$200 for handouts for interested citizens at this and other candidate events

Enclosed is my donation of: \$10 \$20 \$25 Other: _____ to help with election events

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