

# **NOV 2, 2021 ELECTION UPDATE by ANDERSON WARD CHAIRS**

## ***“Please Read & Consider Before You Vote”***

**Dear Republican Associates, Friends and Neighbors,**

This writing may be a first, here in Anderson. Your Republican Ward Chair Representatives have decided to author the following to give every registered Republican insight into the responsibilities of your Elected Precinct Committee and Ward Chair Representatives and additionally describe the outcomes of this year’s vetting and endorsement process. Also included are reasons why your support and vote for the entire slate of **“Endorsed Candidates”** is so critically important in this General Election on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Precinct Committee and Ward Chair Representatives:** In short, Precinct Committee and Ward Chair Representatives assist in candidate recruitment, and are responsible for Vetting, Endorsing and Supporting the full slate of local Republican Endorsed Candidates through election day. Of major importance are the efforts to get every Republican to cast their vote in support of the entire slate of candidates.

**Preface:** It is important for everyone to understand that nothing in the following is meant to be derogatory toward any individual because every Republican Candidate, whether running as a Republican or as an Independent are fundamentally good people. There are however, huge differences in how individuals view party politics and alliances. Two candidates have put winning as individuals ahead of focusing on achieving majority control to ensure conservative governance for the benefit of all Anderson citizens.

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**Republican Endorsed Candidates:** Below is the full list of all Republican Endorsed Candidates. Please check out their webpages to learn more about each of them. Please get involved and offer your support. Sharing this slate of candidates with your family and friends in time for early voting will go a long way to insuring a conservative victory in November. Note, Trustee and School Board Candidates will not have an ‘R’ designation behind their name on the ballot, you need to know their names.

### **TRUSTEE CANDIDATES:**

- **LEXI LAUSTEN** – [www.LexiForTrustee.com](http://www.LexiForTrustee.com)
- **JOSH GERTH** – [www.gerthfortrustee.com](http://www.gerthfortrustee.com)

### **FOREST HILLS SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES** – [www.fourforforesthills.com](http://www.fourforforesthills.com) for information on each Candidate

- **LINDA HAUSFELD (2-Yr Term)**
  - Expertise in Corporate Governance, Policies and Ethics,
  - Strong Leadership Skills,
  - Solidly Against Critical Race Theory
  - Against all forms of Intimidation
- **BOB BIBB (4-Yr Term)**
  - Proponent of Full Transparency,
  - Knowledgeable of current & past FHSD board’s actions,
  - Solidly Against Critical Race Theory
  - Against all forms of Intimidation
- **SARA JONAS (4-Yr Term)**
  - Strong Leadership Skills,
  - Accounting Degree,
  - Auditor for Ohio Dept. of Taxation,
  - Solidly Against Critical Race Theory
  - Against all forms of Intimidation
- **KATIE STEWART (4-Yr Term)**
  - Early Childhood Education Degree,
  - Focused is on Curriculum,
  - Solidly Against Critical Race Theory
  - Against all forms of Intimidation

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**Candidates in General:** Early in 2021, numerous citizens made the decision to file and run for the open positions on Anderson’s Board of Trustees and Forest Hills Board of Education.

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**Trustee Race** – with only 2 candidates interested in running and seeking the endorsement for the 2 open trustee positions, Lexi being an extraordinarily great 1<sup>st</sup> time candidate and Josh being a well-known incumbent, the vetting and endorsement was very straight forward and relatively easy.

**School Board Race** – vetting and the endorsement for School Board was considerably more challenging, with potentially up to 7 Republicans seeking endorsement for 4 open positions. Note, one Registered Republican Candidate, Forest Heis, decided not to seek the Republican endorsement and is now running as an Independent outside the Republican Party. Thus, 6 Republicans sought the Republican endorsement for the 4 open school board positions.

**School Board and Vetting** – During the first meeting of Candidates and Precinct Committee Representatives, a prominent Precinct Committee Representative explained and stressed the importance of limiting the field of Republican Candidates to the number of open positions on the School Board. Specific emphasis was placed on the fact that splitting the vote with additional Candidates would assuredly give the Democrats a win. This same Precinct Committee Representative strongly expressed the need for any candidate not receiving party endorsement to drop out of the race. At the conclusion of the vetting process, the endorsement meeting for the Forest Hills School Board was held. The following candidates received overwhelming support for endorsement, Linda Hausfeld, Sara Jonas, Katie Stewart, and Bob Bibb.

Once the endorsement process was complete, the Precinct Committee members shifted focus to organize a strong ground game, assure poll coverage on election day, and develop a plan to get all Republican voters out to vote for the party's slate of endorsed candidates.

### **Update on Candidate Actions:**

Members of the Precinct Committee and Ward Chair Representatives understand and respect the fact that each candidate owns their campaign as well as all strategies and the decisions made therein. It is, however, our responsibility to assist in getting the endorsed slate of candidates elected. Therefore, we would be remiss if we did not update you with the facts as we know and understand them.

**Non-Endorsed Candidates:** Open disclosure, regarding 3 Registered Republicans who did not receive the Endorsement.

**Forest Heis** – A 12-year incumbent and registered Republican, Mr. Heis did not seek the Republican endorsement, but instead chose to run as an Independent. Interestingly, Mr. Heis co-hosted a Meet & Greet with a registered Democrat running for school board, and also participated in another Meet & Greet where all school board candidates, excepting the four endorsed Republicans, were invited. Why?

During Mr. Heis's BOE tenure, there have been numerous instances revealing lack of prudent judgement by the Board involving fiscal and disciplinary actions within the administration and board ranks. Many instances have ended in lawsuits against the FHSD. Examples: 1) The ushering in of Critical Race Theory under Forest's watch as President. 2) The 2017 Sexting scandal (which began as far back as 2014), was hidden from the public view until it was publicly exposed by the Cincinnati Enquirer. The scandal ended with at least one termination and one settled lawsuit costing the district and taxpayers. 3) Board decision to purchase the Newtown Bus Depot from Mr. Doug Evans without securing a 3<sup>rd</sup> party appraisal, reportedly costing the district nearly double the real market estimate for the property. 4) School Renovation cost overruns resulted in two lawsuits totaling in the millions of dollars. 5) While serving as FHSD Board President, Mr. Forest Heis sat silently, failing to call out, discipline and hold accountable two current board members for their act of publicly calling out three local citizens as Harassers and Racists during the April 26, 2021 School Board meeting. The three citizens had done nothing more than submit legal record requests to the district under the Freedom of Information Act, e.g., the

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Sunshine Law. Mr. Forest Heis not only displayed a shameful lack of leadership as President and leader of the current school board but also left the FHSD open to additional liability. Sadly, there are other examples.

**Amy Richardson** – During Ms. Richardson’s efforts to secure the party endorsement she indicated she was a solid registered Republican and supporter of the Republican Party. However, after failing to receive the endorsement, Ms. Richardson made the decision to remain in the race and is now running as an Independent. As an Independent she is running directly against our Republican endorsed candidate, Linda Hausfeld. Ms. Richardson recently authored a Facebook post, justifying the continuation of her campaign, not as a Republican but as an Independent. In her post, Ms. Richardson indicated she was not asked to drop out by any Republican party official after not receiving the Republican Endorsement. This is quite disingenuous knowing she, like the other Candidates, was advised of the effects of having more candidates than open Board positions. It appears Ms. Richardson has no problem playing the spoiler, e.g., splitting the Republican vote in this crucial School Board Election. A vote for Ms. Richardson is the same as a vote for the Democrats.

**Brad Beckett** – Brad, after failing to receive the party endorsement, very graciously dropped out of the race to prevent splitting the Republican vote. Almost immediately, he reached out to the endorsed Republican candidates, Linda Hausfeld, Sara Jonas, Katie Stewart, and Bob Bibb, offering his support and assistance. In his words, it is about winning a majority on the School Board and creating a win for the party. We all commend Brad Beckett for his team spirit and allegiance.

#### **NOW FOR THE WHY’S:**

**TRUSTEE RACE** – Whether you recognize it or not, many of the changes, antics, and politics you are witnessing across Cincinnati, the state of Ohio, and nearly everywhere in the USA has arrived here in Anderson. Fortunately, we have had the luxury of having a conservative majority at the helm of our local township government. Under this leadership, our conservative trustees have kept Anderson operating efficiently and growing in a positive direction while being fiscally responsible. Examples; prevention of the Needle exchange program entering Anderson, keeping crime rates very low, economic development, etc. To keep Anderson growing in a positive direction, we must elect Lexi Lausten, an outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> time conservative candidate, and the experienced incumbent, Josh Gerth. Failure to vote for both endorsed candidates will have devastating effects on the future of Anderson Township. Here is a little perspective and insight into their opponent, the Democrat candidate’s significant other, posted a tweet, calling all Republicans Fascists. This should be deeply concern to everyone, if this Democrat is elected to the Board of Trustees.

**SCHOOL BOARD RACE** – There are so many things currently heading in the wrong direction at the school board level. The implementation of Critical Race Theory (CRT) into the Forest Hills Schools District, which started as early as 2017 through the districts C.A.R.E. Team. Please understand you will hear that CRT is not in the FHSD from all school officials, board members, and Democrat supporters, however Critical Race Theory Ideology can be easily identified within school programs.

By electing these Republican Endorsed School Board Candidates, Linda Hausfeld, Sara Jonas, Katie Stewart, and Bob Bibb we will be assured of a good fight to stop this takeover of education in our local schools.

We appreciate your time and Support,

Your Republican Ward Chairs,

Dawson Smith, Lisa Daly, Michael Fancher, Mike Niese