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PUBLIC TRUST PAC ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS

Ten candidates endorsed in primary races

Knoxville, TN January 16, 2008 - The Public Trust PAC announces its endorsements in primary races for Knox County Commission and School Board.

After interviewing more than 30 candidates and reviewing candidate information, including questionnaires, the non-partisan group released the names of the candidates it supports in the upcoming Knox County primaries and School Board races.

“One of the most encouraging things about this process was the sheer number of highly qualified and impressive people willing to run for public office,” said PAC co-chairman Ben Atchley.

Thirty-eight candidates are running in 11 contested Knox County Commission and School Board races.

The PAC did not endorse in any uncontested races.

“Our only criteria was to support candidates we were convinced would work to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government,” explained co-chairman Tommy Schumpert. “We weren’t even necessarily committed to endorsing in every race.”

With the exception of one individual, each of the endorsed candidates will receive a contribution from the PAC. Richard Briggs, candidate for seat 5-C in the Republican primary, is foregoing public contributions to his campaign.

Here is a list of the Public Trust PAC endorsements:

- Sam McKenzie, Seat 1-A, Democratic primary
- Amy Broyles, Seat 2-B, Democratic primary
- Finbarr Saunders, Seat 4-A, Democratic primary
- Ruthie Kuhlman, Seat 4-A, Republican primary
- Ed Shouse, Seat 4-B, Republican primary
- Richard Briggs, Seat 5-C, Republican primary
- Brad Anders, Seat 6-A, Republican primary
- Dave Wright, Seat 8-B, Republican primary
- Mike Brown, Seat 9-A, Republican primary
- Karen Carson, School Board District 5

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The PAC also intends to make endorsements in general election races.

The Public Trust PAC is a non-partisan political action committee that financially supports and makes endorsements in local political contests. The PAC works to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government. Its only agenda is to improve on the outstanding quality of the Knoxville/Knox County.

The members of the Public Trust PAC are: Ben Atchley, co-chairman; Tommy Schumpert, co-chairman; David Moon, treasurer; Sam Furrow; Henrietta Grant; Sherri Lee; Suzanne Schriver.

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Karen Carson
10953 Twin Harbour Drive
Knoxville, TN 37934

Dear Karen:

The Public Trust PAC is pleased to offer you our endorsement in the Knox County primary race for School Board District 5. As we discussed during the interview process, our only expectations are that you campaign and serve honestly, with the sole agenda of bettering our community.

You are free to inform others of our endorsement in this primary. This is an endorsement for the primary only – not the general election.

We are also enclosing a donation for \$4,500 for your primary campaign.

Thank you for being willing to serve our community.

Sincerely,



W. David Moon, Treasurer

Enclosure

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political action
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