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PRESS RELEASE

Local 135 FIREPAC would like to thank all those who run for office. Your willingness to serve the Citizens of Wichita is appreciated. It takes a lot of time and effort to participate in the election process. The time commitment is enormous with the forums and other campaign activities.

The International Association of Firefighters and Local #135 have made a commitment to improve the safety and well-being of their members, and the public they serve. Many goals have been accomplished through the formation and active participation in a Political Action Committee. The Wichita 2015 election provides our local FIREPAC with an opportunity to continue the progress that has been made over the last eight years.

All the winners of the primary election were invited to be interviewed by the Local #135 FIREPAC. Each interview lasted approximately 60 minutes. The interviews examined the position of each candidate on several issues that affect the safety of the public as well as the Firefighters that serve them.

The FIREPAC's selection of candidates to endorse was based solely upon our belief that the selected candidate would strongly support the safety and well-being of all citizens of Wichita, including the Wichita Firefighters. No other factors such as party affiliation or public opinion polls played a roll in their selections.

We, the FIREPAC representing Firefighters of the City of Wichita, endorse the following candidates for the 2011 election:

Mayor

District 2

District 4

District 5

Sincerely

Matt Schulte

Jeff Longwell Pete Meitzner Jeff Blubaugh Bryan Frye

Chairman
IAFF Local 135 FIREPAC Committee



*Friends of the
Fraternal Order of Police
Wichita Lodge #5
Political Action Committee*

2/17/2015

The Friends of the FOP are endorsing Jeff Blubaugh for the District IV City Council position. We believe Mr. Blubaugh has shown the capacity to govern justly and work well with his fellow members of the Council. He has made public safety a top priority of his and ensured that it remains one of City government.

We look forward to his continued leadership as he fulfills his next term as the representative for District IV.

Sincerely,

Hans Asmussen
Chairman

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PAUL ZAMORANO
TREASURER



**Friends of the Fraternal Order of Police
Wichita Lodge #5 Political Action Committee**

1/10/2013

Honorable City Council,

I wish to advise you that the Friends of the FOP are endorsing Jeff Blubaugh for the city council interim position. Jeff came to us and spoke not just about his qualifications for the position, but also his willingness to work closely with city organizations to come to mutual benefiting decisions. This philosophy, which was also displayed by City Manager Layton when the FOP peacefully met with him to secure a contract, is the same demeanor that Mr. Blubaugh wishes to foster. The FOP looks forward to working closely again with the city manager and city council to find mutually benefiting decisions and the Friends of the FOP believe Jeff Blubaugh is the individual to continue this work.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Hans Asmussen Chairman

HANS ASMUSSEN 477 N SENECA • WICHITA, KS 67203 CHAIRMAN

PAUL ZAMORANO ,TREASURER

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO RECEIVE:

Jeff has an in depth understanding of the Aviation business from his years working at Cessna. He works with businesses looking for opportunities to increase exports and grow jobs **Mark Paolucci Senior Vice-President Cessna - Retired**

Jeff has been very supportive in working with us on several projects in Wichita. I value his input and appreciate his service on the City Council.
Steven R. Barrett SIOR, CRE, CCIM, ALC

I appreciate Jeff's commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe and his push for more funding for residential street repair. **Tanya Tullis District Resident**

As the leader of Community Outreach for a small church you have to find creative ways of making

things happen. We annually do a Trunk r Treat in our parking lot and draw a big crowd and have found that we can count on Jeff Blubaugh to lend a bouncy house and anything else we might need. This event offers a free and safe alternative to the residents of this community and we are grateful to be able to count on Jeff Blubaugh each year. He has shown us time and again his dedication to the community goes beyond election cycles. I'm glad to have him represent the community that I care for so much. Thanks,

Adam Voncannon
Glenn Park Christian Church Member

Jeff Blubaugh stays true to his commitment to district 4 by being approachable and present during community events and forums. He listens to our concerns and finds ways to make improvements. He works hard to fight for our neighborhoods. Reelect Jeff Blubaugh district 4

Sara Ramirez
Resident in South Wichita

Jeff Blubaugh is a Wichita City Council member who cares about small business owners in Wichita. His support in helping our small aircraft business achieve success has been much appreciated, and his dedication and enthusiasm for his job make him an outstanding City council member

Stan and Mary Unruh
3429 S Sabin Ct.
Wichita, KS 67215

Letter from New Small Business Owner

February 15, 2015

To who it may concern:

I want to thank and acknowledge Jeff Blubaugh for his hard work and dedication on the Wichita City Council. In 2013 I began to pursue a business venture within Jeff's district. This venture was to create a new sports training facility for young men and women in the Wichita area. I had begun this venture as basically a small club of baseball and softball teams working together. We had the need for quality and safe practice locations, especially indoor to be able to work out in this unpredictable Kansas weather.

From day one I was met with obstacle after obstacle to create this sports facility. I had found a piece of undeveloped farm ground that we were able to secure to start with. I had built a large metal building on the land for personal use. When we decided to convert this building and land to use for sports and recreation I had no idea of the complicated process to zone the land and comply with codes for the City of Wichita. Fortunately for me, Jeff had an open door to listen to my problems and help to point me in the right direction for help. He supported my plan of bringing a sports program to improve the opportunities of young athletes to compete at a high level. With Jeff's help I was able to get the property zoned to allow indoor and outdoor sports recreation. Jeff also helped me communicate with the appropriate people in the building code enforcement to ensure we got our facility to comply with local building and safety codes.

We have finally gotten the Academy up and running and we are reaching young men and women from all over the area. Without Jeff's help I do not know where we would be now. We have a growing business in South Wichita and hopefully improving the community we are in. Through this process I have learned much about the political process within the City of Wichita and I can proudly say I am a Jeff Blubaugh supporter. I know he will continue to help the community and make sure the people with a dream are given the support of the City Council. Thanks Jeff!

Sincerely,
Jason Wenzel

President Impact Sports LLC

Letter from Elementary School Principal

It has been an extreme pleasure getting to know Jeff Blubaugh since he was elected to the Goddard School Board. I have been in the district for 12 years and I have never run across a person who is more dedicated to his family and his community.

Jeff is actively involved in all aspects of our community. He is a coach for his son's football team, serves on our school board, and is active in all of the community events. I had the pleasure of working with Jeff at his church's auction/fundraiser this year where we raised around \$36,000. Jeff works very hard to connect with people and does everything within his power to seek people out and 'listen'.

I believe he would be an incredible asset to the city council. Because of his community involvement, and his desire to have a positive impact on the world around him, he is aware of issues that may be cropping up and has the tools to address those issues.

I wish you and the City Council well in your search to fill the vacant seat, and it is my belief you would hard pressed to find someone more willing to dedicate himself to serving the community than Jeff Blubaugh.

Donald L. Howell
Principal, Explorer Elementary School
Goddard USD 265

Letter from Goddard School Board Member

I have served with Mr. Blubaugh on the USD 265 (Goddard) Board of Education since his election to this position, and I am associated with Mr. Blubaugh through the Goddard Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Blubaugh has a strong educational and business background as indicated on his resume and while these credentials are impressive and appropriate for a City Council member, it is my work with Mr. Blubaugh on an elected board that I wish to address for your consideration. As a second term board of education representative, I have had the opportunity to work with a diverse group of board members over the past six years, and have observed various approaches to elected office. It is my opinion that Mr. Blubaugh is a hard working, dedicated, and trustworthy person who works well with others in the challenging task of policy making, planning and budgeting for the school district. He has been a very positive addition to the Goddard Board of Education, and I believe he would make an excellent addition to the Wichita City Council.

Prior to, and after board elections, Mr. Blubaugh invested a great deal of time to educate and prepare himself for his work as a board member. He visited with board of education representatives and met with district administrators, staff, and patrons. (Our district serves the families of over 5200 Goddard area and West Wichita students.) Additionally, he voluntarily invested time to attend new board member training sessions presented by the Kansas Association of School Boards. For his commitment to these educational training programs, he earned a Leadership Academy Award this year. I feel this speaks to Mr. Blubaugh's commitment to prepare himself to be a responsible elected official who understands his role and responsibility, the mission and vision of the organization he serves, and the policies and procedures which govern this body. Likewise, it is my belief that Mr. Blubaugh will diligently prepare for the role of a Council member.

Mr. Blubaugh's experience in business, marketing, and the real estate market has been a valuable resource as the district plans for current and future district needs under challenging economies. His knowledge of demographics, taxation policies, and his understanding of capital projects and budgeting with proprietary funds provides makes him well qualified for the important strategic planning process of the City Council.

Finally, Mr. Blubaugh works to build trust among his constituents and his fellow board members, and he supports strong communication channels. I mention this because I feel communication is a critical skill for our elected officials and for the optimum success of any organization. Mr. Blubaugh communicates effectively whether at the board table or with a citizen advisory committee like a school site council. When elected officials are approached with issues of concerns by patrons. Mr. Blubaugh listens carefully, asks appropriate questions, and works through proper channels to resolve issues.

He is actively involved in his community and consistently participates in community service which keeps him in communication with patrons of the district. This builds trust and credibility with his constituents, a commendable trait for an elected official.

These are just a few examples that speak to the character and qualification of Mr. Blubaugh for this important City Council position. I believe Jeff Blubaugh to be an ethical and trustworthy person who will be a strong public steward, and for these reasons I offer this letter of support for Mr. Blubaugh as a District 4 interim position appointee.

Sincerely,
Gail A. Jamison

Letter from Former Advisory Board Member

I am sending a request for you to strongly consider appointing Jeff Blubaugh as Interim Councilmember for District IV. In addition to the many accomplishments noted on his attached resume, you will also see his strong involvement in community, civic and church activities.

I have known Jeff for a number of years beginning when he attended Chaparral High School where I taught. Jeff was always polite with a sense of humor, an inquisitive mind, and motivation to complete a project or goal. These qualities have served Jeff well as an adult in acquiring a formal education through Bachelor and Master Degrees and specialized education as a Licensed Broker as well as continuation through adult education programs. Jeff has used the skills gained to become a successful business person in Wichita and Sedgwick County.

Jeff is currently serving on the Goddard School District Board of Education, showing a willingness to learn the financial, regulation and contractual complexities of a local school district/governing body. His resume identifies several other organized boards associated with local education, community development and home ownership.

I believe Jeff has an excellent background to contribute in serving on the Wichita City Council. His leadership and caring will be evident in working with other Council members and in applying decision-making for Wichita and for Council District IV.

Thank you for your consideration of Jeff Blubaugh for Interim Council member for District IV. I
Regards,

Dana L. Brown

Letter from High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

I realize that this group has a very important decision to make concerning your interim appointed Council Member opening. As a tax paying citizen and resident of Wichita, I try and stay involved with local politics-especially those that can directly pertain to my family and I. Your work is greatly

appreciated, and I know each of you take your positions very seriously.

I have had the opportunity to work with Jeff Blubaugh in several capacities. First, he serves tirelessly on the Goddard Public Schools Board of Education. He has shown a passion for doing what is best not only for kids, but also the entire patronage of the USD 265. He has also served on the Southern Ridge Homeowners' Association executive board with me for the last two years. Being a Real Estate agent, Jeff knows the many intricacies needed to help keep our board focused on decisions that will help our entire community. He also focuses on drawing new businesses into the area our community serves.

Mr. Blubaugh showed great passion in the November elections. I attended several forums in which he was present. He proved time and again that he is well versed in many of today's hot topics. School finance and funding, equalization, student achievement, and growing the economy were all items that I feel like Jeff knew a great deal about.

Jeff Blubaugh is someone that cares about his community. He volunteers for many community organizations. He serves on Junior Football boards, coaches as a volunteer for junior football teams, and is passionate about the future of our community.

As you begin deliberating about candidates who might fill your appointed interim position, I strongly encourage you to consider Jeff Blubaugh as a highly qualified candidate. In my opinion, he would be an outstanding City Council member who would work passionately to ensure Wichita continues to be an outstanding place to live or start a new business.

Thank you for your consideration. I wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2013.

Tracy Giddens

Asst. Principal/Athletic Director

Goddard High School

Letter from Real Estate Customer and Former District 4 Resident

I would like to present a recommendation for Jeff Blubaugh. I have known Jeff Blubaugh and his brothers Jason and Jamie for over 15 years. I attended Jeff's wedding. I have attended Jeff's family functions at his home. I have attended Jeff's many business-related functions that provide fun, friendship, and relaxation. When I was preparing for marriage in June 2007, Jeff was my realtor that sold my existing home in west Wichita. Jeff was also the realtor that sold my engaged fiancée's home in Valley Center. When my wife and I neared our marriage in 2007, we bought our current home with Jeff as a realtor. Jeff showed so much honesty and integrity that we trusted 3 home involvements with Jeff and his brothers Jason and Jamie. Jeff has been consistent in judgment and Jeff has a fantastic family in West Wichita that has been a joy to watch grow up in front of our eyes. Jeff is at every parade with his company showing his great smile and friendliness. I want to state that Jeff has become a fantastic Goddard school board member and has always presented the utmost professionalism and courtesy on every acquaintance. As a graduation in 2012 was about to occur, Jeff stepped quickly to us to say Hi and congratulate us personally on our own son's graduation at the event. Jeff shows concern to every detail. Jeff is punctual, and Jeff is an avid listener before making any quick determination. Jeff is patriotic. Jeff is constantly presenting an American flag and is a member of many organizations and clubs. Jeff is a businessman that wants growth in Wichita to continue forward. Jeff will keep us growing and Jeff will make decisions that help the community. I have willingly offered my opinion today. I want you to know that I will be most proud of your decision when you grant the opportunity to Jeff Blubaugh to acquire this council seat. Thank you, Dale E Haverkamp,