

Dear Champaign County Voter,

This election you have two contradictory choices: 1) whom to select for Auditor and 2) whether to eliminate the position entirely **and to forever give up your choice of Auditor.**

Last December, I opposed the **doubling** of the so-called [Public Safety Sales Tax](#) (PSST). I proved [that it's unneeded](#). When I presented this good news to the County Board, they vociferously [resisted](#), instead coveting the additional \$7 million dollars the tax would raise.

On July 5 this year, I discovered that the County wasn't earning interest on unspent federal ARPA money. It was languishing in a checking account. When I informed the Treasurer—who's responsible for investing our county's funds—she told me to "**stay in my lane**".

I calculated the loss: **\$2.1 million** of [foregone interest](#). My computed figures, down to the penny and basis point, are [universally accepted](#).

As Auditor, I informed the public when the County Board and County Executive evaded *their own bid requirements* to spend [\\$68,638](#) of your tax dollars to persuade you to give them **yet more of your tax dollars!**

Is it any wonder they want you to get rid of your elected watchdog, the County Auditor?

Only an elected auditor could have brought these misdeeds to your attention. I have shed partisanship to the point of confronting my fellow Democrats: the Treasurer, the County Board majority, and the County Executive. *The professional oath I've sworn as a CPA to uphold objectivity means more to me than pleasing any local party organization.*

My opponent, meanwhile, is a wandering minstrel of election denialism. He spends his days ['poll-watching'](#) the vote-by-mail center and pestering the County Clerk's staff. Without a working knowledge of finance, he'd rather audit your ballot than the uses to which your tax dollars are put.

Fellow taxpayers, do not give up your democratic birthright. Reject both the PSST tax grab and the eliminate-the-auditor power grab.

**Axe the Tax. Keep the Auditor. Re-elect George Danos**