

REMARKS OF TOM TRESSER UPON FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TOM TRESSER AND I'M THE RECOGNIZED GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. I HOLD IN MY HAND THE SIGNATURES OF 2,296 CITIZENS WHO HAVE SIGNED MY NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THIS POSITION. THESE SIGNATURES REPRESENT OVER 180 HOURS OF WORK BY 75 VOLUNTEERS OVER JUST TWO WEEKS. THIS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS CAME TOGETHER QUICKLY FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT MY CAMPAIGN AND THEY REPORT THAT COOK COUNTY CITIZENS ARE READY, EAGER AND PREPARED FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN HOW THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS.

THE PEOPLE WANT THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE THEM – NOT LIE TO THEM, RIP THEM OFF, DELIVER TERRIBLE SERVICE AND DEAL AWAY PUBLIC ASSETS – THE TAXPAYERS OF COOK COUNTY ARE NOT BEING SERVED AND THEY KNOW IT.

MY CAMPAIGN WILL NOT TAKE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS OR CORPORATIONS – ONLY PEOPLE. THE CURRENT SO-CALLED CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BEING PUSHED THROUGH SPRINGFIELD IS A JOKE – LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT IS – 'THE MACHINE PROTECTION ACT' – WHEN I DELVER THESE PETITIONS TO THE COUNTY I'M SENDING A MESSAGE TO OUR CURRENT LEADERS WHO

VIEW GOVERNMENT AS A PRIVATE FAMILY BUSINESS – PASSING ON POSITIONS TO THEIR CHILDREN, RELATIVES AND CRONIES – THAT YOUR DAYS OF RUNNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARE NUMBERED.

MY CAMPAIGN IS JUST ONE OF MANY BEING RUN BY GREEN PARTY CANDIDATES. ONE OF THOSE 75 VOLUNTEERS IS PALOMA ANDRADE, A SCHOOL TEACHER FROM THE SOUTH SIDE – WHO PREVIOUSLY CHALLENGED ALDERMAN ED BURKE FOR CITY COUNCIL AND WHO IS CURRENTLY A CANDIDATE FOR THE COOK COUNTY BOARD, 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT.

I HOPE OUR CAMPAIGNS WILL BE A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE OF COOK COUNTY – IF YOU WANT TO TAKE YOUR GOVERNMENT BACK – LET’S WORK TOGETHER AND DO IT. PLEASE VISIT MY WEB SITE AT [WWW.TOM2010.US](http://WWW.TOM2010.US) AND SIGN UP.

THIS IS GOING TO BE A TEAM EFFORT AND NOT JUST A ONE-TIME THING – WE’RE ALL GOING TO NEED TO GET INVOLVED AND STAY INVOLVED IN CIVIC LIFE IF WE WANT A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

THANK YOU!

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