

The Courage of My Convictions¹

At the last meeting of the Elections Committee² I was honored to receive status as a fully vetted 912 candidate. I understand that I will now be able to post items of interest on the Candidates Corner of the website. Still, there remains something which I find I must address.

During the discussion of my candidacy, I was asked if I was still going to limit financial contributions to those who live in the district. When I said I would, there was an outpouring of advice, some of it rather impassioned: Advice that I allow others to donate as well.

It was comforting to know that these people support my efforts.

It was tempting to change my mind.

But, I have a conviction, a philosophy, and an understanding of the Constitution which I am afraid I simply cannot abandon. It is this conviction that makes me conservative. It is this conviction that has made me acceptable to the members of the committee. It is this conviction, and others like it, which define me. As a person and as a leader.

Were I to abandon this position I have taken, would I not also be tempted to abandon others? What would I do once a lobbyist stands before me with a large check? Would I alter my position to obtain the endorsement of a special interest?

Will I become someone else just to get elected?

The plain truth is that I am offering myself as the man I already am. And this is who I am.

To that end, I urge each of you who do reside in District 53 to go to the website and make that donation: http://tomcuba.net/docs/contribution_form_self_print.pdf³

The campaign really does need the money.

If a single larger donation is out of reach, as it is with many of us, donate \$25 to \$50 a month.

To that same end, I urge each of you who do not reside in District 53 to donate your money to your district candidate but a small piece of your time to mine. Simply go through your list of friends and see who might wish to get to know me. Make the introduction with the same passion you admonished me to accept your donation and the returns will be even greater.

We can do this, but I cannot, I will not, sacrifice my principles to win.

Tom Cuba
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Unfortunately, the law requires that I add the following disclaimer: Political advertisement paid for and approved by Thomas R. Cuba, Ph.D., Republican, for State House District 53.

¹ This is a letter to my supporters during my candidacy during the 2009-10 election cycle.

² The Elections Committee was with the local 912 group.

³ This link is no longer active.