



Iowans for Tax Relief PAC goes 7 for 7: Primary Night Shows Voter Preference for Fiscal Conservative Candidates

IOWANS FOR TAX RELIEF PAC SCORES A PERFECT 100% IN CONTESTED PRIMARIES. ERIK HELLAND AND JASON SCHULTZ SCORE BIG WINS WHILE PROMOTING A MESSAGE OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTING THE FAMILY BUDGET:

In 2006, Iowans for Tax Relief PAC, the political action arm of Iowans for Tax Relief, embarked on a controversial strategy to participate in legislative primary elections and, when necessary, even challenge incumbent state legislators.

The results of that program were the resounding defeats of incumbents Paul Wilderdyke and Joe Hutter (neither candidate received even 40% of the vote).

This year, Iowans for Tax Relief PAC successfully recruited candidates to challenge incumbent legislators Clarence Hoffman and Walt Tomenga. When faced with the prospect of having to face a primary opponent with a true commitment to fiscal responsibility and limited government, both Hoffman and Tomenga made the decision to retire.

However, in both cases, the retiring incumbents endorsed and actively supported candidates in opposition to the candidates being supported by Iowans for Tax Relief PAC. This set up a showdown in both races that was a focus on primary night for political activists and the media alike.

HOUSE DISTRICT 55

Seat currently held by the retiring State Representative Clarence Hoffman. Hoffman actively supported candidate Don Friedrichson. **ITR PAC supported candidate Jason Schultz.**

RESULTS:	Jason Schultz	59%
	Don Friedrichson	41%

HOUSE DISTRICT 69

Seat currently held by retiring State Representative Walt Tomenga. Tomenga actively supported candidate Al Lorenzen. **ITR PAC supported candidate Erik Helland.**

RESULTS:	Erik Helland	73%
	Al Lorenzen	27%

Both Schultz and Helland are true limited government fiscal conservatives. Both are also young leaders who will bring new energy to the Iowa House and promote an agenda that protects family budgets and promotes small business development and new job creation.

Iowans for Tax Relief PAC is exceptionally proud of Jason Schultz and Erik Helland for their hard work and dedication. Both of these men ran aggressive door to door local campaigns and articulated a conservative message that resonated with their local voters.

These are HUGE victories for Iowa taxpayers and the residents of these two districts.

At this point, neither candidate has a Democratic opponent for the fall election. However, a candidate could emerge before the final deadline in August.

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HOUSE DISTRICT 59

Seat currently held by the retiring State Representative Dan Clute. **ITR PAC supported candidate Chris Hagenow.**

RESULTS:	Chris Hagenow	58%
	Susan Murphy	42%

HOUSE DISTRICT 71

Seat currently held by State Representative Jim Van Engelenhoven. Rep. Van Engelenhoven was being challenged in the Republican Primary. **ITR PAC supported candidate Jim Van Engelenhoven.**

RESULTS:	Jim Van Engelenhoven	72%
	Marc Held	28%

HOUSE DISTRICT 19

Seat currently held by incumbent Democrat Bob Kressig who is seeking reelection. **ITR PAC supported candidate Carlin Hageman.**

RESULTS:	Carlin Hageman	78%
	Marshall Shoemaker	22%

SENATE DISTRICT 42

Seat currently held by incumbent Democrat Frank Wood who is seeking reelection. **ITR PAC supported candidate Shawn Hamerlinck.**

RESULTS:	Shawn Hamerlinck	87%
	Thomas Black	13%

SENATE DISTRICT 48

Seat currently held by the retiring State Senator Jeff Angelo. **ITR PAC supported candidate Kim Reynolds.**

RESULTS:	Kim Reynolds	62%
	Jim Parker	38%

With the successful election of these five candidates in their Republican primaries, ITR PAC went a perfect 7-for-7 and positioned seven solid, fiscal conservative candidates to win this fall.

Thank you to the thousands of contributors to Iowans for Tax Relief PAC for helping to provide the resources we need to secure the election of pro-taxpayer fiscal conservatives to the Iowa Legislature.

It is unfortunate that some of those who opposed ITR PAC in these races attempted to apply the label of "special interest" to our organizations and smear the candidates we were supporting. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We are the one organization that asks the government for less, not more. We are the one organization where the benefits of our work are available to all Iowans, not just our more than 50,000 members. We are the one organization that has as its sole mission to limit the size and scope of state government and to reduce the tax burden on ALL Iowans and allow Iowa families to keep more of THEIR hard earned money.

While we believe our work for Iowa taxpayers is "special", it is hardly the stuff of special interests. Those who promote this false image are simply attempting to mask their big government preference.

From this point forward, ITR PAC will be working to support the election of these seven individuals, and dozens more like them, to the Iowa Legislature. With state government spending having grown by 17% over the last two years, and much of that growth funded by tax increases on individuals and businesses, it is imperative we help elect more Iowa Legislators who share our vision for fiscal responsibility and lower taxes.

The Watchdog is a weekly update of issues which are being considered by the Iowa Legislature. It is a service to members of Iowans for Tax Relief. Permission is granted to forward this to any interested individuals.

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