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March 2, 2010

A STATEMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF KLAMATH COUNTY
from Dennis Linthicum

As the owner of a 15 year-old computer consulting business in the Klamath Basin, I continually encounter individuals and families that are concerned about employment, fiscal policy, water issues and natural resource allocation. These concerned citizens appear to have lost their voice in Basin politics. Some recent examples include the hydroelectric dam removal and KBRA proposals. These controversial decisions have not been decided by the electorate. As a result taxpayer liability will balloon, water rights are being eroded, and private property rights are fast becoming extinct. These negative consequences, although possibly unintended, will propagate throughout the Klamath Basin, affecting the lives of all who call Klamath County "home."

As a result I have submitted my name as a Republican candidate for Klamath County Commissioner position No. 2 and I am asking for your vote and support. If elected I'll return that support by giving the people of Klamath County an appropriate role in local government.

My guiding principles are founded in the belief that individual liberty and personal responsibility are essential to the development of healthy, flourishing families. Individual liberty decays rapidly into corruption and anarchy without a meaningful commitment to personal responsibility. Therefore, both of these characteristics must be encouraged for our own public welfare. Additionally, these ideals thrive in a free enterprise system. Especially one that is secured by the judicial use of a constitutionally limited government.

I also believe that, as citizens, we must be willing to take control of our local community as opportunities arise. Our Federal deficits are unfathomable. Our State has enormous fiscal difficulties on the near horizon and our County appears to be fast pursuing complex and controversial fiscal strategies.

My question to the citizens of Klamath County is: In your personal and family life, would a reduction in government spending, combined with lower taxes and less government intervention provide you with more prosperity? Or, less? The answer is obvious. Individuals prosper through the exercise of their own creativity and hard work, and through the voluntary exchange of ideas, products, and services.

As a candidate for County Commissioner, I will work to promote these ideals in all facets of BOCC jurisdiction. Specifically, I will focus towards several distinct areas of current BOCC responsibility. First, I will support and encourage the development of private sector employment opportunities. Second, I will promote fair and balanced representation for all agricultural water users. Third, I will pursue a more analytical critique of any cost-benefit analysis associated with taxpayer liability. And lastly, I will endeavor to enforce constitutional limitations on any future regulatory policy that impacts business in the Basin.

I look forward to hearing from members of the community and I will serve Klamath County with humility and integrity. My email address is Dennis.Linthicum@gmail.com. Thank you for your ideas, your support, and your vote in the May Primary Election.

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OCCUPATION:

Independent Computer Consultant and Software Developer
Construction Contractors Board Licensee (#137432)
Rancher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND

Programmer/Analyst - Hughes Aircraft Company 1979-1990
Senior Vice President MIS - Lange Financial Corporation 1990-1996
Independent Computer Consultant 1996-present
Small-scale Rancher

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

UCLA; BA Economics (1978)
Biola University; MA (graduation May 2010)

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

none

FAMILY

Diane and I are celebrating our 30th anniversary. We have two children; both graduated from college and are happily married. We attend Bonanza Community Church; I am a Deacon.

Statement to Citizens of Klamath County

As the owner of a small business in the Klamath Basin, I encounter families that are concerned about water and land-use issues, natural resource allocation, and fiscal policies. These concerned citizens have lost their voice as evidenced by the ill-conceived hydro-electric dam removal and KBRA proposals. They are discouraged by the unintended consequences of poorly conceived government policies. As a result I am asking for your vote, and support.

As a first principle, I believe that individual liberty and personal responsibility are foundational to the development of healthy, flourishing families. Individual liberty decays rapidly into corruption and anarchy without a meaningful commitment to personal responsibility. These characteristics must be encouraged for our public welfare. These ideals thrive in a free enterprise system secured by the judicial use of a constitutionally limited government.

The question is: In your personal and family life, would a reduction in government spending, combined with lower taxes and less government intervention provide you with more prosperity? Or, less? The obvious answer is: MORE!

Therefore, as your County Commissioner, I will work to promote these ideals in all facets of BOCC jurisdiction. This includes job creation, the appropriate representation for all agricultural water users, a critical review of any cost-benefit analysis associated with taxpayer liability, and enforcing constitutional limitations on future regulatory policy that impacts business in the Basin.

Thanks for your Vote for Dennis Linthicum

