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Lubbock City Council District 3 special election endorsement 5/2/2007

In the race for District 3 Lubbock City Council, voters must choose from the candidates who chose to file, ifs and buts don't apply.

This race boils down to one paramount issue: which candidate has the life experience, smarts, resources, and commitment, to effectively take-on the Miller administration's gang of four. And, is able to stand up to, and compete with, the City Attorney and City Manager who have used a weak council, and bad leader to push their will on all.

This isn't an endorsement for Congress or the Legislature. Judgment must be made based on local issues, local performance, and local track record. I've looked into these matters and my research provided important information.

But ultimately it was the words of the candidates themselves that provided the most clarity.

Todd Klein is a super nice guy but a liberal progressive, whose whole life has been spent in and around government funding. The talk about competence is just the same old leftist saw that big government failure is just because the right people haven't run it yet.

Richard Quade is a neat man but will be eaten alive by the city staff when they put their unique brand of mojo on him.

I had high hopes for Frank Sikes, but by listening and interacting with him, it has become clear that his idea of getting the council "back on track" means getting them to follow David Miller. Today, he's against tax increase but in his pre-prepared materials to the station, and in earlier interviews, he was for a tax increase if all of the others thought it was needed. Sikes has flip-flopped on his positions on taxes so many times as to give Miller competition in the area.

He's also not very quick on issues and rather unsure of where he stands. The city hall professionals push items past at a high rate of speed to get them through. You must know what you believe and be fast to find and ask the right questions.

Kevin Glasheen gets my support and no one is more surprised than me. When it comes to local issues, and the skills to take on Miller, the City manager and attorney, Glasheen is the man.

He not only believes the right things on limited government and finance, he has a record in the city of supporting reformers such as Tom Martin. As important is that he is being backed by the folk who unequivocally stand for lower taxes and better local government and have a track record to prove it.

Pratt endorses Kevin Glasheen for City Council.