



Media Release

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County Republicans Refuse to Stop Taxpayer Funded Campaign-Style Advertising

Rochester, New York – January 23, 2007: Monroe County Legislature's Agenda/Charter Committee voted down a proposal by Legislator Travis Heider (D-Brighton) last evening that would have prohibited the practice of using taxpayer funds to promote elected officials in print, radio, and television advertising. In a 3 to 2 vote the committee refused to allow the measure to be brought before the full legislature.

"Taxpayer funds should not be spent to promote local officials." Said Democratic Legislator Ted O'Brien. "As a taxpayer, I don't want to pay for these ads, and I think most people in Monroe County agree with me."

Voting to prevent taxpayer funded campaign-style advertising

Ted O'Brien (D-Irondequoit)
José Cruz (D- Rochester)

Voting against the ban

Raymond S. DiRaddo (R-Greece)
Mary A. Valerio (R-Chili)
Michael G. Barker (R-Perinton)

County Democrats have vowed to re-introduce the measure, but until then Monroe County's Republican administration will have unrestricted use of public funds to promote local elected officials.

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