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Do It Right or Not At All: Candidate for El Paso County Sheriff, Joe Roybal's Improper Voter Influence Taints Legitimacy & Hangs a Bullseye On His Back

“Candor, virtue and fairness are essential if Colorado’s Republican Party is going to offer voters a sincere choice of right versus wrong in 2022.” Vickie Tonkins, July 2022

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (July 23, 2022) – Reports that the El Paso County Undersheriff, Joe Roybal, committed an unforced campaigning error during the recent GOP Primary are quite alarming to say the least. Offering compensation to potential voters in exchange for their signing his campaign petition for County Sheriff, Roybal, crossed a legal line. Colorado’s 10th District Attorney Jeff Chostner has chosen not to pursue criminal charges *at this time*, though Roybal essentially conceded that the bribe action he is accused of did occur. Fortunately, the rule of law may prevail as D.A. Chostner indicated the potential for possible future prosecution of Roybal. *“...If further, timely allegations of a similar nature were to come before me, after the issuance of this letter, I would certainly look to institute criminal action.”*, Chostner stated.

To call the question...isn't this the sort of mistake, whether done in error or not, perhaps perpetrated by a generous friend or by others who knew no better, is irrelevant. Be assured that cynical Democrat operatives in Colorado WILL exploit this mistake or error as they seek to balance more Marxism on the head of Colorado's pin? The perpetual stench of this misstep is poised to haunt Roybal throughout his term and the COGOP for the foreseeable future, and will most assuredly jeopardize Republican victories, be they now or later.

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This error's odor could also follow the reputations of those who've endorsed Roybal, particularly officials whose names are long associated with the GOP. This may be the worst possible time for old relationships (...and those voices defending Roybal's mistake) to undercut the surging need to protect El Paso County from the sort of damage done by elected Dems in Denver.

The Democrat Party is in a precarious position this November – in Colorado and nationally – and only mistakes by Republican officials, and those who hope to be, can give Dems a chance to sidle away from the ledge. Colorado's elected GOP officials and those supporting them have a duty to their constituents to not relegate them another long winter of higher taxes, reduced liberties, and fewer elected officials they can trust not to bulldoze their rights. If Republicans put forward a candidate for Sheriff who has admitted to committing illegal acts while campaigning (if by mistake), especially when this mistake was caught early and solid alternatives for the position are still on voters' radar, the party will have none to blame but itself when Democrats take aim for that easy target.

Undersheriff Roybal should strongly consider stepping back from running for El Paso County Sheriff so the citizens of El Paso County can vote for a solid conservative, and claim an unvarnished, untainted win in November.

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