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Kennedy Announces He is Running for Mayor

Pledges to be a Mayor that is Present and Respectful

Council President Kevin Kennedy has begun his campaign for Mayor of the City of North Olmsted, vowing to be a Mayor that is focused on getting North Olmsted back on the right track and not focused on outside activities that move his attention away from the important decisions that need to be made in North Olmsted.

“I am going to be a Mayor that is present in our City, not being distracted by outside influences, but concentrating on the issues and challenges that are before North Olmsted. We need a Mayor who is interested in serving North Olmsted first and not their resume,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy has 15 years experience in running multi-million dollar operations as CEO and founder of Computer Management International. Kennedy has served as your Council President for the past four years and understands the problems of North Olmsted.

“I have been present at Council and Committee meetings over the last four years and know the challenges that North Olmsted faces. However, my approach to tackling these challenges is to



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work hand in hand with the City Council and the residents to address the important issues. This has not happened in the past four years,” said Kennedy.

He added: “I will work with Council and the residents with the understanding that they are truly part of the solution and not part of the problem.”

Kennedy says he is committed to turning North Olmsted around, focusing on restoring basic City services and making our City financially sound. He said that local government exists to provide first-class service to the residents, and that he would work closely with both bargaining and non-bargaining employees to continue to cut costs so the City can do more for the taxpayers of North Olmsted.

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Kennedy concluded by saying he will restore respect and credibility back to the office of mayor by dealing with people the only way he knows how: Honestly.

“After all, it comes down to a common life lesson: Treat people the way you want to be treated,” said Kennedy.

Mayor O'Grady proposes tax increase on residents; Council President Kennedy says "not on my watch!"

In the fall of 2008, Mayor O'Grady proposed reducing the current income tax credit of 2% to balance the City's budget, which would increase the taxes paid by residents who are employed outside of the City of North Olmsted. This move came



after O'Grady proposed raises for his appointed directors and secretaries in City Hall, which was turned down by Council. Council said they were waiting for a plan before any wage increases would be approved. Council President Kevin Kennedy says this would not have happened on his watch.

"Council never received a plan on how the current administration in North Olmsted was going to handle the downturn in the economy. To make matters worse, just two months after proposing the wage increases for select positions in City Hall, Mayor O'Grady came to Council and announced the lay off of safety and service workers in our City to balance the budget," said Kennedy. "This is not the type of leadership we need in City Hall."

Kennedy also took issue with the fact that Mayor O'Grady has taken the time to travel while North Olmsted was facing difficult budget decisions. Kennedy pointed out that he was absent from key budget meetings in the fall, and was traveling in Florida for a conference on water and in Europe for a Mayors for Peace Conference, all

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while Council was briefed on the fiscal situation in the City.

"His priorities are out of sync with the needs of this City,"

Kennedy observed. "On the very night that O'Grady re-introduced his doomed tax increase proposal, he skipped a council meeting to attend an Obama inauguration gala in Washington, D.C., over the objections of myself, City Council and just about everybody else I talked to. He just doesn't get it."

Kennedy also expressed disbelief that Mayor O'Grady would push to raise taxes after the budget had already been balanced. In other words, he wanted to raise taxes even though he didn't need the money to keep the City running. Mayor O'Grady called this maneuver creating a 'cushion' for the City.

"I'll tell you who needs a cushion," said Kennedy. "It isn't government, its taxpayers! Tax increases can't be the first place to turn to in tough times. Mayor O'Grady thinks otherwise and he admits it. O'Grady publicly said "Based upon Council's lack of support for a temporary Income Tax Credit reduction, I have instructed my Directors to cut all spending that is not absolutely essential." He's got it backwards. You cut spending first and not second. It's never the other way around."

"I will be a responsible steward of the taxpayer's dollars and will work with other City leaders to provide the type of leadership North Olmsted deserves," Kennedy said. Priorities matter and Kevin Kennedy has his in order in this campaign.

Kevin Kennedy a Third Generation North Olmsted Resident.

Continues a long tradition of commitment to public service.

Council President Kennedy has served as the leader of council since 2005. The Kennedy Family settled in North Olmsted in the 1940's when most of the city was still farm land. My father, John, was raised in North Olmsted and became a North Olmsted Fire Fighter and his mother, Kathy, works for the North Olmsted School System. Kevin and his wife Anne are the proud parents of four children; Jackie, Jamie, Kellie, and Ryan.

Kevin is a graduate of St. Richard's Elementary School, St. Edward High School, and Ashland University with a BS in Business Administration and a double major of Marketing /Management.

Mr. Kennedy started his own computer hardware company in

1991 called Computer Management International. Over the years he and his employees have built it into an international multi-million dollar company that is headquartered in Cleveland.

He was selected in 2002 by Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine to be a member of the 40 under 40 most successful leaders in our community.



PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday,
May 5, 2009

Join the team working to elect Kevin M. Kennedy

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please sign me up today to be on the Team that will help elect Kevin M. Kennedy Mayor of North Olmsted.

I will help do the following:

- Put a sign in my yard (*provide address below*)
- Deliver literature door-to-door
- Host a meeting with my neighbors and friends for Kevin
- Telephone voters on Kevin's behalf
- Make a financial contribution
- Work at the polls on election day
- Call, write, or email my friends about Kevin's campaign

Clip and mail to: Citizens for Kevin M. Kennedy, 3329 Walter Rd. North Olmsted, OH 44070

or email to: kkennedy@cmiohio.com

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Kennedy Gaining Ground Secures Support of Council

Council President Kevin Kennedy has secured the endorsement of all members of the North Olmsted City Council, noting that the elected officials of that body are looking for leadership from the Mayor's office that will bring people together and stop unnecessary hostility.

For the past four years, Kennedy has worked with City Council members not only in the capacity of leading their meetings but also in guiding newly-elected members of Council in their role as representatives of the residents of North Olmsted.

Kennedy worked together with Council members to bring down

the salaries of elected officials this past year in an effort to show fiscal leadership. He has continuously worked to bring compromise to issues that are being discussed before City Council.

"I respect the role of Council in the decision-making process, and I believe that the only way to move our City forward is to work together to find solutions to challenges. I am proud to say that my colleagues on City Council know that I will respect their opinions and will work collectively with them in the best interest of North Olmsted," said Kennedy.

Kevin Kennedy's 8 Point Plan for North Olmsted's Future

- 1** Permanently put to rest the O'Grady tax raises so residents can breathe easier.
- 2** Bring back the STOP Program to put more Police on the street.
- 3** Adopt a "Rainy Day Fund" ordinance which encourages City Hall to save your tax dollars and not just spend.
- 4** Bring back to the table "revenue generating ideas" that the O'Grady administration has not implemented - or even considered.
- 5** Aggressively enforce our property maintenance standards throughout the City.
- 6** Renovate our vacant storefronts.
- 7** Work toward street replacement and maintenance that is paid for out of the general fund, not borrowed money.
- 8** Improving and investing in our parks and current recreation center.

Ward Council Members Weigh in about Kevin Kennedy for Mayor:



Ward One
Lou Brossard:

I am supporting Kevin because I believe he will listen to good ideas and what is important to people, and that he will work with Council and other city leaders to implement those ideas for the common good of North Olmsted.



Ward Two
Paul Barker:

I stand behind Kevin Kennedy because our City needs leadership and change, and the type of leadership that he will bring to our City will bring people together through compromise to make our City great once more.



Ward Three
Nicole Dailey Jones:

I have worked side by side with Kevin Kennedy during my time on City Council and have seen first hand his character and his leadership. Kevin's experience as a business owner will ensure that our tax dollars will be used efficiently, especially in these difficult economic times.



Ward Four
Larry Orlowski:

My experience with Kevin Kennedy has shown a fair person who cares about the City of North Olmsted and its residents. His business acumen will help the City to provide services to the residents in an equitable and effective manner as he will be a responsible steward of the taxpayer's money.