

To: Candidates for the November 3, 2009 Ward Council positions.

From: Taxpayers United in Franklin (TUF).

Re: An invitation to publish on the TUF web site.

10-12-09

As you know TUF is a non-party-partisan organization that started in 2003. Each year, to help citizens make a selection for the election we open our site to the candidates running in local elections.

When a candidate submits to our website we will post the submission entirely unedited (including spelling and grammatical errors). Once a page is up, except for minor spelling or grammar corrections as directed by the candidate, we will not take it down. During the election TUF will not comment on anything that appears on those pages unless there is a comment about TUF.

Because a member of TUF is running, to mitigate any advantage, all submissions are to be submitted to Mr. John Paff (paff@pobox.com). John is a resident of FT, a champion of open government and of the highest ethical character. Submission deadline is Oct 21st at 6:00 PM. At that time John will forward the submissions to TUF who, barring any unforeseen circumstances, will post within 48 hours. The same email will also be sent to both the Republican and Democratic Party Chairs thus adding oversight to prevent TUF from altering submissions without detection.

Candidates will be allowed one submission but may respond to any reference made about themselves or their party by an opposing candidate. Mr. Paff will be the sole arbitrator on the authorization to respond. Because posting on the site takes considerable time TUF may eventually draw a limit to the number of posts.

Submissions must be made via email to paff@pobox.com. If graphics are included then the submission must be in PDF format.

After the election the pages will be placed in our archive section and are considered in the public domain. We reserve the right to comment on the submissions after the election.

TUF will use www.betuf.org/CouncilCandidatesForum2009.html to post this letter and to act as a home page for the submissions. If a candidate does not submit any comments then her/his column will simply state, "No response."

We see this as an opportunity for candidates to reach a large number of Franklin citizens and hope all candidates will avail themselves of this platform. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the process we have outlined.

Taxpayers United in Franklin