

## CAREER POLITICIANS ARE THE LAST THING WE NEED

Dear Burrillville and Gloucester residents of District 47,

In recent weeks I have spoken to many people in and outside of our district. The one common theme that I have heard from just about everyone that I spoke with is: ***WE NEED CHANGE AND WE NEED IT NOW.***

Since April of last year my opponent, Rep. Pacheco, has talked openly about running for Lt. Governor, for Congress (to replace Rep. Kennedy) and just recently about taking the position of Chairman of the RI Democrat Party. A ***career politician*** who is constantly thinking about his next political office is not what the people of Burrillville and Gloucester need right now. I want a more promising future for my children and the children of thousands of other families across the Ocean State. The decisions that the General Assembly must make in the next several years will affect us all for generations. I do not want more of the same from another career politician. Rep Pacheco left an unfinished term on the Burrillville school committee to run for State Representative and based on recent news, he will consider leaving his State Rep seat if a better political opportunity presents itself. Is that who you want making these important decisions for you?

As a Democrat in the General Assembly Rep Pacheco has had to vote continually on the side of lobbyists, public employee union bosses and the entrenched career politicians, who themselves have put RI on a road to financial ruin. This happens to all Democrats who are elected to serve in the General Assembly. They must vote with the leadership, or they will face a primary challenge in the next election from another Democrat who will vote as the Speaker requires.

I am running as a Republican and I am proud to do so. I believe it is the only way for me to present a strong and independent voice to help correct the many problems that every Rhode Islander now faces. Sadly, the Democrat controlled General Assembly has proven unable and unwilling to do this. This election should focus on putting candidates in office who are not beholden to any special interests or to the political machine that has dominated RI for 50 years. Look at our state economy. Are you happy with a \$220 million (and climbing) state budget deficit? I am asking for your support to help me add another voice for change in the General Assembly. Life-long Independents, Republicans and Democrats and the newly established Moderates and Tea Partiers are all demanding the very same things: more jobs and business opportunities, lower taxes and less government. Now is the time to come together and elect candidates who will speak on behalf of your interests, not the interests of the backroom deal makers who have dominated RI politics for too long!

The struggle to stop RI from going bankrupt in the next 5-10 years will involve more than a Pats license plate program that Rep Pacheco introduced as his major legislative accomplishment in 2009. More importantly, it will require someone who is willing to stay the course once they make a commitment while not being dominated by his own party politics. I am willing to serve my local community and this great state for up to 8 years as State Rep. If 8 years is the term limit for our President, it should be good enough for every elected official below the President. That is how you find people who truly want to be ***public servants***. I am running to solve problems. If you want more than just another career politician, please honor me with your vote on November 2.

Thank you,  
Donald Fox

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