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**AQUIA SUPERVISORS' CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS  
REVEAL MAJOR DIFFERENCES**

Campaign finance reports were filed on July 15 for the period ending June 30, 2009, and the efforts of R. Paul Ortiz, Independent candidate for Aquia Supervisor, to introduce "clean money" reforms to Stafford elections have already had an impact.

Mr. Ortiz reported the source for all donations received, regardless of size, and kept his promise to post his campaign finance reports (and those of his opponents) on his website at PaulOrtiz.org. Following his lead, candidate Irene Egan also reported the source of small donations of \$100 or less, though she has not yet publicly pledged to adopt all of the reforms proposed by Mr. Ortiz. These changes represent a new and more transparent approach to financial reporting.

In contrast, incumbent Paul Milde (R-Aquia) did not disclose the source of 77 donations totaling \$6,980 in this reporting period. He raised \$23,980 during the period, and has already received a total of \$54,634 this election cycle, more than 45 times that of either of his challengers.

A significant number of Mr. Milde's donations are from people associated with the development and real estate industry. For example, in September 2008, the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors sponsored a fundraiser for Mr. Milde that generated thousands of dollars in donations, including a \$1,000 contribution from the Realtors PAC of Virginia (9/4/08). The most recent campaign finance report continues to show significant support from this industry.

“Mr. Milde plays politics as usual representing special interests” and he’s got the money to prove it,” said Mr. Ortiz. “When you look at all these donations, you’ve got to ask yourself, “What are they buying?””

In contrast, Mr. Ortiz has pledged transparency as part of his campaign, noting “I’m running for Aquia Supervisor to bring back open government in Stafford County and to restore integrity to the office of Aquia Supervisor.”