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### **ORTIZ PLEDGES CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

R. Paul Ortiz, Independent candidate for Aquia Supervisor, announced today that he will be voluntarily adopting campaign finance reforms beyond that required by Virginia election law, and challenged candidate Irene Egan and incumbent Paul Milde to do the same.

Mr. Ortiz stated, "Whether they are Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, all citizens have a right to honest and fair government. But, too often, elected officials ignore citizen voices in favor of influential special interests that bankroll their campaigns."

One way to limit the effects of special interests is to have transparent campaign finance reporting. With that in mind, Mr. Ortiz pledged to adopt three "clean money" reforms. He will:

1. Report the source of all campaign contributions, regardless of size;
2. Decline any campaign contributions from the development industry (developers, builders, realtors and land speculators); and
3. Make all economic interest statements and campaign finance reports available on his website (PaulOrtiz.org).

Mr. Ortiz also pledged, if elected, to work to have the Board of Supervisors adopt a code of ethics, which, among other things, places limits on campaign contributions by people, organizations or corporations with applications before the Board. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted such a code of ethics in response to concerns that campaign contributors were unduly influencing Board decisions.

“Clean elections give citizens a greater voice in their government, while greatly reducing the undue influence of special interest money in politics,” said Mr. Ortiz. “It’s time to restore honesty and a spirit of service to the office of Aquia Supervisor, and I will run my election campaign the same way I will govern: with integrity.”