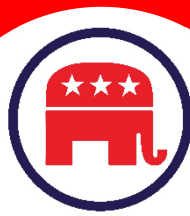


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DARK MONEY PACS AND NEGATIVE FALSE POLITICAL ADS ATTEMPT VOTER MANIPULATION

Like you I'm sure, I'm disgusted with the negative campaigning we're seeing on all media fronts as we approach the run-off elections next Tuesday, August 23rd.

It particularly galls me when campaign 'ads' publish misleading and outright FALSE information to deliberately skew voter perceptions and influence elections, yet this is happening to three GOP candidates right here in Oklahoma County.

For too many years, the OKCOGOP has sat on our hands during primary elections and allowed Lobbyists, Staffers, Consultants, Dark Money PACS and a whole host of bad actors to manipulate voters through baseless negative campaigning and it's only gotten worse.

Today, bad actors, through Dark Money PACS and 501C4 organizations, are often the ones really deciding who will be elected – not "WE THE PEOPLE". In fact, we saw this influence identified in the defeat of now-former-Senator Jake Merrick's re-election bid right here in Oklahoma County and if we're not ready to expose these tactics fully and stand firmly for good GOP candidates, WE THE PEOPLE will continue to lose elections.

This week, Todd Russ (Oklahoma State Treasurer candidate), Kevin Calvey (Oklahoma County District Attorney candidate) and Jeff McCommas (Oklahoma State Senate District 28) have all been the victims of last minute political/personal attacks.

Russ, Calvey and McCommas are fully supported and endorsed by the OKCOGOP, and we demand that competing candidate campaigns cease and desist further negative campaigning based on misleading information and outright lies.

Please, as you consider your votes in the upcoming run-off elections, consider the negative information that's bombarding you. If you have questions or concerns about what's being said, REACH OUT TO THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES. All have social media pages or websites through which you can contact them. No dark money PAC mailer can tell you more than you can discern yourself by speaking with someone who is asking for your vote!

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