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Monroe County Democratic Party Shares Defining Principles in Campaign Finance

In Monroe County, we see a sharp contrast between the campaign funding strategies of Republicans and Democrats. The Monroe County Democratic Party encourages all voters to understand how candidate finances impact a race and what they say about the candidates themselves.

In keeping with the core principles of the Democratic Party we encourage every candidate to proactively reach out to engage voters. We ask every candidate to take an active role in building a broad support base and in personally securing campaign contributions.

Similarly, we are proud that our work as a Party is funded through contributions from a broad range of engaged citizens. In the pre-election reporting period, MCDP had 111 individual contributors with a median gift of \$125 and a mean gift of \$299. Collectively, these contributions fund office space, meeting space, administrative support, campaign training sessions, voter education resources, and support for local civic organizations.

No city council candidate received any direct financial support from the Party.

On Friday, the Monroe County Republican Party filed a campaign finance report showing that the vast majority of its financial support comes from one contributor and has been spent on one candidate. Local landlord E. Douglas Horn personally contributed \$30,000 of the \$37,159.76 raised between April 12 and October 11, 2019. The Republican Party in turn contributed \$22,500 to its one candidate running for city council. That candidate received additional contributions from only twelve individuals, none of whom live in the district he seeks to represent.

We encourage all voters to understand the difference between District 2 candidates:

Sue Sgambelluri – the Democratic Candidate for City Council District 2 – has personally directed her own campaign, cultivated contributors and secured multiple financial investments in her campaign, many from citizens in District 2. She has garnered broad support for her candidacy. Sue has not taken any donation over \$600. Her extensive experience and her long history of community leadership and service make her the best candidate for District 2 voters.

Early voting begins on Monday, October 21st at Election Central. District 2 and 3 polls are open on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. Information on our candidates may be found at www.monroedems.org.