

Statement from Chairman William Ellis

Re: Monroe County Republican Party's Investment in 2019 Elections

Since the last election, I identified that one of the major reasons Republicans haven't been competitive in local elections is funding. As a Party we must prioritize fundraising in order to give our candidates the greatest opportunity for success. In a blue city like Bloomington, if Republicans are going to be successful now or in the future, they must be fully funded.

This year a local business leader, Doug Horn, agreed that Monroe County Republicans were underfunded (especially compared to other counties) and has generously invested in the Party. I'm grateful for Doug's generosity and hope that it will embolden others who want to see more Republicans in local office donate to the Party as well.

The Party has invested in Andrew Guenther because Andrew has worked diligently to talk to every voter, walking the district in its entirety twice, he has articulated a clear vision for the city, and we believe he can win. Andrew has run an efficient and frugal campaign. He has also committed 100's of hours meeting voters and working to develop policy with a core group of volunteers.

I feel Andrew is a smart investment for the Party and I look forward to him not only winning in two weeks but showing Republicans what it will take to win in Monroe County in 2020.

-William Ellis

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