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FINAL DECISION: WHO WILL BEST REPRESENT THE GLBT COMMUNITY?

CAE-PAC, THE NEW GLBT-FOCUSED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE RELEASES ITS RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

This Wednesday, Citizens Advancing Equality (CAE-PAC), the new political action committee for the local GLBT community, will release its ratings and endorsements of local candidates running for public office in the upcoming general election. CAE-PAC previously evaluated and rated candidates in the primary race; those ratings will be combined with CAE-PAC's general election ratings and can be viewed at CAE-PAC's website, www.CitizensAdvancingEquality.org. The positions for which CAE-PAC evaluated candidates include:

- City Councils of Airway Heights, Cheney, Liberty Lake, Spokane, and Spokane Valley;
- School Board positions in the Districts of Central Valley, Cheney, Deer Park, Orchard Prairie, Riverside, Spokane (District 81); and
- City of Spokane Mayor.

A total of 15 questionnaires were completed by candidates running in the general election and returned to CAE-PAC last month. The questionnaire addressed such issues as where equal rights legislation ranks among candidates' priorities. A committee was appointed to carefully review the candidates' responses. Most candidates who returned a questionnaire also subsequently participated in an interview conducted by a different appointed committee. Both committees made independent recommendations of candidate ratings and reported their conclusions to the CAE-PAC board of directors. In addition to the two committees' recommendations, the board of directors considered any publicly known information about the candidates. After thorough deliberation, the board determined CAE-PAC's final ratings and endorsements of candidates running in the general election.

Citizens Advancing Equality recognizes the importance of electing leaders who not only exhibit tolerance of people who identify themselves as GLBT or questioning, but also embrace all people as valuable citizens of the greater Spokane community. To that end, CAE-PAC provides the GLBT community—and the public at large—with comprehensive information to assist voters in deciding which candidates, if elected, will most likely be supportive of the GLBT community.

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For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact Dean Lynch by e-mail at chair@citizensadvancingequality.org or telephone at (509)293-4993. To view the official CAE-PAC candidate endorsements and ratings, please visit www.CitizensAdvancingEquality.org.