

Gunterman Announces Candidacy

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Most of you reading these words likely already know that I have announced my intent to seek the office of McLean County Judge/Executive as a Democrat in 2006.

This early announcement in no way signifies the beginning of active campaigning on my part. I am telling you now only because you deserve to know that a strong alternative exists for next year's election.

I have always been proud to be a Kentuckian and to be from McLean County. When I went into the wider world, I realized then that what made me unique in that world were the values and heritage I took from McLean County and not any extraordinary level of intellect. Quite frankly, there are far more Yale University graduates on this earth (in heaven, I'm not so sure) than there are McLean Countians. But I am proud to have combined the two.

I want to work for you. I have strong credentials for this office, and I know that I have much to offer the county. I have been formally trained as a diplomat and have worked in the embassy environment. From those experiences, I learned how to network with influential people, how to communicate effectively through the written and spoken word, and how to exercise solid judgment. At Yale, I'm in a constant mental pressure cooker, where mistakes can cost you dearly. You have to learn to keep your composure whatever level of stress you're under.

Let me ask you some questions? Do you have confidence in the current county government? Do you feel that this government works to keep you informed? How much do you think your opinions matter to it?

I did not get to where I am today on my own. I got here by knowing how to listen to other people, to recognize their skills and wisdom, and to work with them. When I am your judge/executive, you will know always what is going on and you will have an important say in what is done.

You can have confidence in me. Many influential people in this nation do, but your confidence is all that matters in the coming election. I also assure you that when I've completed the job and built a solid foundation for future generations, I will move on. I have other career options. But no matter where life's adventure takes me, I will always

be working for McLean County.

My simple goal is to make McLean County strong and proud through a relentless work ethic. In early 2006, I will publish a detailed and formal plan for the future of our county. It will be a plan built on new ideas, and not new taxes. You can follow my campaign throughout at www.VoteGunterman.com.

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