



From the desk of Martin Peterson

Dear Fellow Republicans:

In a recent ad, Judge Haverkamp made several false statements. I subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices set forth in Section 258.004 of the Election Code, that is, to limit attacks on my opponent to her record and stated positions on issues and to avoid misrepresentations and distortions of facts. She does not. But, I am told Haverkamp has always engaged in the most negative of campaign practices. I can only hope that such behavior is not again rewarded.

FACT: I have never filed a lawsuit against Haverkamp.

FACT: I have never failed to prosecute any person whose guilt I reasonably thought could be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

FACT: It was improper (and without precedent) for the judge to demand that the almost \$6000 she incurred in legal fees in trying to defend her rulings in favor of criminal defendants be paid by Cooke County taxpayers.

FACT: Any defendant not indicted within 90 days of arrest on a felony charge is entitled to be released. The DA has nothing to do with how long a defendant sits in jail before trial after indictment. The case moves at the pace established by the court.

FACT: At least since I have been here, no felony charge set for trial has been dismissed after citizens have appeared for jury duty.

FACT: I have tried 17 jury trials in Cooke County. 14 resulted in guilty verdicts. In two cases the defendant succeeded in saying his conduct was legally justified as self-defense. There was one hung jury. Success does not spring from lack of preparation or "a poor job of presenting the evidence." I have tried more than twice as many jury trials as Haverkamp and she heard only 6 of the 17 cases.

FACT: I have said I never expected the support of criminal defense attorneys. But, Haverkamp does get their support for a reason.

FACT: Jody Meador and Kyle Williams (both dangerous repeat offenders) got sweetheart deals from the judge: ½ the maximum and 1/5 the maximum sentences respectively.

I could go on, but you get the picture. The temperament of Haverkamp's ads tells me she is not the person I would want to see on the bench in front of me. Just as she was recently removed as the judge in Cause No. 06-123 for bias, she should just be removed, **period**. You will not be disappointed with my performance as 235th District Judge, because you will find that I am caring, courageous, and correct. Haverkamp's erroneous rulings and bad policies merit your understanding and close examination. But, regardless of the outcome of the election, my primary purpose and hope has been that my efforts will result in positive changes in how our local courts function. Both the litigants and the taxpayers should benefit. I believe I am the proper agent for that change. Test my character, test my skills, test my motives. I share the thoughts of someone who knows me well:

"Martin Peterson is a well respected and accomplished attorney worthy of your vote. In my 20+ years of legal experience in both civil and criminal law, I have never encountered an attorney more knowledgeable or dedicated than Martin Peterson. Having personally worked with Martin for more than six years while he was serving as the Assistant District Attorney for Bosque, Comanche and Hamilton Counties, I was able to view first hand his unsurpassed ability to research legal issues and apply the law. Martin successfully argued cases before the Court of Criminal Appeals and excelled in composing appellate briefs. When discussing cases with Martin, I found him to be both fair and compassionate, judging each case according to the individual issues at hand. Martin diligently put forth the effort required to expedite the disposition of more than 400 felony criminal cases annually. He has the experience necessary and dedication required to be an effective District Judge." Michele Roper, Legal Assistant/Victim Assistance Coordinator, 220th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Meridian, Texas

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