



Friends of Najoli Campaign for County Commissioner

Herman for Hamilton

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Hamilton County BOE Certifies First-Ever Independent Candidate for Commission

CINCINNATI – The Hamilton County Board of Elections (BOE) today certified Dr. Herman Najoli as an independent candidate for Commissioner. Dr. Najoli becomes the first independent candidate to earn a place on the General Election ballot in the county's 230-year history. He will be running for the seat that was previously held by the late Commissioner Todd Portune and is currently held by Commissioner Victoria Parks.

According to a review of historical election results at the Board of Elections, the last candidate to earn a spot on the ballot without the backing of either the Democratic or Republican parties was Daniel Riehle, who was on the ballot in 1982 for the Libertarian Party. In addition to being the first outright independent candidate, Dr. Najoli will be the first African-American male to ever appear on the ballot for Commissioner since Hamilton County was established in 1790.

Dr. Najoli brings a passion for service, an independent non-partisan spirit, and a deep knowledge of organizational leadership to his campaign. He personally collected signatures over the past two years to qualify for the ballot. His first attempt was in 2018 for the seat held by Chris Monzel but he fell short of the signature requirement as he had only three months while working full-time. This time he started in April 2019, a full twelve months before the deadline. Dr. Najoli will bring that indefatigable spirit and relentless optimism to the County Commission.

A resident of Price Hill, Dr. Najoli serves the community as a lay leader at Heritage Community Church. He is a volunteer and coach at both St. William School and St. Lawrence School. He has served on the WCPO Community Advisory Board and is currently serving on the Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Commission (TIRC). The Najoli family are members of the West Price Hill Community Council, and frequent volunteers with numerous nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Najoli first announced his candidacy on Primary Day, March 17, at the historic Mt. Echo Park in Price Hill, intending to run a 230-day campaign in honor of the 230-year history of Hamilton County. However, the Coronavirus led to a stay-at-home order that shook his upstart campaign. He suspended the campaign pending his certification as an official candidate. Now that he has been certified, Dr. Najoli is relaunching his campaign, a full 175 days to the General Election. He has rebranded it as a campaign like another one that took place 175 years ago, the election of James K. Polk, the greatest underdog in the history of Presidential elections. Dr. Najoli is so inspired by President Polk, famously nicknamed 'Napoleon of the Stump', that he created a five-legged table with a real tree stump for the fifth leg that he is using for a campaign symbol.

More information and updates on Dr. Herman Najoli:

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For more information or a copy of his platform, contact Dr. Herman Najoli at candidate@drnajoli.com.

***About Dr. Herman Najoli,
Independent Candidate
Hamilton County Commission***

Dr. Herman Najoli is a resident of Price Hill who is currently running as an Independent Candidate for Hamilton County Commissioner. He holds a Doctoral degree in Organizational Leadership, having completed his dissertation on Wisdom and Organizational Citizenship Behavior in Leaders. He has Masters degrees in Organizational Leadership and Advanced Leadership Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Commerce. He is serving on the Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Commission (TIRC) and has written four books, most recently Public Servants in Government, Education, and Nonprofit Sectors. Herman and his wife, Danyetta, have two children.