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Campaign for Mayor of Cincinnati

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Statement on Westside Dems Meeting

WEST PRICE HILL, OH – It was an honor to attend the Westside Dems meeting. Though not affiliated to any political party, our campaign, felt compelled to attend as we have lived in the community for more than 14 years and have numerous friends that we volunteer with in various capacities on the Westside. Moreover, we are in this race because we are hoping for a real Westside impact on leadership in our beloved city. In all these years living here, we have seen only one Westsider run for elected office. This really must change, and we hope to inspire more in our neighborhood to run for elected office. Unfortunately, during my speaking segment hackers interrupted with inappropriate music not once, not twice, but five times! The first was a Trump clip, the second was African music, the third was a Trump clip, the fourth was African music, and the last one sounded like a baby crying.

What transpired during the time allotted to me did not happen during the other five candidates' sessions. At the time of the multiple hacking disturbances, I was the fourth speaker. The first three speakers were not interrupted at all and neither were the final two speakers. I was able to maintain my composure since I am an educator and handle multiple interruptions within a lecture room setting. However, the intent of these interruptions, specifically against the only Independent candidate in the race during a party-based meeting, was very unsettling. Many friends have reached out and expressed their dismay that this happened to me. I expressed my disappointment about the entire set of disturbances and reiterated my commitment to doing good.

One of my friends inquired why I participated yet I am an Independent candidate. I responded that this was a 'meeting' and not a forum or debate. I reiterate that I am not seeking to be drawn into the intra-party conflict within the Democratic party as the candidates battle for endorsements. Endorsing organizations and party faithful are carefully weighing my opponents as they seek to identify and endorse their favorite. The endorsement that I seek is that of the voters, so we will continue with a grassroots effort to reach as many voters as possible. We believe that having no affiliations and no special-interest alliances places us in the best position to be the candidate who will bring about the change that our city needs.

On May 4th vote Najoli for Mayor.

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