

Election 2008 Letters

About Jim Danforth...

First, let me talk about Jim's character. He is one of very few people that I and many others who know him consider to be "larger than life." I say that because I have never seen so much caring and the energy to put that caring into action as I have seen in Jim.

He lives in our community – Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Andover – and we here on the mountain have witnessed his many, many kindnesses to all of us. We just marvel at him and what he does for his neighbors as well as the many others in his life.

Secondly, I want to point out that Jim was our New Hampshire representative and in that role he was very proactive in a most positive sense. As your representative,

- He carefully considered all issues on their merits. He kept an open mind and considered additional information, but in the end he made his decisions based on principle and what was in the best interest of the public he served.
- After thoughtful consideration of an issue, he took a clear stand. Lobbyists had no influence on him.
- He met with New Hampshire Services for the Blind to determine what legislation they needed to better serve their clients and actively represented them.
- He attended many hearings, asked appropriate questions, and suggested actions.
- He toured county facilities, developed an understanding of their needs, and represented them in the legislature.
- He was very well organized and was always prepared. He did his homework.

These are just a few of the positive actions we witnessed from Jim during his tenure, and you can expect more of the same. He is already familiar with the state issues as they impact cities and towns, and his energy, caring, and integrity are evident to all who know him.

Please do vote on November 4, and consider this exceptional person when you do.

Thank you.

Lois Magenau

I am voting for John McCain for President on November 4 for reasons of character and economics. Having served long, hard, and honorably in the military, Senator McCain has demonstrated that the core of his character is truly "country before self." He will use his experience to continue to serve this country selflessly. He has a record of working with both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate to build consensus for what's best for this country. He has a long record for Americans

to review; we know what he believes in and who he associates with. He is a man of good character and has the best of plans for all Americans.

Especially important is his belief that each of us knows better than the government how to save and spend our hard-earned dollars. He will keep the income tax cuts that we all benefit from – yes, even the wealthy, many of whom are hard-working as well and use their incomes to donate to charities and communities and schools and to build businesses that hire other folks. It's not trickle-down, it's neighbor helping neighbor, and that's the kind of Americans we are. I hope John McCain will also earn your vote on November 4.

Laura Condon

I am writing to offer an opinion on my representative to the New Hampshire legislature, Frank Tupper. I support Frank, primarily because he listens. He is an intelligent, thoughtful legislator who is willing to listen to and consider opinions that have the potential to change his thinking. He is also available and responsive to his constituents.

We need more grass-roots politicians like Frank who are in it not for their own egos or personal gain but, rather, for the common good.

Jeff Field
Loudon

The *Beacon* did not do quite enough research as to all the candidates. [Howard is referring to the On The Ballot section, pages 9 through 13, of last month's *Beacon*.] The Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.nh.us lists a full page of petition-accessed candidates in races where the *Beacon* only lists one set of candidates.

Among them are Ken Blevens for US Senate, to oppose Sununu and Shaheen, and Bob Barr and George D. Phil- lies for US President, to oppose Obama and McCain.

Howard L. Wilson

Thank you for pointing out the flaw in our approach, Howard. We did indeed solicit statements just from candidates who are on the ballot. Thanks to your input, for the next election we'll look carefully at the possibility of a more inclusive approach.

The limiting factor, however, is likely to be the availability of volunteers to manage what is a time-consuming project, even when it only involves ballot candidates. It's an important community project, but we can only do as good a job of it as time and resources allow.

So if there's anyone out there who would like to help the Beacon expand its outreach to candidates in the next election cycle, please be in touch. Your help could make a big difference.

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Residents of Andover,



The election this November 4th may be the most important of our lifetimes. Are we better off today than we were eight years ago? Regardless of your previous political affiliation, if you think it's time for a new direction, consider voting for the Democratic ticket this year.

The Democratic Party stands for:

- an economy that works for all Americans.
- health care everyone can afford.
- a responsible foreign policy.
- a commitment to alternative energy to strengthen our national security and address climate change.

In short, the Democratic ballot represents real change, and we are proud to present a strong field of national, state, and local candidates:

President & Vice President

Barack Obama & Joe Biden
BarackObama.com

United States Senate

Jeanne Shaheen
JeanneShaheen.org

United States Congress

Paul Hodes
HodesForCongress.com

Governor

John Lynch
LynchCommittee.com

Executive Council

John Shea
JohnSheaForCouncil.com

State Senate

Matthew Houde
MatthewHoude.com

State House - Merrimack District 6

(Vote for six candidates)

Danny Loehr (Andover)
DannyLoehr.com

Tim Chrysostom
Claire Clarke
Joy Tilton
Frank Tupper
Deborah Wheeler

(Remember: you can vote for all six on the House slate. Clarke, Tilton, Tupper, and Wheeler are incumbents.)

Important: there is no straight ticket voting in New Hampshire anymore, so remember to check off a name for every race. Start from the bottom of the ballot, and work your way up!

If you need a ride to the polls, call 735-5572 or 735-5168.

Thank you for voting.

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