

# Clergy Endorsement for Mansfield City Councilman Fifth Ward Candidate for 2021 General Election

Knowing righteousness exalteth a nation, (Proverbs 14:34), it is vitally important persons of integrity should be chosen to serve in elected positions. Exodus 18:21 says, “Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear GOD, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.”

With that being said, it is our role as overseers over our congregations and community to ‘shepherd the sheep.’ While our congregations may not be located inside the Mansfield Fifth Ward, Proverbs 3:27 says “withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

**Based on a Biblical worldview, our strong conviction as forty-six (46) clergymen is that Councilman Jason Lawrence (R) will best serve as Fifth Ward Councilman in his second full term for the City of Mansfield in the upcoming November 2nd, 2021 General Election.**

Our personal endorsement of Councilman Lawrence is based on the following public record during his terms as city councilman demonstrating that he is a strong proponent of faith, family, and freedom:

- Support of faith-based initiatives (1)
- Resistance to divisive social justice (2)
- Support for the prohibition of illicit drugs (3)
- Support of local law enforcement (4)
- Observance of National Day of Prayer (5)

According to Proverbs 29:2, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Therefore, we remind all citizens of their duty to vote and make sure they are registered to vote prior to the October 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 deadline. For more information regarding voter registration and viewing sample ballots, please go to: [https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/public\\_administration/board\\_of\\_elections/index.php](https://www.richlandcountyoh.gov/departments/public_administration/board_of_elections/index.php)

**The following forty-six (46) local clergy formally announce their support of Councilman Jason Lawrence as the next Mansfield Fifth Ward City Councilman:**

Pastor Russ Smith	Pastor James Marshall,	Pastor Tim George
Pastor Rich Hurles	Pastor Chad Hayes	Pastor David Ferrell
Pastor Steve Schag	Pastor Clarence Sanderfer	Pastor Russell Stanford
Pastor Doug Tackett	Pastor Clint Ziegler	Pastor Christopher Thomas
Bishop Anthony Cooper	Pastor Dink Porter	Pastor John Bouquet
Pastor Mark Wireman	Pastor Paul Lintern	Pastor Earl Eiklor
Pastor Randy Raynes	Pastor Bruce Copley	Pastor Aaron Rose
Pastor Brian Phillips	Pastor Art Kennard	Pastor Robert Kurtz
Pastor Eric Byrom	Pastor Don Wilson	Pastor Dallas Waggle
Pastor David Guild	Pastor Ben Gregg	Pastor Terry Garrett
Pastor Robert O'Brian	Pastors Les & Grace Farley	Pastor Mark Meyer
Pastor Floyd Allen	Pastor Glen Phillips	Pastor Louis Blevins
Pastor Jason Price	Bishop Sylvester Ginn	Pastor Kevin Evans
Elder James DeWeese	Pastor James Spencer	Pastor Steve Baldridge
Pastor Joe Smith	Pastor Clyde Kerby	Pastor Ferlie Yates
Pastor Dan Baer		

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