

VBTA Endorses Police Capt. John Bell for Virginia Beach Sheriff

The Board of Directors for the Virginia Beach Taxpayer Alliance (VBTA), a non-partisan incorporated organization, only makes candidate election endorsements in contested local elections where the Board is in unanimous agreement.

The VBTA Board of Directors endorses Virginia Beach Police Captain John Bell for Sheriff. The voters of Virginia Beach have the opportunity to de-politicize the Sheriff's Department. Voters' strongest reason for voting for John Bell is the endorsements that his opponent has received from all the incumbent locally elected officials.

The last thing we the voters need is more of the same. John Bell brings the non-professional politician and thirty-plus years of distinguish service in your police department to the race – quality over big money and flash. The Sheriff is the chief administrator of the jail, provider of security to the courts, and server of court papers. We, the public, do not need a Sheriff who will continue the practice of using the office and deputy sheriffs to advance political agendas.

John Bell's motivation for running is to further his service to the public. John Bell is not running for Sheriff to capitalize on prior elective service to qualify for a public pension.

John Bell did not vote as a state senator for the largest tax increase in Virginia's history. John Bell did not sponsor a bill to condemn the homes of homeowners around NAS Oceana like his opponent.

John Bell did not vote to impose a regional government and regional taxes on Beach families after voters rejected Ken Stolle's big government agenda in a referendum.

If the voters of Virginia Beach want to send a message that business as usual no longer cuts the mustard...

If the voters of Virginia Beach want to send a message that we look beyond party labels and self-serving endorsements to the real character and track record of the candidates...

If the voters of Virginia Beach want to send a message that we want a law enforcement professional as Sheriff and not a professional politician as Sheriff...

The voters of Virginia Beach should join the VBTA Board of Directors, members, and friends and cast their vote for Captain John Bell – he has earned our trust.