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I'm running for the Fort Collins City Council against Kelly Ohlson.

I wasn't expecting to be a candidate in 2009, and I worked hard to recruit a pro-business candidate in District 5. But no one stepped up. I refuse to let Kelly Ohlson go unopposed.

Moreover, I believe I can – and will – beat him... with your help.

Now, more than ever, we need a City Council that is dedicated to job creation and a strong economy. We need to get Fort Collins back to work, and the way to do that is to free up our businesses and entrepreneurs so they can expand their companies and create jobs.

For four years – and for almost three decades before that – Kelly Ohlson has been openly antagonistic to business in Fort Collins. But today his anti-growth extremism is even more out of touch than ever before. He is vulnerable, and by offering a clear alternative, I will win.

The people of Fort Collins understand that economic opportunity affects us all. I don't know a single family that didn't have a smaller Christmas this year. I don't know a single family that isn't trying to find ways to cut their grocery budget or save money around the house. Stacey and I certainly are. People are worried about the economy. They're worried about being able to find their next job. What is Kelly Ohlson's record? Obstructionism and unsustainable open space.

Every candidate talks about "economic health" - I have actually laid out a clear agenda to get Fort Collins back to work:

- No higher taxes or fees.
- Incentivize new construction by reducing development fees.
- Freeze electric utility rates to keep the cost of doing business low.
- Create a "sales tax holiday" to get retail back on its feet.
- Fast-track the approval of development along I-25.
- Create a "High-Tech Connection" bus route between CSU and major employers.
- Say "no" to trash districting.

- Allow moderate development along the Poudre River in Old Town.
- Work with site selectors to bring corporate headquarters to Fort Collins.
- Increase our investment in the business incubator.
- Pass a Regional Transportation Authority.
- Streamline the development review process.
- Suspend new open space purchases, while continuing to maintain the land we have.
- Adopt a zero-based budgeting process for 2010-2011 and put everything on the table.

Refreshing? I hope so, and I believe the voters of District 5 understand the stakes.

I just need your help to get the word out.

1. Please write me a check in the amount of \$75 per individual (the legal limit). If you can *write a check today*, it will be that much more helpful – we only have a few short weeks to raise money.
2. Please find *at least* one more person who can match your contribution (spouse, colleague, friend). Because of the limits on fundraising, I need as many checks as possible.
3. Please let me know if you have a property near District 5 where I may put up a lawn sign.
4. Please let me know if I can use your name as a supporter and if you're willing to contact your friends and colleagues in District 5 on my behalf.

What is this campaign going to look like? I'm going to need to raise \$25,000 and I need 2,500 votes to win.

We can do this. (Note that I did not use the phrase "yes, we can").

I do not enter this race casually. I know what I'm up against. But someone needs to make a stand. With your support, I can be the voice for a stronger economy in this campaign.

I hope I can count on your help. Please feel free to call me on my cell phone at (970) 219-2831 or e-mail me at [andrew@boucherstrategies.com](mailto:andrew@boucherstrategies.com).

Sincerely,



Andrew Boucher

p.s.: I'm also going to include the name of Aislinn Kottwitz's campaign committee on my reply card. She's running in District 3 to replace Diggs Brown and she'll need our support. So please consider writing her a \$75 check as well. We must hold Diggs' seat.

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- Please find my enclosed checks) for "Boucher for Council".** (Contribution limits are \$75 per person)
- You can use my name as an endorser.
- I'll help contact my friends and neighbors in District 5 on your behalf.
- I have also enclosed a check for Aislinn Kotwitz's Important race in District 3 (payable to "Vote for Aislinn Committee").

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