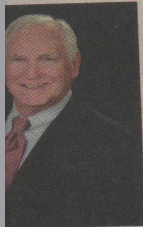


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Robert Chody Kicks Off Campaign for Sheriff



The much-anticipated announcement by Constable Robert Chody, a candidate Chody, finally came December 2 at El Monumento in Georgetown.

The packed-house event was headlined by law enforcement and elected officials from across Williamson County and the state, including district judges, Commissioners Lisa Birkman and Cynthia Long, State Rep. Marsha Farney, and Senator Dr. Charles Schwertner.

Chody is one of four Republican candidates running to fill the seat being vacated by Sheriff James Wilson. Mr. Chody, flanked by about 20 members of his family (pictured above), spoke passionately about what inspired him to a career in law enforcement, he thanked his wife and family for their support, and shared his plans and priorities for the office if elected.

"After my father died, my mother met a man who was abusive. One night that abuse spilled over to the children and I was terrified. I called the police and when they

arrived, I remember a young officer challenging this abuser to take a swing at him like he did my mother. I'll never forget the feeling of safety and security I felt that night. I knew from that moment forward, my career would be in law enforcement. My goal was to make one child, one family to feel safe like I did."

Chody names education, experience, and leadership as his qualifying and distinguishing qualities in this election.

His education résumé includes two Associates Degrees in Theology and general studies, and a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Additionally, Chody is a graduate of the Texas Leadership Command College, South Texas Leadership School; and the FBI National Academy, an elite program that includes 10 weeks training in Quantico.

Chody describes his professional career in law enforcement as diverse, and says this breadth of experience gives him an essential understanding of the requirements

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As I came into marriage and motherhood in my own life, I found myself living across the country from my family. Holidays were even harder to coordinate considering the cost of travel and adding in in-laws as well, so I was always thankful when I would call my mom on Christmas

slow, reminding him, "The day doesn't matter..." For once, his insistence won out, and I finally agreed to pay to have it shipped overnight with arrival scheduled for Christmas Eve. Quickly we slipped the calendar and a tiny card signed by my eight-year old into the envelope, and went on with our holiday

her time to enjoy it, and me one last opportunity to let her know how much I loved her. In that moment, I knew she was right; the day doesn't matter, because there's never a better day to tell your loved ones how much they mean to you than today.

Merry Christmas from the Payne family to yours!

CHODY, FROM A1

of running a county-wide organization

five years with the Austin Police Department

starting as a patrol officer in "Charlie-Sector" which, he says gave him "experience in a community of diverse population." He also worked as part of the mounted unit before moving on to recruiting, then to the APD Training Academy where he trained cadets in

also spent time as a corrections officer for the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice

and then 5-1/2 years as a Deputy Constable for Williamson County Precinct 2. Most recently, Chody has served as the elected Constable of Precinct 1 for the last seven years.

It is this most recent tenure as an elected official that Chody says has given him the most substantive qualification for Sheriff: Leadership. Since becoming Constable, Chody has made excellence, leadership, and morale priorities in his office; and the accomplishment of these goals will be reflected in January 2016 when the Williamson County Precinct 1 Constable's Office (officially) becomes the second Constable's office in the state (there are over 780) to be recognized by the Texas Police Chief's Association. Although he is proud of the honor in general, this accolade is important specifically Chody explains, because it demonstrates the professionalism of the department he heads, and helps with liability since recognized TPCA best practices are used by his office. Chody is

also proud of the programs his office has implemented since becoming Constable, pointing specifically to a handicap parking enforcement program; the Click It or Ticket Program; and a notification program for local law enforcement agencies that acts as a type of 'gap protection' when protective orders are served until the order is entered into the Sheriff's Department database. He also plans to migrate a DWI enforcement program he implemented in Pct. 1 "because DWI fatalities are on the rise in Williamson County right now."

Additionally, Chody asserts his leadership capabilities are reflected in his work with other elected officials, and community and law enforcement leaders. He wrote proposed legislation to improve the service of protective orders to better protect victims of domestic violence for Texas Rep. Tony Dale; worked with Austin's Chief Art Acevado, and Governor Abbott and Lt. Governor Patrick, when he coordinated the Police Lives Matter event that was attended by over 2000 people this past fall; and testified at the Texas Capital in defense of Colton's Law - all examples he feels demonstrate his ability to lead and establish relationships with other leaders, essential for the next sheriff.

Concerning experience and leadership, Chody emphasizes a difference between the two. "Don't confuse time in service with leadership time in service, which I have had in Williamson County,"

he stresses. "There is big

difference between being a lieutenant and being an elected official; as a lieutenant you implement policy and procedure that comes down from your superior; as an elected official, I have defined and worked the policy that is best for my agency, constituents and county. That's the difference leadership time in service makes."

As Sheriff, Chody affirmed, "I will share your values, stand up for the right thing, raise morale of the agency, and make the Sheriff's office a place people want to work."

His goals are to start a Sheriff-Citizen Police Academy so that citizens can serve their community and better understand what takes place in law enforcement events; and, he plans to improve information sharing between the Sheriff's Department and other agencies including Constables' offices, municipal police departments, and the County Attorney and District Attorney's offices.

Other priorities for the candidate include issues related to border control as they affect the safety of our citizens, as well as protecting them from federal overreach of 2nd Amendment rights.

Endorsements to date include: Texas Rep. Tony Dale, businessman Jim Schwertner, Taylor Police Officers Assn, Cedar Park City Council Members Jon Lux and Lyle Grimes, Granger Police Chief Robert Shelton, and Bartlett Police Chief Markus Holt.

For more information visit: RobertChody.com

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