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Subject: Kelberlau's lack of experience and training

Dear neighbors,

As a sun city resident and candidate for sheriff in Williamson County, I am disappointed after reading the letter floating around Sun City regarding Bill Kelberlau's qualifications to be sheriff. His purported 'constitutional stand' and how that alone qualifies him above all other candidates is mystifying. It is my sincere hope that many other factors in a candidate's background would have equal bearing on a voters decision to support them.

I have had the privilege of speaking to several of the candidates, including Kelberlau, regarding their qualifications, their experience, their visions for the county and especially their focus on law-enforcement and Public Safety.

Defense of the constitution is, without question, every candidate's greatest concern. Kelberlau's was no more important than anyone else vying for the sheriff's position. I would go further in saying that constitutional protections are the cornerstone issues for every conservative candidate. You need only peruse my website for proof of my dedication to the preservation of constitutional rights. As well, Robert Chody's Facebook will verify his allegiance to the constitution and the protections it provides.

Further, everyone in this race for sheriff has had years and years of law enforcement experience except for Kelberlau, who has absolutely none. Kelberlau chose his only attribute then garnered suppprt from the Tea Party, and received it, seemingly without further investigation by the party's leaders. Sadly, this seems to be the only area of concern that the Tea Party deems worthy of attention.

I have read Bill Kelberlau's printed handout that he leaves on our doors espousing his credentials. As I have mentioned, I have visited with him in my home and questioned him regarding his experience. I found none of his listed experiences and training qualifies him for a law-enforcement position anywhere in America, much less that of a leader. His background blurb says he has had law and management training classes, yet nothing about it's practical application, particularly in a real life law-enforcement setting.

He has never strapped on a gun or pinned on a badge, or taken the policeman's oath, which we all hold sacred. He has never made an arrest, filed a charge, testified in court, executed a search warrant, seized any drugs, nor has he been fired upon. He has never chased a suspect on foot or by car, removed broken bodies from wrecked vehicles, delivered death notices to bereaved families, nor solved crimes or recovered stolen property. He has never sat in a patrol car for 8 to 12 hours a day with a partner for whom he would give up his own life to protect. He has never attended a police officer's funeral and wept with the family he left behind. He has not had the joy of returning a lost child to his mother or felt the pride of delivering a baby in the backseat of car. He has never broke up a gang fight, bar brawl, or a family disturbance. Never has he deliberately put himself between his friends and neighbors and the violent, cold blooded killers in our society.

I could go on. You get the point. His entire service with the Navy has been at a desk in front of the computer. He verbally dances around his lack of qualifications. In the hour or so I spoke with him he

talked solely about the power of the sheriffs office. He never spoke once about Public Safety, or the working conditions and grievances of the men and women of the department. He never talked about his vision for the department nor his plans for addressing any issues with crime in the county. His focus was about the power he could wield against the US government should they choose to infringe upon his realm.

He has a knack for smoke and mirrors that confuses the real issues in this race. Ultimately, should he be elected, his administration would be ineffectual trying to lead veteran law-enforcement officers who know he has never been in the same trenches they occupy.

The one candidate in this race that I personally think can lead Williamson county into the 21st-century with integrity and honor is Robert Chody. As you may be aware, I have suspended my campaign in favor of Constable Chody who has a proven track record of leadership and has the ear and support of every politician, judge, and law-enforcement agency in the county. These facets of support are crucial for any sheriff to accomplish his agenda and Robert Chody already has them in place. He need only exchange his badge and uniform.

Conversely, Kelberlau would need 700 hours of classroom and field training before he could even be eligible for a license to be a Texas peace officer.

Kelberlau's captain rank in the U.S. Navy does not make him a leader. Rank in the navy is based primarily on time-in-grade not leadership skills. Chody has already proven his exemplary leadership skills after 7 1/2 years as constable in precinct one. This, along with his years in the Austin Police Department has gained Chody respect from law-enforcement agencies all across Central Texas.

Lastly, I implore you to investigate Kelberlau's background beyond his willingness to uphold the US Constitution. At the very least, for yourself and the residents in your neighborhood, invite other candidates to a 'meet and greet' and decide fairly and openly who will best represent your public safety and welfare needs and concerns.

As you can tell, I am passionate about picking the right man for this job. He will be with us a long time. The wrong man can set law-enforcement back decades; at a great loss and embarrassment to Williamson County.

Sincerely and passionately yours,

Tony Trumps
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