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Tazewell County Board

Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service

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Support John Kahl for East Peoria City Council

I do not envy the decision facing the citizens of East Peoria on April 5th. Eight young, successful, very well qualified candidates are running for four open seats. Even though I do not live in East Peoria, large parts of the city are in my County Board District and as such I have been following this election. I am finding it hard to only pick four and I believe this speaks volumes to the citizens of the city that they should have so many qualified fellow citizens interested in stepping forward to lead at a time when many communities are finding it hard to find leaders.

One individual that has stood out to me is John Kahl. Before this election, I had not had the opportunity to know this tremendous leader. A Marine veteran of the Gulf War, he has already given his all to his country and made a sacrifice greater than most of his fellow citizens would be willing to commit to. And yet I have observed that he has shown a willingness to serve at the city level with the same overwhelming commitment to service that made him an outstanding Marine.

One of eight children born and raised in East Peoria, he is now raising four of his own. During this election, you could see all of them working together walking all of the streets of East Peoria to meet with each and every citizen. This action in itself is not only a sign of a committed, hard working individual but also a means to accomplishing another one of his goals if elected; "Every citizen not only deserves to have a voice, but they deserve to have their voice heard."

The citizens of East Peoria should be proud to have the most qualified and youthful set of candidates of any Tri-County election in recent memory. And while the voters of East Peoria cannot go wrong with any of them, I ask that you reserve one of your votes for John Kahl.

As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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