

## **To the Voters and Citizens of Campbell:**

I am again a candidate for the position of Director of Law in the upcoming general election. I have served in the capacity as your Director of Law the last two years, and prior to that from 1996-2007. In this position my duties are to represent the City on all civil litigation matters, provide legal advice to the Administration and Council, and act as Prosecutor for the Campbell Municipal Court.

Campbell has been my lifelong home. I am the son of John and Mary Lou Macala and a 1985 graduate of Campbell Memorial High School. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in History from Youngstown State University in 1989 and my Juris Doctorate from The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1992. In addition to serving part-time as Director of Law for 13 of the past 17 years, I also maintain a full-time private law practice in Salem.

Although I am unopposed to retain the Director of Law position in the upcoming election, there are civic matters I believe important to the citizens of Campbell that need to be brought to the attention of the voters. Most important is the well-publicized local effort to consolidate local courts, including our own Campbell Municipal Court. Through the efforts of the Mayor, City Council and myself, we have been challenging the loss of this important part of our municipal government and City's identity. For 50 years the Court has provided fair, impartial -- and most importantly, local -- judicial services to the citizens of Campbell. The plan now being considered would eliminate our own Court, and replace it with a all-county Court jurisdiction. We have recognized the need to maintain local control of our Court for the services it immediately provides to Campbell, and avoid the possibility of the Court being removed distant from the City. More importantly, we have concerns of the loss of our immediate voting franchise for electing residents who know our City from holding this important judicial position. I will continue in my efforts to fight this proposal and I encourage all residents to give proper consideration to the effect this proposal would have on the local government services that we have long come to expect and utilize.

Although, unfortunately, we will never eliminate all crime, the prosecution of criminal cases continues to be highly successful. I have made myself available to our Police Officers on a 24 per day, seven days per week schedule. Additionally, I have coordinated with both the Campbell and Coitsville Police Departments to work diligently to prosecute and obtain convictions against criminal defendants in our Court. I believe that the cooperation that exists between this Department of Law, the Police Departments I proudly serve with, and the Court, helps to make our City more safe.

I strongly encourage each of you to perform your important civic duty of voting on Election Day. There is perhaps no more important duty that we possess as citizens than to have your voice heard through the ballot.

Again, I thank you for your past and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

**BRIAN J. MACALA**