

HISTORICAL ENDORSEMENTS OF THE PEE-DEE

PRESIDENTIAL

- 1940
 - Wendell Wilkie over Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- 1944
 - Thomas Dewey over Franklin Delano Roosevelt (keep in mind we were about to win WWII under FDR's leadership, but the PD felt we should change horses in the middle of the stream.
- 1960:
 - Richard Nixon over John F. Kennedy
- 2004:
 - No Endorsement

LOCAL OFFICES

- SINCE 1986 HAS NEVER OPPOSED A SINGLE TAX INCREASE FOR CLEVELAND SCHOOLS OR ANY CUYAHOGA COUNTY ISSUE, NOT ONE!
- 1978
 - Ed Fieghan over Dennis Kucinich Mayor, City of Cleveland
- 1998, 2002, 2006
 - Jimmy Dimora County Commissioner (sentenced to 28 years in federal prison)
- 2002, 2006
 - Frank Russo, County Auditor (sentenced to 22 years in federal prison)
- 1998, 2002, 2006
 - Patrick J. O'Malley, County Recorder (resigned and spent one year in federal prison)
- 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004
 - Gerald T. McFaul, County Sheriff (resigned amidst scandal and was under house arrest until last year after being convicted of felony bribery and extortion charges)
- 2006
 - Steven Terry for Judge, Court of Common Pleas (convicted and removed from office, served 2 years in federal prison for bribery, extortion, and misuse of public funds)

PLAIN DEALER MOVES MOST OF ITS OPERATIONS TO BROOKLYN, ABANDONING THE CITY OF CLEVELAND IN JULY OF 2013, HAVING BUILT THE FACILITY IN THE 1990'S.

COME ON CLEVELAND,
LET'S HELP KEEP
THEIR RECORD INTACT!
VOTE LANCI!

Shame on ALL of YOU!

Call & Post, Plain Dealer, and Crain's Cleveland Business, for Not Caring About the Children and the Residents of Cleveland

IT'S A SHAME TO SEE THAT THE ONLY MAJOR PRINT NEWS SOURCE IN CLEVELAND HAS PUT ITS STAMP OF APPROVAL ON FAILING SCHOOLS, RISING POVERTY, UNSAFE STREETS, AND EIGHT YEARS OF BROKEN PROMISES. The same group of editors who gave their stamp of approval year after year to Jimmy Dimora and Frank Russo, have now gone on record to say they feel a consistent 55% CMSD graduation rate is acceptable, that poverty growing from 27% to nearly 35% is a trait of someone "dead set on improving lives", and fostering a community and a police department that have no faith in CPD leadership deserves another term in office.

To be specific, the Plain Dealer's reference to Project Love as being "naïve and ill-considered" is hurtful to the children of Collinwood High School in which Project Love permanently changed their lives. Ask the girls who went from a less than 30% graduation rate to a 80% graduation rate, and then off to college. What is "naïve and ill-considered" is to think you can grab an additional \$70 million from those who can least afford it, and throw it at the problem. The levy passed and we still don't have enough teachers in our schools as recently as this week! The Plain Dealer and Crain's Cleveland business editorial boards don't even live in the city of Cleveland, nor do they have any children or grandchildren that attend the public schools, nor do any women of their families have to walk the streets in the city of Cleveland. For those reasons, **SHAME ON ALL OF YOU!**

IN ADDITION, IT IS DOWNRIGHT HYPOCRITICAL FOR THE PLAIN DEALER TO COMMENT THAT "IT'S A SHAME THAT JACKSON IS NOT REALLY BEING TESTED OR FORCED TO DEFEND HIS RECORD" WHEN THEY AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESS ARE THE ONES NOT TESTING OR FORCING JACKSON TO DEFEND HIS RECORD! Ken Lanci's campaign has sent out dozens of press releases and has held hundreds of campaign rallies and events over the last 7 months all in an effort to force Jackson to defend his record, all of which these news outlets have refused to cover.

For the Plain Dealer to reference me as an "uninspiring challenger" begs the question: are you smarter than a 5th grader?? The reason for asking is that Ken has received hundreds of letters from 5th and 6th graders who have been very happy to have heard his story and for learning about his timeline of life and how to "get in the box." They state that they will never look at a line as just a line, nor will

they look at a drawing of a box as just a drawing of a box. He has also received hundreds of letters of gratitude from children that have received free eye exams and free glasses. Through Luxottica, One sight Foundation, Ken and Linda Lanci have been able to provide thousands of children with free eye exams and glasses. Ken Lanci's story is truly inspiring, as it is the classic Horatio Alger story. (Any story in which someone who through sheer



determination, hard work, and clean living, rises from poverty to wealth). They refer to Ken Lanci as being "naïve" and yet he is able to successfully navigate business around the world, while helping countless others achieve their dreams. The Plain Dealer and Crain's both commend Frank Jackson for pledging to find a way to "institutionalize the infrastructure." Does anyone know what this means?? His past performance on behalf of our residents will doom them for decades if he figures out how to institutionalize it. Lastly, to suggest Mayor Jackson "can be counted on to follow through with his plans" means that the Plain Dealer has completely turned a blind eye to facts. Ken Lanci provided pages upon pages of Frank Jackson quotes, broken promises, and as we would tell our children, lies, all of which are available at www.kenlanci.com, which prove the contrary. This proves that Frank Jackson is not a man "that can be counted on to follow through with his plans" or his words.

For Crain's Cleveland Business on the other hand to suggest that Frank Jackson, "has a vision for what he hopes to accomplish and the legacy he wants to leave," they are omitting that the "vision" is based on eight years of proven failure. That's one heck of a

legacy! Crain's goes on to applaud Frank for his "attempt to give all school-age children in Cleveland access to a high-quality education." Would any of them be applauding Frank if THEIR children went to these schools?? His ability to take the schools into academic emergency, making them worse today than they were eight years ago, is fine for others, but not for the families of those on the editorial board. Just because Crain's puts words on pa-

FRANK JACKSON BY HIS OWN ADMISSION "IS NOT A CHEERLEADER FOR OUR CITY," and he may not be willing to set himself on fire to bring positive national press to Cleveland or wear red high heels at an annual fundraiser to raise awareness to stop domestic violence, but at least Ken Lanci will be a mayor that is willing to think outside the box and go the extra mile for our city. Ken Lanci will be a Mayor that IS willing to be a cheerleader for our

per does not mean they are true. Similarly, for Cleveland.com to say that Mayor Jackson has managed to make ends meet without a tax increase proves they must be forgetting that immediately after being re-elected in 2009, Mayor Jackson imposed a trash collection fee on every homeowner. The same homeowners who also witnessed rises in their water and electric bills. You cannot make ends meet on the backs of those who can least afford it, nor can you do it on the lives of the residents, or by putting our safety forces at risk. The same Cleveland.com article says that Jackson, "experienced the corrosion of neighborhood life

city because in times of great despair, when the only national press we get is coverage of the most horrendous of tragedies, someone who is willing to be a positive ambassador for our city to the rest of the world is just what we need! We have to start somewhere. The Mayor of a city has to be compassionate enough to actually care about the people who live in that city. No matter what words Frank Jackson uses to state his plans for the future, we know that by his actions yesterday they are not true.

Ken Lanci is proud to have the endorsement of the Black Contractors Association, and the CPPA. These are the people that live in the city,

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that comes with poor schooling." One would have to wonder if he even knows what a great school system operates like, seeing as CMSD has seen no improvements under his years in public office. Finally, for Crain's to compare Frank Jackson to George Voinovich is like comparing Dan Quayle to John F. Kennedy, Jr. "You, Mr. Jackson, are NO George Voinovich!"

When you get a chance to talk to any one of these individuals, ask the question, **"Would you still feel the same way if you lived in this city, and your children had to go to these schools, and walk these streets on the near Westside and the Eastside, which is most of Cleveland?"**

I think I know one person that would not feel Jackson deserves another term, Terry Edgars, as I've heard him speak about the pride and the love that he has for his wife and children. Why don't the children of Cleveland deserve better?

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Frank Jackson said in his Campaign Announcement Speech in April 2005, "If I don't restore hope within 200 days of taking office, I would consider myself a failure!" Given his record over the last 8 years as it relates to our residents, he has failed miserably!

FRANK JACKSON, REPULICAN? HE IS NOT ONE OF YOU!

- Frank Jackson has raised over a million dollars for his campaign. . . MOSTLY FROM REPUBLICANS?
- Frank Jackson has made over a million dollars the last 8 years. . . LIKE A REPUBLICAN?
- Frank Jackson will retire on a millionaires pension. . . LIKE A REPUBLICAN?
- Frank Jackson. . . DO YOU THINK HE'S A REPUBLICAN?

Ken Lanci Creates Jobs Web Portal

WWW.FINDMEAJOB.ME

According to the U.S. Department of Labor recently released study, the Cleveland metropolitan area has the tragic distinction of being number one in the nation in job loss. Under 8 years of the current administration, Cleveland's poverty rate has skyrocketed from a 26% to 34%. 1 in every 3 Clevelanders is living in poverty. This is not just unacceptable. This is tragic! Cleveland must do something different to attract jobs for it's residents. Ken Lanci has been in business for over 45 years, and says that never once has a sale just come to him. He has had to go out and aggressively market himself, or his business, to secure that sale. That is exactly the philosophy Ken will take with Cleveland. The current Mayor has said he is not a cheerleader for the city. Ken says he WILL be a cheerleader in aggressively marketing this city to businesses around the world. After speaking with hundreds of residents, the first thing Ken says he hears from residents is, "Find me a job!" Therefore, Ken had promised that when he became mayor, he would build a web portal for job seekers to register based on their skill set, provided that they are a Cleveland residents. After speaking to numerous pastors in the community at their regular Pastoral/Campaign meetings, Ken decided to be proactive, not wait until the election, and provide that resource now. Therefore, Ken has launched a web portal, www.findmeajob.me. The intent of this website is to gather information regarding the skill set of those who are unemployed or underemployed and live in the city of Cleveland. By entering their information and submitting it, Ken will attempt to look for jobs that match the inputted skill set. Once Mayor, Ken will use this information to see the totality of the skilled workforce, and match it with companies that could benefit by moving to Cleveland and utilizing a trained workforce immediately.



Ken Lanci, Democratic Candidate for Cleveland Mayor, Announces His Commitment to the Cleveland E.F.F.O.R.T. Re-Entry Program

CLEVELAND – (October 8th, 2013) – Ken Lanci, Democratic candidate for Cleveland mayor, is announcing his commitment for Cleveland's E.F.F.O.R.T. (Ex-Felons Focusing on Restorative Transitioning). E.F.F.O.R.T. is "a venture for the men of Cleveland who are socially and financially fragmented by the social disability of being an ex-felon in today's America." This idea, formulated by two ex-offenders, Malik Shabazz and Donald Miller, to benefit ex-offenders and the community, is just the type of forward thinking Cleveland needs. As an inner city alliance, E.F.F.O.R.T. invokes a transition process that takes a felon that is perceived as an "unequal", and helps get him to a position where he thinks of himself, and is thought of by others, as an individual who can positively contribute to the community. E.F.F.O.R.T. will use only ex-offenders mentored by successful business people in the community to aid them through activities such as utilizing the Green movement to their benefit by cleaning up the abundant recyclable litter that has become an unsightly norm in many areas of the Cleveland community, unclog and maintain the cleanliness of the curb-side drains in the most forgotten areas of our city, and tend to and maintain a clean and safe environment to as many of the 33,000 homes in our community that have been boarded up over the last 8

years. In addition to employment, E.F.F.O.R.T. will offer a "Personal Business Management Bank" for its employees that will serve as a walk-in, resume building, work assignment, and career building resource, that will offer on the job training for growth and development. The second phase of this program will be to acquire properties that are qualified for rehab to become temporary housing for those that are enrolled in the program. We will partner with EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute, currently a very successful program in our community started by Brandon Chrostowski that trains residents which are ex-felons in the culinary arts. Having been active in prison ministries for over 35 years, Ken recognizes that we must do more to help our ex-offender population in their efforts to become productive members of society. We can improve our community by also helping ex-offenders to become contributing members. This is what is truly called a "win-win." As Mayor, I will fully implement this program, and use my position to encourage a common pleas judge, a police commander, and the CEO of a financial institution, to serve on the board of trustees, because Together, we WILL do better.

The American Center for Economic Equality (ACEE) and The Black Contractors Group, Inc.

Endorse Ken Lanci, Democratic Candidate For Cleveland Mayor

CLEVELAND – The American Center for Economic Equality (ACEE) and the Black Contractors Group, Inc. endorsed Ken Lanci, Democratic Candidate for Mayor of Cleveland during a rally on the steps of Cleveland City Hall in August. "WE ARE ENDORSING KEN LANCI. HE IS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, 110TH & WOODLAND AVENUE. HE IS ONE OF US," stated Norm Edwards, President of the American Center for Economic Equality to a vocal crowd of hundreds of supporters. "He will make sure we have diversity and inclusion for projects throughout the City of Cleveland." Edwards promised that members of the Black Contractors Group would canvass the neighborhoods door to door to let the residents know that the city is in need of a change in leadership. In accepting the ACEE and the Black Contractors Group endorsements, Lanci vowed he would "fight the fight" with the help of those in attendance. "This endorsement is extremely important to the community. This endorsement is about the Community Benefits Agreement," declared Lanci. The Community Benefits Agreement includes recommendations for hiring practices that better serve minority candidates in the community. The agreement was drafted by Cleveland lawyer Dick Pogue, former Congressman Louis Stokes, and Dennis Laferty of Cleveland State University. "This agreement was drafted bi-partisan and recommended to the mayor. The mayor initially agreed. And then instead of signing the original agreement, the Mayor signed a very watered down version that included none of the meat of the original that actually benefited minorities," Lanci noted. Ken Lanci, a Cleveland businessman and the only

challenger to incumbent Mayor Frank Jackson in the November 5th election, cited the lack of local media attention being paid to the mayoral race despite widespread concerns of the city's increasing crime rate and the complete failure of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in the recently released Ohio Schools Report Card. "We should be outraged at the lack of coverage for this mayoral race, one of the most significant mayoral races in the past twenty years. Nothing from our television stations, our newspaper. Nobody cares. They want to continue things the way they are. What does that tell you?" Lanci concluded the rally with a call to action for the residents of Cleveland. "I will fight the fight. But I am one person. It's up to all of you to help get me there. And Together, We Will Do Better."

"We are endorsing Ken Lanci. He is from the neighborhood, 110th & Woodland Avenue. He is one of us,"

Norm Edwards, President of the American Center for Economic Equality

Cleveland Police Patrolman's Union Unanimously Endorses Lanci for Mayor

Union President Jeffrey Follmer said that his members voted unanimously to endorse Ken Lanci in his bid to unseat Jackson. The union has had a series of disagreements with Jackson and Police Chief Michael McGrath over the Nov. 29th police chase involving over a hundred officers and resulted in the death of two individuals. Despite Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's assertion that the November 29th shooting was the result of a "systemic failure" within the police department, Mayor Jackson stuck his heels in the ground and refused to lay blame on Police Chief Michael McGrath, or Safety Director Marty Flask. . Meanwhile, community activists and Police Union officials have both repeatedly called for McGrath's resignation. Lanci has said publicly that under his administration, McGrath and Flask would be fired, and that the city's safety forces are lacking strong leadership and are frustrated that Jackson has blamed recent con-

troversies in both the Police and Fire Departments on the rank-and-file, rather than on the chiefs and directors appointed by Jackson "This city has wonderful people working in its police and fire departments," Lanci said. "But after what they've been through with this administration, they don't know which end is up anymore. There is no leadership." Lanci has also criticized Jackson for his handling of the Fire Department payroll scandal, which erupted when a city audit revealed that some firefighters had been collecting their full salaries and benefits while paying colleagues to work their shifts. He said the practice had become institutionalized over decades, and to prosecute firefighters, while department brass and Flask did nothing to curb the behavior sooner, was unfair.

FRANK JACKSON'S BROKEN PROMISES BY YEAR...

- 2005
- "If I don't restore hope to the ailing city within 200 days of taking office, I would consider myself a failure." --Announcement Speech April 7, 2005
 - "We are worse off than we were four years ago." to Mayor Jane Campbell, October, 2005 Debate
 - "Help me make the city that we love, great again." September, 2005 campaign commercial--tag line---"Expect Great Things"
- 2006
- "We have an expectation of greatness, and will settle for nothing less than the best. January 2, 2006 Inaugural

"I want to make sure that Cleveland is better off than when I started."

January 2, 2006 Inaugural

HOW'S THAT WORKED OUT FOR YOU?

THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE FROM AN ARTICLE CALLED “THE FACE OF INCOMPETENCE” BY LISA RAB DATED OCTOBER 11, 2006

“He’s a dick. An egomaniac. A bully who struts around as if he’s mayor.”

“He terrorizes employees. Turns a negotiation over a festival permit into a power play. Doesn’t return a councilman’s phone calls. Doesn’t even pretend to care.”

THEY WHISPER THIS IN SECRET, OF COURSE, WHEN NO MICROPHONES OR NOTEBOOKS ARE NEAR. People don’t want to go public with their disdain for the mayor’s brother. But in private, they have plenty to say.

Once, he blew up at a meeting about a construction project that was behind schedule. Never mind that he hadn’t shown his face onsite for six months; he still insisted that he knew best. “I have a good job and a pretty wife, and I don’t intend to lose either one of them,” he barked. “Whoever BLANKED up this job better un-BLANK it.”

At City Hall, he was so hated that a lawyer’s investigation turned up piles of dirt dished by high-ranking officials. “Foul-mouthed and unprofessional,” they called him. “Aggressive.” “Demeaning.” The kind of guy who thinks it’s funny to joke about sex with an employee who was up all night with her newborn daughter.

Of course, such behavior isn’t really a sin in Cleveland, where we’ve never subscribed to the Martha Stewart school of etiquette. And his personality would be irrelevant if he were doing a good job. Unfortunately, the words “Nick Jackson” and “good job” are rarely used in the same sentence.

“Everybody’s afraid of the Jacksons,” says Judy Zamlen-Spotts, a former city employee who worked in special events under ex-Mayor Mike White. “People are intimidated by them. They have long memories, and they’re unforgiving.”

Shorter than his big brother and a decade younger, Nick was never slick enough to be a politician. With his gruff eyes and mafioso jowls, he looks more hit man than statesman.

While Jackson was assistant water commissioner, he was supposed to oversee the department’s off-site warehouse, known as Harvard Yard. But under his watch, employees were running their own Turkish bazaar. They raked in cars, World Series tickets, and other kickbacks while allowing vendors to jack up prices. The department ended up spending more than \$1.1 million on overpriced materials and supplies.

Two Harvard Yard employees went to prison for the scheme, and a third is still on probation. One of the imprisoned claims in court documents that his superiors were aware of the corruption and created a work environment that encouraged it. The FBI investigation is still open. But so far, Jackson and his downtown superiors have escaped untarnished.

They pleaded ignorance. “Me, him, and a number of people got taken on that one,” says Julius Ciaccia, the public utilities director and Jackson’s boss at the time. But even if you buy that argument, it doesn’t bode well for Jackson’s management skills.

He says he graduated from a small school called the Applied Technology Institute in 1985 or 1986 -- the same year he started working for the city. But Scene could find no school in Cleveland by that name. The only Applied Technology Institute in the country is based in Maryland, and it doesn’t grant diplomas. It provides short seminars and correspondence courses on “space, communications, defense, sonar, radar, and signal processing.” Not industrial engineering. More important, the institute has no record of a student named Nicholas Jackson. (Jackson did not respond to repeated interview requests.)

When White left office in 2001, he took care of his most loyal servants. Jackson and six other city employees were handed school jobs. Jackson walked away with one of the sweetest deals: \$102,000 a year to serve as Byrd-Bennett’s chief advisor on the massive, \$1.5 billion project to rebuild Cleveland’s schools.

But before he could even get started, scandal struck. Councilman Mike Polensek accused Jackson of going behind city council’s back to strike a deal that would let the convention bureau buy \$216,000 worth of equipment for the city, instead of repaying a loan. It was a bureaucratic sin -- by law, council is supposed to approve all purchases worth more than \$10,000. And with bribes changing hands throughout the White administration, the secret nature of the proposal raised suspicion.

Barbara Byrd-Bennett made a big show of checking out the allegations, hiring an attorney from Ulmer & Berne to investigate. She probably expected a typical Cleveland investigation: cursory interviews, a mountain of billable hours, and a clean bill of health. What she couldn’t have predicted was that the lawyer, Inajo Chappell, would actually do the job. The result was a brutally candid indictment of Jackson.

Chappell interviewed at least five high-ranking city employees, along with a private construction manager, architects, two members of the convention bureau’s board of directors, and a leader of the West Side Market Tenants Association. In the end, she cautioned that much of the dirt heaped on Jackson might have been motivated by racial or political strife. Nevertheless, her conclusions were damning.

Monica Wells, another special-events employee, accused Jackson of sexual harassment after he suggested that she was up all night having sex, rather than tending to her newborn baby. It was a comment that might slide as a joke between friends. But it came from a supervisor, and Wells is still incensed eight years later.

“As a woman, you gotta stand your ground,” she says. “I didn’t appreciate the gesture . . . I think he was just somebody that was just put in a position because of who he knew.”

Nearly every employee Chappell interviewed described Jackson as “foul-mouthed and unprofessional,” “aggressive,” and “demeaning.” They also believed that he viewed himself as above the law.

Posted by Joe Tone on Thu, Nov 1, 2007 at 9:58 AM

NICK JACKSON: HE’S MORE THAN JUST UNDERQUALIFIED

By now, you probably know Nick Jackson as Mayor Frank Jackson’s little bro, and as a shining example of how far having an important brother can take you in life, even if you **don’t have much in the way of skills or tact**. But you probably didn’t know that Jackson’s also a race driver. (We didn’t either, until we stumbled on this site). Known as “Nickey” in the racing world, he drives a car called “Jaleh Enterprises,” a canary yellow 1941 Willy’s Coupe that looks likes something out of **Cars**. You can check out Nick’s racing page at **www.nickjacksonracing.com**. -- Lisa Rab

NICK JACKSON THE FACE OF INCOMPETENCE

Frank Jackson’s brother scores multiple \$100,000 plus public jobs while Clevelanders suffer.



Your Tax Dollars at work as Frank’s brother gets a big pay day.

“A common theme for this administration is “a systemic failure.” Nick Jackson has virtually been in charge of the schools for the last three superintendents. Unless we do something different, we’ll get what we’ve always gotten. . . a failed education for our children.

(CLEVELAND) While the City of Cleveland is rated as one of the poorest cities in America for cities over 250,000 in population (median household income of \$28,512 in 2007) Frank Jackson’s brother Nicholas Jackson was raking in over \$120,000.00 in income from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. But, earning six figure income and living life as the top 5% of the richest of the population is nothing new to Frank’s brother. Currently he is the Chief of Business Administrative Services for the Cleveland Municipal School District. He is responsible for a wide range of departments including Transportation, Facilities as well as lead member of the team responsible for the District’s \$1.5 billion dollar Capital Improvement Project.

Before he scored this pay day with the publicly funded schools, he worked at the Water Department and Parks and Recreation Departments. Coincidentally, his rise from a Supervisor in the Water Department coincided with his brother, Mayor Frank, being elected to City Council. Nick Jackson has been making over \$100,000 annually for the two decades that his brother has served at City Hall.

How qualified is Frank’s younger brother? Well, when he was first hired at the City Water Department, he held a high school diploma, and later claims to have received an Associate’s Degree for a two year college program. Only the school that he lists as attending, Applied Technologies Institute, is a Maryland based school and does not offer degrees in Ohio. A check of the records never produced any Nick Jackson, when calls were made, no information was every provided. Hmm.

Examining the career of Nick Jackson, we find that virtually every public sector job that he had did not end well for taxpayers. Currently, he is the Deputy Chief of Business Operations for the Cleveland Municipal School District. Prior to that, he served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Cleveland and prior to that he worked as Assistant Water Commissioner at the Cleveland Water Department.

Big salaries can be justified if the person is a great performer. But an examination of Nick Jackson’s “accomplishments” would seem to show a very mediocre record at best, and at worst, not worthy of keeping a job, let alone one that pays five times the median income of Clevelanders.

In 2007, Cleveland Scene Magazine profiled the low lights of Jackson The Younger’s less than stellar career on the public payroll. The Face of Incompetence: To Understand Why Cleveland’s Government is So Bad, Start with The Mayor’s Brother which included numerous references to jobs held and the results of those jobs. From the Water Department, notorious for poor customer service and over-charging customers, to the public schools, which despite spending of \$15,000.00 per child in 2012 still was unable to score anything more than a 0 for 26 on the State of Ohio Report Card, Jackson has been part of a failed effort and has prospered while Cleveland has suffered.

Examples of his incompetence abound, and they include: When a shooter shot and killed students at SuccessTech in

“Throughout the investigation we were told that Jackson showed a complete disregard for rules and regulations,” Chappell wrote. He proposed the convention-center equipment deal without council approval, and did the same when securing funding for a renovation of the Miles Standish school playground. On other projects, he ran over budget -- \$600,000 on the Highland Park Cemetery expansion -- or stalled them unnecessarily, as with a months-long delay in buying new playground equipment for Lincoln Park in Tremont.

Most of the time, Jackson was simply following White’s orders. The mayor used neighborhood projects as if he were a medieval monarch, to reward the faithful and punish his enemies. But when Jackson took his act to the school district, he no longer had the mayor to blame.

Jackson was hired a few months after the school district’s massive construction project began. With so much work to be done, it was easy to create a new position for him as Byrd-Bennett’s advisor on the project.

At the time, district officials insisted that Jackson and the other new hires were recruited for their stellar résumés. But Jackson’s job application spoke for itself. It called for three references not related to the applicant. But his brother’s name was at the top of the list.

By then, Frank had been elected city council president, which meant that Nick was virtually untouchable. His new gig at the schools set off panic attacks among former city colleagues. They worried that he would repeat his train-wreck performance. Except this time, he would derail the largest school-construction project in the state.

“Nearly every city employee interviewed expressed concern about Jackson’s ability to perform his job with the District,” Chappell wrote in her report. “There is a very real sense among many of those interviewed that Jackson should not be administering or managing any construction or facilities program.”

Even the mild-mannered Plain Dealer was outraged by Chappell’s report. The editors called on Byrd-Bennett to fire Jackson. “Is she so deaf to the political ramifications of a hire that smacks of pure patronage?” they wrote.

But Jackson survived without so much as a slap. And sure enough, he soon lived up to his reputation.

Jackson was supposed to help the state come up with a master

Posted by Joe Tone on Wed, Oct 17, 2007 at 11:23 AM

THE MAYOR’S BRO HEADS SCHOOL SECURITY. THERE WAS JUST A SCHOOL SHOOTING.

Just because Mayor Frank Jackson’s brother Nick is incompetent, arrogant, and widely despised in his plum patronage job with the city school district doesn’t mean he’s responsible for every catastrophe there. Many city leaders failed to fix our broken schools long before he arrived. Still, it’s hard not to notice Nick’s fingerprints on last week’s shooting at SuccessTech Academy. He’s the district’s deputy chief of business operations, which means he oversees maintenance, transportation and -- you guessed it -- security in the schools. It’s a job he won a few years ago when Barbara Byrd-Bennett was CEO, and kept when Eugene Sanders took over. No one seemed to mind that Jackson had approximately no previous experience

in security. Sanders, wisely, did hire a safety chief to handle the day-to-day task of overseeing more than a hundred school-security officers. But that person left in July, and the post has been vacant ever since. Jackson has been filling in. Who knows if he had anything to do with the absence of metal detectors at SuccessTech? Who knows if anyone could have stopped 14-year-old from executing his attack? All we know is that, during his career in local government, Nick Jackson has left a trail of bungled construction projects, sexual harassment charges, and bogus bus-rider counts. Not exactly the first person you want protecting kids. -- Lisa Rab

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Most recently Nick Jackson promised the janitorial union that they would discuss a raise IF the school levy passed in 2012. After the levy passed, he refused to do so, and as of this writing, I don’t believe he has. When Frank Jackson addressed the Pastors of the UPM, he was asked why his brother Nick refused to sit down with the janitors to discuss this issue as promised, several pastors stated that Frank Jackson became indignant and said “you can not question me about my brother”

IT BEGS THE QUESTION, WHO CAN ?

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OCTOBER 31, 2013

“Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Albert Einstein

NEW LEADERSHIP NEEDED IN CLEVELAND

It is my belief now that Cleveland deserves new leadership. Eight years is more than enough to chart a positive course for the entire city. Unfortunately that has not been the case. Community and grassroots support for the city administration has waned. I support Ken Lanci in his bid to become the next Mayor of the City of Cleveland.

Mayor Jackson was supposed to be the education champion for the school system but I am very disappointed with his efforts. The schools have been given a failing grade by the state of Ohio Board of Education. He has to be held accountable for this failure because he controls the schools. The schools were obviously failing when the Mayor led the city, county, and state officials and ultimately the city residents to support the recent ballot initiative to vote an increase for the schools. Besides a failing school system, the absentee rate of teachers is 11% (national rate 5%). This is unacceptable and only further hurts our children.

There is no development in any of the east side communities and neighborhoods. Hundreds of abandoned houses remain that are an eyesore and lower the value of surrounding properties and serve as a haven for criminal activity. As well, Mayor Jackson is in total support of the Opportunity Corridor which will disrupt the lives of hundreds of city residents just to shuttle people from the suburbs past the neighborhoods into downtown! Instead we should be developing neighborhoods and encouraging others to come in and share in the thriving communities that we create!

The police chase that resulted in 13 police officers firing 137 bullets killing two unarmed suspects is a reflection of a police department that lacks strong leadership. Over 100 trained professionals participated in this 20 minute high speed chase through several city communities before its tragic end in East Cleveland. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, whose office conducted the criminal investigation in the case, called the incident a “systemic failure” of the police department. Mayor Frank Jackson has stood unwavering behind the police chief. This is not leadership. We need new leadership. Ken Lanci is that leadership

Rev. Albert Lewis



IT’S NOT “IT IS WHAT IT IS!”

I’ve lived in Cleveland most of my life and I’ve never seen things as bad as they are. There was a time when Cleveland schools were graduating our children. We knew that they were going to school and their classrooms had the books that were necessary for the class that they were in. We knew that there were teachers in the classrooms that were qualified to teach the subjects that the students were learning. We knew that they were getting a quality education. How can we expect our schools to not receive a ‘FAILING’ grade and stay at a failing level when these problems persist? These conditions result from a lack of leadership. It’s easy to say that ‘It is what it is’ and walk away. In the Ariel Castro case there had been reports and tips given to the police department and nothing was done to result in freeing these missing girls. There are still many more children missing in Cleveland. The Anthony Sowell murder spree might have been prevented had the police leadership instructed the rank and file to investigate the complaints made for these missing women.

Leaders never say ‘It is what it is’ and walk away. God tells us that all things are possible to those that believe. God also says ask anything ‘believing’ and we shall receive it. God never has a defeated attitude and spirit that accepts negative and deplorable conditions for the people that He loves. I’m supporting Ken Lanci for mayor of Cleveland because he truly believes that with God we can turn things around and I do too. That’s the true meaning of being Biblical. Sincerely,
Rev. Jeffrey J. Jemison

I just found out that my kids are being taught by people who do not have degrees in education. They are being taught by people who are taking a break from their collage education. Why aren't real teachers teaching these kids? I thought that is why we voted for a levy, to pay real teachers to teach our kids. Instead they are paying for cheap labor. Where does the rest of that money go? I don't understand why Jackson keeps this a secret. We all have a right to know what is going on when it concerns our kids.

A concerned parent

Join some of our Faith leaders in supporting Ken Lanci for Cleveland Mayor!



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Elder Vicie Boyd
Rev. Milton Bradford
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For over 40 years, Ken has worked hard to create jobs and build businesses in Cleveland. He has turned around failing businesses and made them successful in the community creating 100's of jobs

Ken Lanci, through the Luxottica, OneSight Foundation, has personally provided over \$7,000,000 in free eye exams and designer eye glasses to the children of Cleveland Schools

A City that cares, a city built on I Corinth. 13:13, FAITH • HOPE • LOVE.

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Lanci has explained his motivation to a number of pastors and is pleased to see that those who not only talk the talk but ACTUALLY walk the talk have chosen to endorse him. Says Lanci, “I am extremely grateful for their support, and their leadership in their community is to be commended for spreading Faith, Hope, & Love throughout their congregations.”

I am a lifelong resident of the City of Cleveland. I have played many roles in this community. I have been a daughter, mother, and friend to many here. I have been a pastor, an advocate for social and civil rights issues, and a school teacher. I have fought for education, healthcare, cessation of foreclosures and a gambit of other issues which adversely affect our community. I have seen politicians come and go. I have seen the political process erode and we have our neighborhoods to stand testimony. I am writing this endorsement because of the changes which I have seen and personally lived through and been directly affected.

I have seen the current mayor as a City Councilman; reside over City Council as President, and now for the last eight years as Mayor. I can truly say I am severely disappointed that in the thirty years this community has supported him, he has not advanced, particularly the Eastside of Cleveland. I am wholly disappointment that our schools have failed. Our safety force has failed the women and children because they are undermanned, ill equipped, and insensitive to the community at large. I am concerned that under the current administration our Water Department has not reconciled hundreds of thousands of dollars due to malfunctioning meters. I have seen the homeowners assessed fees for everything from water delivery, recycling, and waste fees only to receive substandard services. I have not seen true and substantial economic development which would support homeownership to revive the aftermath of the foreclosure crisis. I have heard the promises of the current administration and watched as none of those promises came to fruition. I have seen only further decay which is generally what empty promises bring.

I already took my trip to the Board of Elections and cast my vote. I am tired of seeing our city deteriorate. I will not trust the person who was responsible for the deterioration to “fix” the problem. Our children are failing which means WE are failing. We cannot afford to lose another 4, 8, 12, or 30 years trusting this mayor to fix the problem. That is mine and yours responsibility. If you can walk out your front door and truly say that you are satisfied with the way your city looks and want to give this current mayor another bite at the apple then you too are broken.

Ms. Mariah Crenshaw, Tired Resident of the City of Cleveland



Crime & Safety:

- Bring Back Auxiliary & Neighborhood Police
- Re-establish and build new Neighborhood Block Clubs
- Build relationships between police and residents
- Establish a Department of Community Activism so that activists have a voice at City Hall

Schools:

- Expand Project Love: Work to increase parental and community involvement in every child's education
- Ensure that students and teachers have the necessary books & supplies in every classroom
- Fight truancy. If children aren't in the classroom they cannot learn
- Increase graduation rate from 50% to 70% in 4 years

Jobs:

- Create a City Jobs portal so that every person that wants to work can find a job
- Sign a Community Benefits Agreement so that local and African-American business owners are participating on all construction jobs within the city of Cleveland
- Mentor and Support small business owners

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Dear Friend,

As a former Councilman of eight years, and Cleveland resident, I am deeply concerned about our City of Cleveland. Our neighborhoods are suffering. Families are losing their homes, the unemployment is so high that Cleveland is often nationally known as America's poorest City. Schools in Cleveland get the poorest ratings, and poverty has increased over the last 8 years.

If we want to see a change, we must vote for Ken Lanci for Mayor. There has been no improvement for the residents in many areas. Ken Lanci is a self-made man who worked at age 13 to help his family. After graduating from high school, Ken wanted to go to College and become a Doctor. Unfortunately, his mother became ill with multiple sclerosis. His father bought a failing print shop, and thus Ken gave up his dream for his family, and helped the Print Shop succeed. The rest is history, and now he is one of the most successful businessmen in Cleveland.

With his wealth, Ken and his lovely wife Linda have been among the most charitable people in Cleveland. Just one example is that they brought the One-Sight Program to the Cleveland Municipal School District. Through the Luxottica One-sight Foundation, over 12,000 free eye exams and eye-glasses were provided to Cleveland's school-aged children. The total value of this gift exceeded \$7 million dollars. Finally, after Ken had a sudden cardiac arrest and was brought back to life, he believes that he must help others as God has helped him. That is why Ken wants to help the City of his birth and business to succeed as he has. Please help our City by electing a Mayor who is truly a successful leader. Please join me by electing Ken Lanci as our next Mayor of Cleveland. It is truly a time for change! Sincerely,

Nelson Cintron Jr.