

**Statement by Trudy McFall on the Capital's Endorsement
September 8, 2009**

Today the Capital endorsed Josh Cohen for Mayor. While this is disappointing, it is not surprising. I always thought that it would be difficult for me as a reform candidate, and not part of the existing political structure, to secure the Capital's endorsement.

Perhaps most disappointing are the relatively light-weight reasons for their endorsement - that Josh would be a "comfortable fit for Mayor" and "has avoided confrontation" - and, most ironic of all, they cite his brief experience on the County Council.

I had hoped that the Capital would be willing to look beyond the status quo and really consider the kind of experience the next Mayor needs.

Most surprising, given the Capital's strong support for the City Manager proposal and a more professionally run City, is that they did not take into serious consideration that I am the only leading candidate that supports the City Manager proposal.

With or without the Capital's endorsement, we believe that voters want real change and that we will win on Tuesday.

Trudy