

## Mike's Position on Endorsements

Endorsements – next to seeking campaign bribes from economic special interests – are the lifeblood of the duopoly parties. You will notice I have exactly almost no endorsements. This is by choice. I have been contacted by numerous groups asking me to agree with their agendas in order to receive their endorsement. Although there are many things about many groups with which I agree, I have not responded to any of them. This is for 2 very good reasons:

- ✓ *Most of their positions are irrelevant to the operation of the Auditor of State's function.*

The Auditor of State has exactly nothing to do with abortion, guns, Obamacare, gay marriage or a host of other issues that many people are passionate about. The only real reason to seek endorsements from groups that have no bearing on the Auditor of State as far as I can see is to position the candidates for future runs at other offices where such positions would be relevant. Since I have no intention of seeking any other office, unlike the duopoly party candidates who could care less about being Auditor of State and are really running for – well, who knows, but as career politicians, they surely are running for something else; the 3 Auditors I worked for as well as the incumbent all were career politicians running for something else. After all, that's what career politicians do.

- ✓ *An auditor, when you boil it down to basics, has to have 2 things that are paramount to being successful: integrity and independence.*

Independence means that the auditor can objectively review the party or program being audited. Suppose I were to be endorsed by, say, a group that's in favor of a particular program. How could I be perceived as being independent and thus objective if I were to subsequently audit that program? If I said everything was fine, the anti-program people could say it's a whitewash occasioned by the endorsement.

The duopoly party candidates don't even know what independence is, because, frankly, they know nothing about auditing in general.

So, if you see endorsements below, it is because the parties involved are not likely to be audited by the Auditor of State and/or these endorsers endorsed me solely because they perceived my superior qualifications and experience and recognized that electing me is a vote for "good government" and/or "liberty" positions with which most Americans -- and all Libertarians - surely would agree.