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Castro: DiFiore Mised Democratic District Leaders on Conservative Endorsement
“... proof positive that party switch was just a cynical exercise in political expediency.”

Tony Castro today blasted his likely opponent in the September 15th Democratic Primary Election for District Attorney for misleading Democratic District Leaders about her solicitation and eventual acceptance of the Conservative Party endorsement.

“When asked by Democratic District Leaders in Lewisboro on Monday, May 11th, well in advance of the Democratic county convention, which party endorsements she was seeking, DiFiore said she was seeking only the endorsements of the Democratic and Working Families lines and ruled out seeking the Independence Party line,” Castro said. “In a direct response to a follow up question about the Conservative Party endorsement, she specifically said she would not seek it.”

“Despite the invitation of Conservative Party leaders to be considered for their endorsement, I asked not to be considered at last night’s meeting, because I could not reconcile my values as a lifelong Democrat with their party’s stated positions on a multitude of issues,” Castro said.

As part of its “Goals 2009” at <http://www.cpnys.org> the New York State Conservative Party calls for:

- reinstatement of the death penalty;
- an end to local and state gun laws that supersede federal laws;
- the detention of any person simply “suspected” of being in New York illegally;
- limits on stem cell research;
- an end to rent regulation;
- religious observance in public schools;
- multiple restrictions on a woman’s right to choose; and
- a constitutional prohibition on same-sex marriage.

“Most Democratic voters will find many, if not all, of these positions disturbing, as I do” Castro said. “As someone who cares deeply about justice and equal treatment under the law, I am particularly troubled about the damage these goals would do to our system of civil rights and liberties.”

“At the time of her switch, Janet DiFiore wouldn’t explain which values caused her to leave the Republican Party under whose banner she had run three times for elective office,” Castro said. “She owed Democrats an explanation then, and she certainly owes Democrats an explanation now, now how she can reconcile our traditional beliefs with her extremist conservative ideology.”

“Her embrace of the Conservative Party shouldn’t be a surprise – this is the fourth time she will run with their endorsement,” Castro said. “This is proof positive that her party switch was just a cynical exercise in political expediency: she remains a conservative Republican albeit in Democratic clothing.”

“Janet DiFiore must first apologize for misleading Democratic District Leaders and then meet in a public and open debate to explain her values to our party members before they vote on September 15th,” Castro said. “It’s time for her to abandon the slimy diversionary tactics that have marked her past campaigns and explain herself.” "If we can't trust the District Attorney to tell us the truth about politics, how can we trust her on matters of justice?"

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