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MAYOR MICHAEL VO RESPONDS TO OC GOP STATEMENT

Fountain Valley, CA - "I reject the statement released by the Orange County Republican Party condemning my campaign - a campaign focused on limited but purposeful government, lower taxes, fiscal responsibility, support for law enforcement, robust public safety, and addressing the issues of homelessness, COVID-19 vaccination, mental health, and food insecurity.

While I am a registered republican, I am not owned by any party. I do not owe any favors, and I do not answer to the establishment. When my family and I fled communist Vietnam, I made a promise to a U.S. Immigration Officer that if he saved us, I would do all that I can to give back and serve the American people. The American people are who I answer to. The OC GOP should be ashamed for calling me selfish and condemning my campaign - for I am nothing more than a refugee turned public servant.

Let me be clear - no candidate is owed this seat, but the OC GOP is under the impression that a certain candidate is owed this seat, evidenced by their behind-closed-doors approach to endorsing candidates. Republicans in the 2nd District will decide which candidate is the strongest defender of personal freedom and free enterprise, and the most principled candidate in this race - and it is not the OC GOP's hand-picked candidate.

If Republicans want to keep this seat in conservative hands, they should reject the candidacy of a recycled career politician who has done little to nothing during his 25-year career in politics. The 2nd District deserves better than a candidate who just months ago lost a winnable race, handing a State Senate seat to the liberal left. The 2nd District deserves better than a candidate with no path to victory because of his lack of real-world experience and real-life struggles. The 2nd District deserves better than a candidate who offers nothing but embarrassing headlines due to his covering up of sexual abuse.

The OC GOP is fractured, it is disorganized, and divisive. They have the incessant ability to lose more winnable races than achieve victories. Under the current OC GOP leadership, you are seeing this across the County. If the OC GOP endorses a candidate, it is often best to look the other way because there is likely a more qualified Republican on the ballot."

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