

Yankee Steve's Column
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It's a New Day; Replace Lazy Clay

As you may know, my wife Sally and I have been working closely with the vigorous, grassroots campaign of Robyn Hamlin. Below is her recent article to a local online news outlet. If you live in Missouri's 1st District (portions of West St. Louis County, North County and North St. Louis City), please vote for Hamlin, the obvious conservative choice, and against the liberal, five-term U.S. Rep. Lacy Clay. Thank you. Steve Cakouros <http://oldlineconservative.com/>

My name is Robyn Hamlin and I am the conservative Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Missouri's First District. As such, I have been asked by the editors at the *St. Louis Beacon* to list my priorities. On reading them you will discover that all I want to do is return common sense to Washington, DC. Would you agree with me that we have been sending the wrong people to Washington, supposed representatives who do not represent our best interests, those who do not offer solutions to problems they sometimes created?

Priority One: Create Jobs

Get people back to work, and I mean now! One in eight Americans is on food stamps. I know we can change this and I know how. Unlike President Barack Obama I believe that job creation is best carried out through the private sector which has always responded favorably to tax cuts and to a government that gets out of the way of business. Obama wants to use the public sector to create jobs. He is dead wrong! How do I know that? That approach has failed wherever it has been tried. Not only that, employment is at 9.3 percent and growing. Here I would insert Einstein's definition of insanity - to keep doing the same thing with the belief that it will bring different results.

Priority Two: Prevent America from Bankrupting

Stop the wild spending! The annual budget for the Federal government includes a 37% interest charge. We are living on borrowed money. This has to catch up to us. The Government Accounting Office says that unless the economy takes a drastic turnaround, by the year 2054, the national debt will be four times the size of the Gross Domestic Product or \$52 TRILLION.

Priority Three: Turn Back Obama-care

I have worked 26 years in the healthcare insurance industry. Obviously when I heard about Obama's "reform," it interested me. I am quite certain that I am one of the few people in America (including Congress) who took the time to read the bill in its entirety. Apart from the fact that Obama-care is unconstitutional, it will not work. The money to fund it will never exist. This policy is the result of Democrats dictating to us what they believe we need. If the U.S. government is bankrupted, and if people must forfeit healthcare services that until now have been the best in the world, Obama-care will be a major contributor. It is nothing more than European-style Socialism which wherever it has been tried is proven to be a disaster.

Priority Four: Cut Off Funding for Illegal Aliens; Close and Protect our Borders

Do I need to argue for this? Should the people re-elect politicians who want open borders to import cheap labor and/or pick up liberal voters? The people that have suffered the most from the invasion of illegal aliens are African- Americans whose unemployment statistics are twice that of the white community. A vote to close the borders is a vote for the black employee.

Priority Five: Reduce the Size of Government

All federal agencies need to be closely reviewed, both for their function and efficiency. Some must be reduced in size; others scrapped altogether. This includes a thorough audit of the Federal Reserve. How will this bureaucratic decrease be accomplished? For a responsible bookkeeper this answer is simple - lower income taxes. If the money is not on hand, the government must be smaller, and with that it will become less intrusive.

Final Note:

My list of priorities puts me light years away from my Democrat opponent, Rep. Lacy Clay. He is a stooge for the Obama administration and its failed policies. Like many others in control he wants us to rely on the government. What will that mean? I can't say it any more lucidly than our third President, Thomas Jefferson, **"Any government that is big enough to give you what you want is big enough to take it away."**

Sincerely hoping for better times,

Robyn Hamlin

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