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Chris Kleinjans Announces Candidacy for Ottawa County District 2 Commissioner

Christian “Chris” Kleinjans has announced that he has been selected to run as the Democratic candidate in the District 2 county commissioner recall election scheduled to take place on May 7, 2024.

“I am honored and very happy to accept the Ottawa County Dems’ endorsement as the party’s candidate to run against Commissioner Ebel in the upcoming recall election,” Kleinjans said. “I’m thrilled that the voters of the 2nd District will have a new opportunity to weigh in on how they want their district represented. I’m excited about the future of both this district and this county.”

Kleinjans will bring a lifetime of service to the position of county commissioner — service to country, service to community, and service to family.

A 1986 graduate of Holland High School and a veteran, Kleinjans served honorably in the U.S. Navy for four years. After returning home and marrying his wife, Sarah, Kleinjans went back to college on the GI Bill. He claims deep roots to the Holland area as a descendant of the settlers of Zeeland. He and Sarah moved to the District 2 area nearly 30 years ago, where they raised their two boys.

Kleinjans has a 25-year history of working in the nonprofit sector, including in his current position as a community nutrition instructor. He also serves the wider community as a volunteer with the Ottawa County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and as a member of the board of Community Mental Health of Ottawa County (CMHOC) and the Advisory Board of Ottawa Food. Kleinjans is also a member of the American Legion and VFW.

“Through all this I have learned that the purpose of service to your community is to make the burdens of those around you a little lighter and their goals a little more achievable, and that will be my focus as the commissioner for the 2nd District,” Kleinjans said.

“District 2 is the crossroads of the county, with a high degree of diversity in many aspects,” Kleinjans added. “With that comes an understanding of what it takes to strive for a better future. We know how to work, and we know what works. People with this much hustle and this much strength deserve representation equal to their aspirations.”

To learn more about Kleinjans and to find out how you can support his campaign, please visit KleinjansforCountyCommissioner.com.

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