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## **In Desperation, Frank Principi Begins Negative Campaigning, Lashing Out at Chris Royse on AFRICOM**

Prince William County, VA – A statement from Chris Royse.

“As a resident who cares deeply about the future of Woodbridge, I have always looked to bring good ideas and positive actions to the forefront of my community. I believe that leadership is first and foremost the art of action, that you have to set goals and put forward ideas and plans; not simply vision it, but to actually do things that make a difference. Bringing AFRICOM to Woodbridge is an example of that.

For the record: no, I have not spoken to anyone officially at AFRICOM about moving to Woodbridge. I am not the Supervisor for Woodbridge, and that is the job of elected officials. Of course the DoD wouldn't discuss a major move with a Resident, only someone who doesn't understand business, let alone the DoD, like Frank Principi would need a a FOIA request to figure that out. But, as a citizen, I have spoken to political leaders in the county, congressman, and even retired military officers about the benefits of such a move and how well Woodbridge would serve the organization. Here is what InsideNova.com said on August 11th, “Royse said he has been speaking with a number of local politicians about bringing AFRICOM to Woodbridge and so far, the reception he’s gotten has been very positive. He also said he’s spoken with former AFRICOM commander William “Kip” Ward about the idea.” Please note that my approach is hardly new. I have never made any other claims as to what I was doing. When I am elected, I will have set the stage to begin an official push to bring AFRICOM to Woodbridge. If you send a FOIA request to President Obama, you'll also find out he hasn't spoken to Chris Royse about his campaign discussions on bringing explosive detection technology manufacturing jobs to Woodbridge, in support of the President's declaration the US will lead in this area, either. This is such a non-news item it makes Principi look more foolish than when he tried to shirk his sworn duties and walk out on a vote in the Board of Supervisors.

My opponents desperation is showing. In the past four years, he has watched as Five Guys Burgers left Woodbridge and did nothing. He watched as Tridex Associates left Woodbridge taking 110 jobs with them to Stafford. All he has now is the old Democrat trick of attacking and blaming. The only blame to find here is in Frank Principi's record of incompetence in keeping jobs in Woodbridge. Frank Principi can not hide his votes against public safety, his votes against

needed services for Woodbridge, his attempts to walk out of the Board of Supervisors in order to stop needed rule of law requirements, by attacking a plan to bring real jobs to Woodbridge.

This highlights one of the most important differences between me and my opponent. I am willing to roll up my sleeves, and do the hard, grassroots work necessary to achieve a big goal, like bringing AFRICOM and its associated jobs to Woodbridge. Frank Principi would rather disparage "\$10 dollar an hour hot dog jobs" that can put teens and recent graduates to work and help them save for their future, or find fault with someone trying to make a positive difference in his community, than put forth the effort to keep the jobs we've lost in his term much less take the creative, aggressive, big idea steps to bring jobs to Woodbridge. These words are also on the "tape" his campaign manager mentioned. Of course, he neglected to mention this uncomfortable fact in his release.

As Ronald Reagan once said, "You and I are told we must choose between a left or right, but I suggest there is no such thing as left or right. There is only an up or down." The choice is clear, we can choose the politics of hate and division as is now being practiced by Frank Principi, or we can chose the positive future my campaign is working to build. My opponent is focused on maintaining the status quo and waiting for someone else to fulfill his vision of a "New Woodbridge;" I am trying to build the coalition to bring AFRICOM to Woodbridge and create a 'Better Woodbridge, NOW!"

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