

D. Michael Hagan

2003 Republican Candidate for Montgomery Township Supervisor

My name is David Michael Hagan. As a candidate for Montgomery Township Supervisor, I would like to give you some details about my background, my reasons for running for public office and my position on key issues facing our community.

I am a life-long resident of Montgomery Township and a North Penn High School graduate. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Behavioral Science from Arkansas College (now known as Lyons College), where I participated in student government and served as Sophomore Class President. For the past 6 years, I have been involved with the Montgomery Soccer Association and am now a coach. In addition, for the past 38 years, I have proudly served the Colmar Volunteer Fire Company (which has served Montgomery Township for 60 years) and am currently Deputy Chief.

Like so many of my friends and neighbors, I have serious concerns about the future of our community under the current leadership of our township government. If you share my concerns and agree with my positions, as outlined below, I respectfully ask for your vote and support for my candidacy for Supervisor of Montgomery Township in the Republican Primary to be held Tuesday, May 20, 2003.

Most sincerely,

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- **LACK OF OPENNESS IN OUR CURRENT GOVERNMENT** — is wrong. Local government must be open to the ideas and opinions of the community and should not make critical decisions (e.g. to replace our Fire Company) in secret, without public input or accountability. It is wrong not to provide adequate answers to the concerns and questions raised by citizens at public meetings.
 - **Mike Hagan's Position:** I am committed to listening to the concerns and ideas of Montgomery Township residents and to finding solutions to our Township's problems. I vow to represent you fully and openly.
- **HIGH TAXES AND PROJECTED DEFICITS** plague our Township. But, because a detailed accounting of income and expenses is not routinely and openly made to our taxpayers, it is unclear how bad the financial picture really is. What is clear is that our community is already taxed enough.
 - **Mike Hagan's Position:** I am committed to bringing cost-effective and efficient government to Montgomery Township and to finding alternative solutions to budget deficits, other than raising or creating new taxes.
- **FIRE SAFETY** issues are of utmost concern to me. I strongly believe that the fire safety of our Township's residents and businesses—especially those at the North end of the Township—has been seriously compromised. In terminating the services of the Colmar Volunteer Fire Company and forming, possibly illegally, the Fire Department of Montgomery Township (FDMT), current supervisors have already obligated our taxpayers for over 1.4 million dollars, yet FDMT's equipment and ability to handle emergency responses is sub-standard to the fire safety services that were in place for 60 years.
 - **Mike Hagan's Position:** I am committed to assure that all residents of Montgomery Township are provided adequate fire protection. Colmar Volunteer Fire Company provided these services faithfully for over 60 years. Millions has been spent to start-up a new department when nothing was wrong with the fire

services already in place. To jeopardize life and safety is of utmost concern to me.

- **OVER DEVELOPMENT, TRAFFIC CONGESTION (ESPECIALLY ALONG THE 309 CORRIDOR), AND EMPTY BUSINESS BUILDINGS** are also of serious concern to me. In my opinion, current Township leadership is failing to smartly plan Township development or eliminate the blight of empty business buildings.
 - **Mike Hagan's Position:** I support more responsible, controlled and strategic growth initiatives. I also believe in working cooperatively with our Township's landowners to solve the problem of blight associated with vacant buildings in our Township and encourage uses that are in the best interests of our residents.

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