

Citizens of Campbell's 4th Ward,

My name is Robert J. Stanko, although most people call me Bob or Bobby. I live at 380 Coitsville Road with my wife, Melissa and our three children, Sophia, Jacob and Noah. My oldest daughter, Emily, lives in Mineral Ridge. Last year, she blessed us with our first grandchild, Eddison, who has just turned one. His birth was one of many factors which motivated me to seek this office.

Although I was born and raised in Campbell, in 1980 my mother remarried and we moved to Struthers. I graduated from Struthers High School in 1989. Melissa is a 1990 Campbell graduate. We moved back into the city just before we married in 1997. Even though I'm not a life-long resident or Campbell graduate, I have always considered myself a Campbell kid.

I've worked in building construction and maintenance for 24 years. For the past 10 years, I have been employed at Petro #320 on Salt Springs Road in Girard. It was through my employer's tuition reimbursement program and Penn Foster Technical School, that I was able to attain 3 separate Professional Certifications; Residential Electrician (2010), Plumber (2012) and HVAC Technician (2013). Throughout my tenure at Petro, I have coordinated and supervised large-scale construction projects, paving and concrete work, large line water breaks, and a host of other remodeling and renovation projects. Not every project goes exactly as planned. Aged systems can cause unforeseen expenses and additional work. But I have become an expert at keeping contractors on schedule and within budget. I hope to use this gift for our city.

I cannot (and would not) make promises for things I do not have. But if elected, I CAN promise to work tirelessly for the continued improvement of Campbell. Our current administration has brought wonderful improvements to the city. Our roads are being paved. Our park has playground equipment, tennis, and basketball courts again, and Family Movie Night is a wholesome evening to get out with the kids and socialize. We're taking steps in the right direction. But we can do better!

As Campbell begins to emerge from the shadow of Black Monday, some 40 years ago, we are plagued by new problems. Our population is declining rapidly. Our elders are passing on. Our children grow and seek their opportunities elsewhere. The dwindling of our population is compounding some problems we are already facing; loss of tax revenue for the city, the decline or loss of local police or fire services and even more blighted, abandoned properties. But we can still turn it around. Working with Council and the Mayor, I will strive to give the citizens of Campbell a town we can truly all be proud of. I will work to bring more businesses into the city, more working-class families into the empty houses and more opportunities for our children to stay. I thank you and appreciate your support this November.



Robert J. Stanko