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Rockville Mayor Giammo Endorses O'Malley-Brown
Supported Ehrlich Four Years Ago

Rockville, MD (February 13, 2006) – Today, Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo endorsed Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown for Governor and Lt. Governor, respectively. Speaking in Montgomery County, Giammo cited O'Malley and Brown's leadership, priorities, and ability to get things done as the driving considerations in his endorsement.

“This year's election for governor and lieutenant governor of Maryland is all about the need for effective leadership for our state,” said Giammo. “Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown will provide the leadership Maryland needs to keep us moving forward on the issues that matter most to Maryland residents,” he continued.

In the Governor's race four years ago, Giammo voted for Bob Ehrlich.

“Four years ago, I voted for Robert Ehrlich for Governor. This year, I have carefully considered the candidates for Governor, each of whom I've gotten a good perspective on during my four years as Mayor of Rockville. Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown are the clear choice in terms of the proven leadership that Maryland needs today,” said Giammo.

In particular Giammo pointed to O'Malley's record of progress as Mayor of Baltimore and shared commitment to improving the quality of life for Maryland families as a deciding factor in his endorsement.

“Real progress has been made in Baltimore and that progress should not be dismissed,” said Giammo. “The tide in Baltimore has turned. There's hope now where there was none before. People in Baltimore are enthusiastic about the progress that has been made in past few years and their city's future,” Giammo added.

“As a business person, I am impressed with how Martin O'Malley ... is demonstrating that government can and should be run with the same discipline and creativity that you would run a business. Through innovation, leadership, and determination, he has cut crime and improved schools,” Giammo continued.

O'Malley pointed to the commitment he shares with Giammo to improving Maryland's quality of life.

“We need a new approach to our transportation problems that embraces balanced, thoughtful growth, instead of haphazard sprawl,” said O'Malley. “This is a quality of life issue, it's a jobs issue, it's an environmental issue, it's a family issue. Mayor Giammo has led the charge to improve the quality of life for residents of Montgomery County. And he needs a strong partner as Governor, not a Governor who will stand in the way.”

Despite having some of the worst traffic problems in the country in the DC Metro area, Bob Ehrlich raided Maryland's Transportation Trust Fund, vetoed a plan to establish a blue-ribbon transportation study, and wants to abolish the Maryland's Office of Smart Growth. [WBAL TV, 1/17/2003, St. Mary's Today, “Ehrlich Cans Gridlock Panel,” 5/24/2005]; [Baltimore Sun, “Ehrlich wants to end the Glendening-era Office of Smart Growth,” 2/4/04]

“Like his failure on so many other fronts, Bob Ehrlich has consistently sided with developers and special interests over and over again instead of with Maryland families,” said Brown. “We need leadership that works to help families spend more time together, not less.”

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