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Tonkin declines run for Superior Court

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PIKE COUNTY - Despite a strong showing in the straw poll tallies conducted by Republican State Committee members in the Eastern Part of the State, Pike County District Attorney Ray Tonkin has decided not to mount a full run for Pennsylvania Superior Court.

This year there are several open seats on Pennsylvania's higher courts. Included in those open seats are four seats on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. After receiving encouragement to run for one of those seats, Tonkin began to explore a run. The tally of those straw polls in the Eastern part of Pennsylvania showed Tonkin within the top four candidates for Superior Court.

In declining to run, Tonkin cited his responsibility to the citizens of Pike County as district attorney, the recent engagement of the local courts in moving towards implementing a drug court and central court programs and discussions with his supporters in Tonkin's 2015 successful re-election campaign.

Tonkin said, "While it is a great honor to be considered as a potential candidate for Pennsylvania Superior Court, my focus is to serve the citizens of Pike County as their district attorney. Currently there are major criminal prosecutions pending, the establishment of a Children's Advocacy Center, and work on the opioid issue that need my experience, as well as the recent engagement of the Pike County Court of Common Pleas to move toward establishing a drug court and central court. Also, an integral part in my decision are my supporters who stood by my side during our hard-fought re-election campaign. Their desire to see me remain as their district attorney was important to me."

Tonkin added, "Pike county is a place my family, friends and colleagues call home and is where I belong."