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Doug,

This is my statement. It represents my views, and has not been reviewed by the Madeira Democratic Party. Feel free to quote it.

Doug Oppenheimer reached out to me to ask what does it mean to have Democrats on Madeira City Council. My first reaction is, nothing, Madeira City Council is a non-partisan position. The Madeira Democratic Ward club has never endorsed candidates for council to my knowledge, and currently has no plans to do so. I think that is a good thing.

That said, Madeira does seem to be moving from a Republican city toward becoming a Democratic city. Currently the Republicans make up 38% of the registered voters, and Democrats make up 14% of the registered voters, with the non-affiliated being the majority at 48%. It does appear that the majority of the Independents lean Democratic. In the 2016 election, the top of the ticket received just 2640 GOP voter, even though there are more than 2640 registered Republicans in Madeira, while the top of the Democratic ticket got 1776 votes, almost double the number of registered Democrats in Madeira.

It would seem natural that Madeira would be moving toward the Democratic party. First, it's residents tend to be well educated and actually believe in science, and second it has a strong base of small businesses with no big business to speak of. Couple those factors with the GOP's decision to abandon its family values, strong defense and supposedly fiscal responsibility to embrace Donald Trump's brand of white supremacy politics and it should be no surprise that Republican brand would be sinking here.

Nonetheless, the issues that face Madeira as a city are not the kinds of issues that divide Republicans and Democrats, and I would not like to see partisan bickering on City Council. So the only advantage I see to having Democrats elected to that position would be gaining name recognition and experience if someone wanted to later run for state or national office where policy differences between the two parties matter a great deal. I've yet to meet the politician who says "I'm running for office in order to position myself to run for a higher office" so I would urge Madeira residents to vote for the candidates they feel are best for Madeira, regardless of their political affiliation.

Jim Ryan,  
Madeira Democratic Ward Chair.

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