



"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." –Samuel Adams

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The Truth makes us free... We live in an Era of Lies

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Town Crier Committee Report Starts its Fifth Year

This month marks the beginning of the fifth year of the publication of this report. Our first issue went out to 80 people. Four years ago, local Republican operatives attempted a complete takeover of the St. Augustine Tea Party in order to disenfranchise the "grassroots" members from their own Tea Party. The primary reason for the report was to demonstrate that the original "grassroots" Tea Party, in St. Augustine, Florida, had survived the attempted coup and was still viable. The Republicans saw the Tea Party as a vehicle for electing Republicans; the "grassroots" members saw a much greater mission ahead. Time has proved that "We the People" had a much clearer vision of what needs to be done to preserve the Constitution and the liberty it provides. The Republican Party has lost its way.

St Augustine Tea Party having National Impact

St. Augustine offers a unique opportunity because of the many visitors, from across the country, to the historic district. The St. Augustine Tea Party exploits that opportunity. This report chronicles the activities of the Tea Party and its Town Crier Committee. The content of the "Town Crier Committee Report" is all original material. We do not publish articles that originate elsewhere. Today, this report reaches a vastly expanded audience in every state of the Union and 37 foreign countries. The "grassroots Tea Party" movement is alive and well. Local politics are often a microcosm of what is happening on a national level. This is certainly true in St. Johns County, Florida. Our articles appeal to the folks in St. Johns County and to the nation, as well.

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Lance Thate, Editor

October 2, 2015

Commissioner Jimmy Johns holds Town Hall Meet and Greet

Conjecture and Reality Come Together



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On September 29, 2015, County Commissioner James Johns conducted, a town hall styled, Meet and Greet at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 US 1 South, St Augustine, Florida. Commissioner Johns represents District 1. The meeting was held in district 3. The Commissioner explained that since his voting affects all districts, it was important to see how people feel about various issues around the County. Approximately half of the people were from District 3. The remaining half of the audience was represented by members of the St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP).

The people from District 3 expressed their appreciation to the Commissioner for coming to their district. The local people were concerned with high density projects being proposed in their district. Currently, the district is low-density and has extensive environmentally protected areas.

The people from the SATP, who have become more politically astute in the past six years, reported that it might have more to do with the need to get elected. Commissioner Johns was appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to fill a vacancy. The Tea Party's concerns were almost identical to the local people's concerns, except on a broader scale. Rose Bailey spoke on the issue of North East Regional Planning Commission regulations that disenfranchise voters from their elected officials. The UN's Agenda 21 and Regionalization are designed to disrupt local and state governmental districts. Other Tea Party members also spoke of the problematic federal grants that Commissioners are prone to accept, which inevitably grows government and raises taxes in the long run. A particular concern to one Tea Party member, Kelley Lorbeer, was HUD Grants which are being considered in St. Johns County. Clearly the problems of Regionalization and the concerns of the local people in

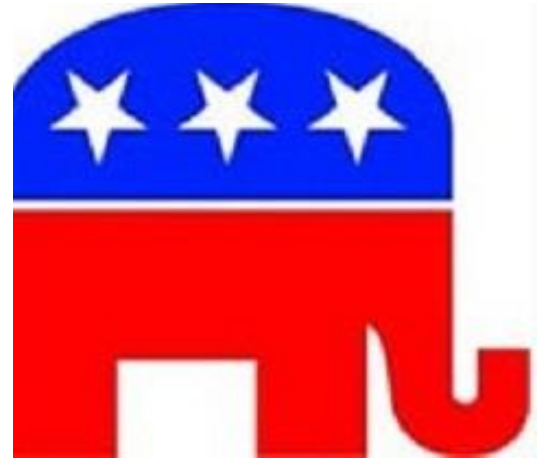


District 3 came together. At one point, the conversation shifted to the subject of who pays for development. The Tea Party and the local District 3 people clearly expressed their desire to have the corporate developers pay for their development. Commissioner Johns proclaimed that the Board of County Commissioners rejected a recent sales tax increase. It should be pointed out that a short time after the rejection, the school board went ahead with the increase and that occurred with the approval of the County Commissioners.

When challenged, the Commissioner said that, "He had to vote because an attorney had advised him that to do otherwise would cause a lawsuit which they couldn't win." SATP Chairman, Lance Thate, interjected the question, "Was it the County Attorney who advised you?" The audience erupted in unanimous laughter. "Apparently, the Commissioner did not like the reaction. He was careful to give everyone an opportunity to speak except the SATP Chairman," Dave Heimbold, SATP Media Chairman remarked. In an interview after the meeting, Mr. Thate was asked, "Are you upset with the fact that the Commissioner did not recognize you?" "No, not at all. I did have some comments regarding the County Commissioners relying on County employees for legal advice. But, on second thought, it would be better to address the issue in front of the entire board. I think Commissioner Johns did a fine job here tonight. And I wish him well."

October 4, 2015

Republican Party of Florida promotes its “Sunshine Summit”



The Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) has recently begun promoting its 2 day Presidential event, scheduled for November 13th and 14th of 2015. Presidential hopefuls who have announced that they will be attending are as follows: Donald Trump, Senator Lindsey Graham, Governor Mike Huckabee, Governor Jeb Bush, Governor Bobby Jindal and Senator Marco Rubio. The event will bring Presidential candidates, along with Florida’s elected officials, together to address voters, grassroots leaders, community volunteers and GOP supporters from across the state. The Summit will provide a platform for Presidential candidates to share their views for the nation and Florida alike.

Jeb Bush behind the Curtain

The RPOF has approved controversial rule changes regarding who will be on the Republican primary ballot and who will not. Restricting the number of candidates on the ballot would serve Florida’s favorite son, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Leslie Dougher, former RPOF Chairman, proposed a straw poll called ‘Presidency 6’ for the Sunshine Summit. This would have brought national attention to the event. This initiative was shot down under RPOF Blaise Ingoglin’s Chairmanship.

RPOF Elites can’t have a Florida Straw Poll for 2016

The GOP’s Presidency 5, in September 2011, was the Presidential event for the 2012 election. That event involved Presidential debates, and then a convention styled straw poll vote with delegates from all of Florida’s Counties. Republican Executive Committee members from throughout the state were present. It was an exciting and fun time for precinct captains and grassroots leaders alike. It attracted national attention. The result of that bottom up vote was a victory for Herman Cain, a political outsider. It was a humiliating defeat for the Party’s choice, Mitt Romney. Today, political outsiders are the GOP front runners with massive leads over establishment candidates. A straw poll, at a Presidency 6, could not be permitted. Imagine someone like Ben Carson or Donald Trump defeating Jeb Bush, in his home state, by double digit numbers. It would destroy Bush’s credibility. It would demonstrate to the entire country how out of touch the GOP is with the people.

Polls show that Independent Outsiders will Prevail

The St. Augustine Tea Party has, for the past nine months, been conducting its St. George Street Polls. The polls are face-to-face random selection and are conducted in both Floridian and national demographic locations. The polls are much like Fox News’, Frank Luntz’s, focus groups, except that the sample is much larger and the conclusions not ‘predetermined’. In a recent three way race on St. George Street, after the second debate, Trump ran away with yet another poll: 54% for Trump, 19% for Bush 12 % for Sanders, and 15% for ‘none of the above’.



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The RINO Leadership Never Learn

The GOP leadership, on various levels, report that they will prevail if they can just get the vote out. For most of them, this is just another election where yet another progressive Republican can prevail because they believe, “Conservatives have no place else to go”. “This oft-failed belief is based on the idea that any Republican would be better than a Democrat. The elite GOP leadership hasn’t learned a thing, despite the humiliating defeats of both McCain and Romney. In fact, both parties are being rejected by the majority of the people. This election will have a huge independent component. Neither party is a majority party. The next President may well be elected running as an independent,” a St. George Street pollster said.



October 6, 2015



Tea Party Calls for Outside Legal Council

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Claim Conflict of Interest

Members of the St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) addressed the Board of County Commissioners at the Commissioner's regular board meeting on October 6, 2015. The Tea Party has been attending the board's meetings since 2010. According to the Tea Party, the real power in County government is vested in the office of the County Administrator, his staff and the County employees. The County Attorney supports their agenda by politicizing his legal opinion. They pointed out that this is the same situation that exists in Washington DC. The DC staff creates the legislation, then the elected officials simply rubberstamp it. "St. John's County is a microcosm of DC," SATP Chairman, Lance Thate, told the Board of Commissioners. Recently, in two major issues, the County Attorney has been influential in the political sphere, which has attracted the attention of the SATP.

Free-speech Zone Harassment Continues

Peter Royal, addressing the board, pointed out, "We have reliable information that on August 13, 2015, Regina Ross, Assistant County Attorney, met with Gabriel Pellicer, Assistant General Manager of the Amphitheater, Chris Culpepper, Production Manager at the Amphitheatre and Caroline Wolf to advise them that free speech is not permitted on sidewalks that run .



Photos by TCC Staff through the market at the Amptheater and Pier Park.” On August 22, 2015, the SATP was challenged by the St. Augustine Police Department because of Regina Ross’s false statement. Mr. Royal called for the Commissioners to take charge and control their staff and employees

County Attorney’s Influence in Sales Tax Initiative

On June 16, 2015, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, by a 3 to 2 vote, rejected the one cent sales tax initiative. Thirty-seven days later, the Board reversed its decision, by a 4 to 1 vote, and paved the way for a sales tax increase in St. Johns County, Florida. The County Attorney’s blatant intimidation in public meetings was so obvious as to be embarrassing. In an interview with Commissioner McClure, on July 20, 2015, McClure said, “The County Attorney told me if I vote ‘No’ I will be sued.” Also, Commissioner Johns, at a public meeting, on October 2, 2015, inferred that he had been influenced in the same manner. Commissioner Jeb Smith was the lone dissenter. He stood his ground, relying on his own legal inquiry, and voted ‘No’ against the ‘school tax’. In an interview after the board meeting, SATP Chairman, Lance Thate, said, “We believe that it is impossible for a County employee to render an accurate legal opinion to the Board because he has a conflict of interest between Board interests, who are responsible to the taxpayers, and his own employee interests. The Office of the County Administrator, Michael Wanchick and the Office of the County Attorney, Patrick McCormack appears to have one agenda: to follow the Obama pattern of steam-rolling over the elected officials, growing government through taxation and supporting Obama’s transformation of America by ignoring the Balance of Powers in the Constitution.”



Transforming America

Fundamentally transforming America has been the goal of the Obama Administration since 2008. Transforming America has been the object of Washington’s permanent staff for much longer than that. On a federal level, the transformation takes place by bypassing Congress and initiating International agreements, contrary to the interests of the United States. But the real emphasis is on the destruction of the middle class. First, by redefining it to include non-productive people, and second, by destroying their economic vitality. This is accomplished by grinding the middle-class between two millstones, one stone being inflation and the

other stone being taxation. This inflation and taxation strategy was first proposed by Vladimir Lenin during the communist revolution in Russia. It was brought to this country by ‘Progressives’ [the politically correct word for Communists] in 1913, with the creation of the private banking system commonly called the Federal Reserve. Communists support the creation of “Central Banking” as a means of destroying currency to provide an environment to further the Communist revolution.

“The real transformation takes place at the local level,” according to Rose Bailey, a St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) member. The creation of money out of thin air, by the Federal Reserve Banks, funds local politician’s schemes to grow government. The “free money” always comes with strings attached, restricting local action and in the long run, increases taxes on the local middle-class citizens. This money is referred to as “Grant Money”. Mrs. Bailey warned public officials, at a recent Board of County Commissioner’s meeting, of the dangers of taking the HUD grant which is under consideration. She also talked about the UN Agenda 21 and regionalization. Regionalization is the process of alienating the voters from their elected officials.



David Heimbold, addressing the Commissioners, warned of a new scheme known as the “Strong Cities Network” or SCN. This Strong Cities Network will allow the United Nations to gain control of local and county police forces. This global scheme creates local cells to build social cohesion and community resilience ‘here at home and around the world’. The Strong Cities Network transcends international borders.

“Hello UN control,” Heimbold said in an interview. “From definitions of domestic extremists and terrorists that the Obama administration has issued in the past, it is clear that nearly no one in America would be safe from this UN Tyranny”. Heimbold gave a copy of Attorney General Loretta Lynch’s press release to our 5 County Commissioners. In the release, which is ‘on its face’ treasonable, AG Lynch says that these city Communist cells, which she terms, ‘modules’, will be eligible for federal grants. “Imagine that! A new way to by-pass City, County and State elected officials to bring a global police state into your back yard.” Heimbold concluded.

Heimbold read just one snippet of Comrade Lynch’s press release to the Commissioners, which sums up the insanity of this anti-American plot. Here it is as follows: “Welcoming remarks will be offered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prince Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein and New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, who will also introduce a Keynote address by U.S. Attorney General Lynch”. Date line, Sept. 29, 2015.

KrisAnne Hall, Constitutional Attorney, on Strong Cities Network.



This video is 15 minutes long and is done by KrisAnne Hall. It is very clear and dissects the issue and the words of Loretta Lynch.

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October 8, 2015



School Board's Sales Tax Deception Revealed

The St. Johns County School Board provided a power point presentation to the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee (REC) members on October 8, 2015. Sales tax promoters and School Board members attended the regular monthly REC meeting at the St. Augustine Airport Conference Center. They were there to ask the REC members for their support to impose a 130 Million Dollar tax on the citizens of St. Johns County over the next 10 years. The stated purpose is to convert portable classrooms into beautiful, new, state-of-the-art, brick-and-mortar school buildings. According to the School Board members, the County is already at least two school buildings behind. They claim that things will get worse with their current projections of growth. School board members admitted that they were blindsided to the fact that people from neighboring counties, mainly Duval County, would move to St. Johns County to escape their failing school systems. The REC members were not very receptive to the presentation. A heated question-and-answer session followed. The sales tax issue was so consuming that the business portion of the REC meeting was postponed and the meeting was then adjourned because of the late hour.

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Sales Tax Increase is about Bonding, Not Children or Schools

County officials like to build expensive new buildings, like the County Administration Building [Taj Mahal] and the empty Health Center. Reckless spending in the past has caused the County to be 'bonded out'. That is to say, the County can no longer borrow money without a new, permanent revenue source. When the County Commissioners wanted to raise our taxes last spring, they doubted a 5% growth would balance the budget and they refused to acknowledge the 8 ¾% growth already underway. "The School Board is going the other way," according to Tea Party member, Peter Royal. "The School Board is anticipating continued acceleration in growth for the next 20 years, without considering a smaller growth rate or a move from school age families to a retirement age group of home buyers." It seemed, to those present, that there were a lot of questions the School Board had not considered. "Have you considered the chance that if you add this money from the sales tax to the budget, that the state may subtract the same amount of State subsidy, thereby, giving you a net gain of zero?" Mr. Royal asked. The answer was, "No". Since the loss of State funds, due to increased County revenues, is what started the County's investigation into increasing the sales tax in the first place, clearly, the School Board had not done their homework. Under pressure, with the School Board talking about paying cash and borrowing money for school construction, they admitted that the sales tax increase is about bonding. "It looks like the School Board sales tax of \$13 million per year, could well be a revenue neutral event. The School Board has no 'Plan B' if the sales tax fails," according to Steve Ziemer, a REC member. The taxpayer pays \$130 million over ten years, the County gets the right to borrow money and the taxpayer gets to pay the interest. This is not about building new schools and helping the children. It is about paying interest and helping the banks," Royal concluded.

October 10, 2015

Public Celebrates Tea Party Presence



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155th Appearance of the Town Criers

Members of the Town Crier Committee appeared on St. George Street, in the historic district of St. Augustine, for the 155th time since its inception in 2011. The Town Criers are a Committee of the St. Augustine Tea Party.

The Town Criers in St. Augustine, Florida have been at war with the concept of “political correctness” for four years. The signage they carry focuses on the deception practiced by the revolutionary leftists. After the election of 2012, the Town Criers stood down for the remainder of November and the month of December. Then, the school shootings happened in Connecticut. Immediately, America’s enemies in the White House went on a full-scale attack of the Second Amendment. In January 2013, the Town Criers resumed their duties and focused their signage on protecting and defending the Second Amendment. The American people responded with defiance to those who would try to take away their right to bear arms. It was clear to the Town Criers that Americans would resist gun registration and control. Now there’s been another school

shooting and the Communists are back with their attacks on our Constitutional right to bear arms. Obama has stated that he will, by Executive Order, defy the Second Amendment. Testing public sentiment, the Town Criers dusted off their signs of old and returned to the streets demonstrating their support of the 2nd Amendment. The Town Criers report that their signs were well received by the public.

Tea Party, Greeted by Applause

From the City Gates at the north end of St. George Street, to the Cathedral on the South end, the Tea Party was greeted by rounds of applause as they made their way along the congested street. In an era where



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everyone has a smart phone with a camera, untold numbers of photographs were taken. The Town Criers estimate that they were seen by at least 10,000 people. The applause was in reaction to the Second Amendment signs, and yes, even the very presence of the Tea Party. The Town Criers believe that just the Tea Party presence gives people hope. The Tea Party image has not been tarnished in spite of the best efforts

of the media and the two political parties. The "Big Red Sign" which states "Obama is a Communist", pictured above, was introduced on Memorial Day of 2012.

Progressive is the Politically Correct term for Communist

The "Big Red Sign" is the most popular sign that the Town Criers carry. The public immediately wants to interact with it. Above are some samples. The media, including such notables as Rush Limbaugh, refuse to properly identify Communists. Political pundits and politicians avoid the term as well. Growing numbers of the public are fully aware of the Communist evil that radiates from Washington, DC. According to the Town Criers, Joe Biden saw the Big Red Sign on his visit to St. Augustine in 2012. As he passed by in his limo, Biden was clearly amused as he viewed the sign. "The public, Mr. Biden, is not amused, as witnessed by the public's reaction today. The contempt for this Administration is greater than I have experienced in my entire 50 years of adult life," a Town Crier volunteered.





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Assistant County Administrator Addresses Tea Party

Joy Andrews had Surprise Revelation

Assistant County administrator, Joy Andrews, addressed the St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) on October 13, 2015. The open meeting was held at the Village Inn in St. Augustine, Florida.



The meeting was well attended with many new first-time visitors present. Tea Party leadership attributes this to a full-page ad, which ran in The St. Augustine Record, courtesy of Dr. Roy H. Hinman, a SATP member.

Ms. Andrews' presentation was about the County's interest in obtaining a one million dollar HUD grant. According to Andrews, the County did not qualify in the past, for the grants because its population was fewer than 200,000. She revealed that, recently, the City of St. Augustine Beach joined with the County to meet the population requirement. Andrews said that the grants help in the following areas: 1. Help poor neighborhoods; 2. Rehab structures; 3. Safe and clean water; 4. Economic development; 5. Fix failed septic systems. The actual presentation was short, but a spirited question and answer session followed.



Marty Miller, President of the Greater Republican Club of St. Augustine, suggested that he was opposed to paying for leaky roofs, with public funds, for people who had used their own personal funds for consumer purchases such as large flat screen TV sets. The serious question, of course, was how do you prevent abuses? Who administers the program? What strings do the Fed's attach? These were some of the questions asked of the Assistant County Administrator. Joy Andrews suggested that the program has built-in safeguards which the County administers and, for practical purposes, there are no strings. Then the question was asked, "What is the procedure for getting the application approved?" Andrews shocked the Tea Party with the revelation that the application has already been approved by the Board of County Commissioners with a 5 to 0 vote.

HUD Application Approved with No Public Input

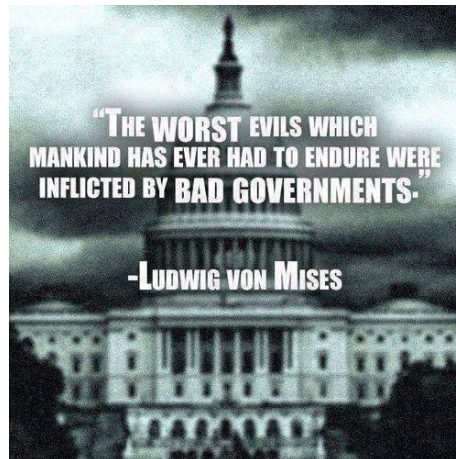
The disclosure that the application was already a “done deal” shocked those in attendance. SATP Chairman, Lance Thate, reacted with, “We are Americans, for God’s sake. In America, the people decide what they want from government; not the other way around! This is a perfect example of how the Administration and staff circumvent public opinion and grow the County’s bureaucracy.” Looking at the Assistant County Administrator, Thate asked, “Do you have any comments on what I just said? There was silence. Chairman Thate continued, “When bureaucracy directs, and not the people, you get things like the miles and miles of empty bicycle trails while miles and miles of roads remain unrepaired.” At this point Dr. Hinman jumped in, agreeing and pledging continued support for the grass-roots Tea Party. Just before adjournment, former assistant County administrator Jerry Cameron provided some consolation revealing that the County Commissioners would have to vote one final time to accept the money.



Bureaucracy’s, Deception Uncovered

After the meeting was adjourned, the conversation continued. In an interview with Jeannie Moeller, Mosquito Control Commissioner, the method of obtaining approval for the application was revealed. It was passed as part of the “Consensus Agenda”. The Consensus Agenda is a tool for passing un-contested administrative items that require Commissioner’s approval. The HUD application was placed as a Consensus Agenda and was routinely passed. Mrs. Moeller suggested that the Administrator uses this procedure, when he feels that the public will object to his agenda.

The inflow of \$1,000,000.00 of grant money will not save the taxpayers a single penny. In fact, it will cost the taxpayers’ money in administrative fees. St. Johns County residents will have no say as to how it will be spent. The regulations and the stipulations that come with the money have already been determined. To those who will argue for it saying, “We sent the tax money to Washington and we now need to get part of it back”; we ask, “Don’t you know that tax money, which we sent to Washington, has long ago been used to pay interest on the national debt, which is created, in part, by these types of grants?” It is the Pivin and Cloward’s approach to destroy America’s Capitalist system. This is Lenin’s taxation and inflation program to destroy the middle class, in full bloom. The consensus of the ‘grassroots’ membership after the meeting: The Tea Party is not going to stand by idly as Michael Wanchick and his staff participate in bringing in HUD, and all its Federal meddling, to St. Johns County, Florida. The Federal government and local government forming a partnership in the destruction of America.



October 23, 2015

Tea Party Challenges Sales Tax Increase



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Calls the Tax a Developers Subsidy

On October 23, 2015, workers were preparing polling stations for early voting which will start in St. Johns County tomorrow. The St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) conducted a tax protest in front of the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections office. The only item on the ballot is a referendum proposing a one half cent increase in the sales tax. This initiative was started by the St. Johns County School Board. The board claims that this sales tax increase will fund needed new school construction. Reckless spending in the past has caused the County to be 'bonded out'. That is to say, the County can no longer borrow money without a new, permanent revenue source. According to Lance Thate, Chairman, "This proposed Tax is not about children and schools, it's about paying interest and bankers. The County's insatiable determination to grow government requires new bonding ability." Proponents of the tax increase have created a Political Action Committee (PAC) to raise funds for the sales tax increase. It is reported that about \$150,000 has been raised. According to a recent article in the St. Augustine Record, the donors are made up of developers and other people who would gain from the construction. The proposed school construction would be in the affluent northern part of the county. These communities are sometimes referred to as "bedroom communities". The residents sleep in St John County, but shop, conduct business and work in Duval County where there is already an increased sales tax. So the affluent have no burden for the schools and the developers are not burdened with the cost of development. "The people in the less affluent areas, such as Hastings, get to pay for the schools that are built in the rich neighborhoods," Dave Heimbold SATP media Chairman said.

SATP Gets Media Coverage of Tax Protest Rally

Kelly Lorbeer, Recording Secretary of the SATP and an outspoken critic of the school board, was contacted by Jacksonville's WJXT TV Action News. An interview at the rally site was conducted by Alicia Booth of Jacksonville's Channel 4. "The PAC, that is advertising and campaigning in favor of this tax increase, is made up of developers and architects, a group of people who will all benefit from this tax," Lorbeer explained.

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October 24, 2015

Trump Comes to Jacksonville, Florida



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Donald Trump packed The Landing in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, October 24, 2015. An enthusiastic full capacity audience awaited the arrival of Mr. Donald Trump. Prior to Trump's appearance, an MC



tantalized the audience with some of the early Tea Party rhetoric and music, songs that were written exclusively for Tea Party rallies. He repeatedly announced that Billie Tucker, one of the founders of the First Coast Tea Party, would be speaking soon. That never happened. The Trump organization had contacted Billie Tucker asking for her support in helping to organize this event. Billie had plenty of experience. She organized the original 2009 Tea Party Tax Day Rally which took place on this very spot.



2010 Photos by TCC Staff

It was the 2009 and 2010 rallies that gave birth to the Tea Party movement in Northeast Florida. There were five Tax Day Tea Party Rallies at the Jacksonville Landing and this reporter covered each one of them. The electric charge and excitement, Saturday, was clearly Tea Party. Many old friends renewed their acquaintances. The public was charged with excitement. What was missing from this largely Tea Party crowd were their signs and their flags. All vestiges of the Tea Party were wiped away by a prohibition of any signs or flags by the Trump organization. [Compare the 2010 and 2015 photos above] The Tea Party rally's attendance numbers and the Trump's attendance numbers at the Landing were very similar.

When Donald Trump finally arrived, he did so by a boat which crossed the St Johns River. The back of the stage is at the water's edge. Mr. Trump spoke for about 80 minutes.

- He got his greatest support when talking about border security. Trump even went into some detail about how he would construct the wall. He proposed using pre-stressed concrete structural slabs which are used in high-rise floor construction. Instead of running them horizontally he proposed setting them vertically. This would give a wall height in excess of 30 feet. It would be quick and relatively inexpensive construction.
- He got equally strong support when he proposed bringing manufacturing back to America. Effectively undoing the Bush, Clinton, Obama, so-called free trade policies that have damaged America so greatly. This is part of his "Making America Great Again" jobs program.
- Repealing Obama care got strong support.
- Trump's plain speaking, saying what you mean and meaning what you say, resonates. The war on political correctness is essential to Making America Great Again. Americans hunger for the truth.

It should be noted that when you hear an 80 minute Trump speech filled with a series of short sound bites, often critical of other people, even the strongest supporters grow weary. This was evident as a sizable number of people left early.

A Case of Poor Branding



The Trump organization permitted no flags or signs to be brought into the event. However, signs were distributed, by the Trump people, among the rally participants. You can see from the photographs, that the crowd was reluctant to display them. One of the signs is pictured above.

The "Silent Majority" is a corrupted and damaged brand. The Silent Majority was something created out of Richard Nixon's need for support of his Progressive policies. [Progressive is the politically correct word for Communism] In the Nixon world, there was a Silent Majority standing in the shadows that supported his leftist agenda. Support for the Environmental Protection Agency. Support for the devaluing of the dollar by

removing the gold standard. Support for the Chinese initiative that brought forth the very policy that Mr. Trump campaigns against today. Support for not winning the Vietnam War.

“The Tea Party brand is untarnished; it is whole and standing tall. They stood tall in 2010 when they came from out of nowhere and stopped the Communist takeover of America. The Marxist control of both houses of Congress and the White House was interrupted,” according to, Lance Thate, the St Augustine Tea Party Chairman. The Tea Party’s symbol is the Gadsden flag; it is respected everywhere it is taken. “There is a power in the flag that transcends generations. Both the young and the old appreciate this most popular American Revolutionary flag,” Thate concluded. The Tea Party has betrayed no one.



To paper over the Tea Party movement with the Silent Majority, has to be the creation of a Republican operative. No one else could be so out of touch with the reality of the American people. Richard Nixon died in 1995. The Silent Majority dates back to the 70s; those folks are dead too. To expect the Tea Party crowd to display the Silent Majority sign; well, it just didn’t happen. The Trump organization needs to understand that his supporters are not silent. They are patriots and they are an aggressively, in your face, kind of people. An example of what happens when you mess with the Tea Party follows.

St Augustine Tea Party Refused Entry to Trump’s Rally

The St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) decided to attend the Trump event, due to the efforts of Billie Tucker and Trump’s statement on October 12th, “I love the Tea Party! It’s not right what they did to those folks.” The SATP doesn’t endorse candidates; however, individual members are free to support political candidates of their choosing. Donald Trump has many supporters in the SATP.



Members of the SATP arrived at the event entrance with 10 full-size Gadsden flags and signage identifying their Tea Party, plus a few signs favorable to Mr. Trump. They were refused entry. The offended members quickly caught the attention of nearby TV media personnel. They were interviewed by Jacksonville’s Channel 12 WTLV, Channel 25 WJXX and Channel 4 WJXT, within minutes of the rejection. SATP Media Chairman, Dave Heimbold, dressed in Town Crier attire, made airtime on Channel 4. The Town Criers are a committee of the SATP, whose function is to engage the public and take polls in the streets and markets, of Northeast Florida, and particularly in St. Augustine's historic district.

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<http://www.news4jax.com/news/supporters-travel-to-see-trump/36031372>
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Eventually the SATP members gained access, minus their signs and flags. One particularly persistent SATP member, Kelly Lorbeer, actually gained access with her sign after several attempts. Other Tea Party people, who were not associated with the SATP, also managed to get signs inside. Fair Tax Signs were seen, as well. Samples are pictured above.



Once inside, the SATP members associated themselves with the ‘media pool’. Numerous interviews were given and the sign controversy was of major interest. It wasn’t long before a Trump volunteer appeared to inform us that the “I love the Tea Party” sign needed to be removed. When asked if security or the police were going to be called, the volunteer replied, “Oh no. You have to understand, we provide the signs at Trump Rallies. Mr. Trump is a businessman not a politician.” To which

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Chairman Thate said, “I’m a businessman too, but I understand the importance of the First Amendment.” The volunteer revealed that he was a Tea Party person and insisted on being photographed with Mr. Thate, wearing a tri-corner hat.

Don’t Rebrand the Tea Party, Mr. Trump: It’s Bad Business

The members of the St. Augustine Tea Party have some advice for Mr. Trump, “Don’t try to rebrand the Tea Party Movement. It is bad business. The Tea Party Movement was here long before you came around. You plugged in to something that’s been growing for six years. It’s not just the Trump phenomena that’s taking place. Just because the Republican Party is rejecting its base, is no reason for you to follow the same path. Embracing the Tea Party would increase your poll numbers and guarantee a victory in 2016, whether you win the GOP nomination or not.”

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Rose Bailey featured speaker at Tea Party Meeting

Rose Bailey presented a chilling prospect for America if the UN has its way. She addressed the issues of Middle East refugees, Regionalization and other UN agenda 21 issues.



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