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Watts endorses Tom Cole as Fourth Congressional District Representative

JC Watts, current Congressman of Oklahoma's fourth district, has recently set forth his recommendation for Tom Cole to serve as his successor.

As the lead consultant in Watts' successful run for the Oklahoma State Corporation Commission, Cole helped Watts become the only Republican to win statewide in 1990, and only the second African American Republican elected to statewide office anywhere in America during the 20th century up until that time.

Cole is a former State Senator, a former Secretary of State under Governor Frank Keating, and a former State Republican party Chairman. Cole also served as the Director for the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Chief of Staff for the Republican National Committee. As Chief of Staff for the RNC in the 2000 election, he personally implemented a multi-million dollar television and urban radio program directed at Hispanic and African American voters.

Leadership Institute Releases PAC Study

The Leadership Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization, has recently disclosed its latest study on the political contributions of corporate and business association's political action committees (PACS). The study divulges the major business PAC's giving patterns over a one-year period to several types of candidates: Republicans, Democrats, challenger candidates, incumbents, conservatives, and liberals. One may access the link provided below and sort through the businesses according to political affiliation, percentages given to incumbents versus challengers, and so on. The Institute hopes that the study will aid people from all sides of the political spectrum to publicize, research, or solicit contributions. To view the Leadership Institute's study, go to the following link:

www.leadershipinstitute.org/resources

American Conservative Union to hold public policy seminar

The American Conservative Union (ACU) and its project partners, Club for Growth and GOPAC, will be holding a "Public Policy Boot Camp" to help educate future conservative candidates.

Topics covered at the seminar will include, but are not limited to: Tax and Budget, Educations, Foreign Policy, and Homeland Security. Along with many other nationally recognized public policy experts, instructors will include David Keene of ACU, Stephen Moore of the Club for Growth, Grover Norquist from Americans for Tax Reform, and Kellyanne Conway of the Polling Company.

The event is to be held from Sunday, August 18th to Tuesday, August 20th at the Marriott Residence Inn at Pentagon City in Arlington, VA, and has a cost of \$485.00 which includes all classes, materials, meals and receptions.

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