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**Report on 2019 LPKY Candidate Status  
June 14, 2019**

TO: LPKY Executive Committee

FROM: Lex Hannan, Communications Director

On Thursday, June 13, 2019, I contacted three of our five LPKY candidates to learn the status of their 2019 campaigns for political office. During the Executive Committee Conference Call, Chair Chris Wiest announced that all five candidates (Hicks, Cormican, Gilpin, Hugenberg, Sweeney) have been recognized by the Secretary of State of Kentucky as qualified to appear on the General Election Ballot in November. This was helpful clarification for our candidates.

Joshua Gilpin, Commissioner of Agriculture

When I spoke with Joshua he was not aware of the status of his candidacy. He said he had not heard anything since the injunction against HB 114 had been signed by a federal judge. Joshua does not have a website or a campaign committee or money to run a campaign. Joshua can be reached at 270-705-3657 or [Joshua.Gilpin@lpky.org](mailto:Joshua.Gilpin@lpky.org)

Kyle Hugenberg, State Auditor

When I spoke with Kyle he had received a notice from the Secretary of State (SOS) acknowledging that he would appear on the ballot in November. Kyle said that Chris Wiest had handled the registration of his candidacy with SOS. Kyle does not have a campaign committee. His KREF forms have been filed. Kyle does not plan to do much more than attend events. He lives in D-3, home of the Kentucky State Fair. He is available 99% of weeknights and 99% of weekends. He does not intend to raise money for his campaign. He would like to keep donations below the KREF threshold in order to minimize the number of financial reports his campaign must file. Kyle's goal is to avoid going to jail for campaign finance violations. He believes it is important to visit colleges and he suggested that to John Hicks, LPKY candidate for Governor. Kyle never intended to run for office. He was begged to do so at Convention. He has a job and a real life. Kyle can be reached at 513-535-0791 or [kyle.a.hugenberg@gmail.com](mailto:kyle.a.hugenberg@gmail.com)

Kyle Sweeney, Boone County Clerk

Kyle S. is interested in running an active campaign. He is looking to D-4 for volunteers to knock on doors on his behalf. Kyle learned that a Democrat will announce her candidacy Friday, June 14, 2019. That will make it a three way race for Boone County Clerk. Kyle plans to be very active with the Boone County Fair. Kyle intends to have Facebook and website pages up by 6/20/2019 so he can accept donations. Kyle can be reached at 859-250-3979 or [kyle@sweeneyllc.com](mailto:kyle@sweeneyllc.com)

