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Yost Demonstrates Leadership on Integrity and Accountability
Mason's Silence Over Madigan Controversy is Deafening

Antioch, IL – It has been over a week of silence from State Representative Joyce Mason since [WBEZ](#) reported the increasingly disturbing news about “a powerful former Springfield lobbyist and close friend of House Speaker Michael Madigan” who worked to allegedly conceal a rape, ghost payroll of government workers, and more.

Dan Yost, candidate for the 61st District, demanded a new culture of accountability, integrity, and the rule of law in State Government. “I am running to bring integrity to state government and aggressively pursue accountability with no exceptions and no excuses.”

“Representative Mason’s silence is deafening as she stands by, refusing to stand up to Mike Madigan or fight for real ethics reform. Representative Mason made a lot of promises to represent her neighbors and be an independent voice, yet she took hundreds of thousands of dollars from Speaker Madigan and now stands loyally by his side amid corruption and scandals.”

Just last week, [Crain's Chicago Business' Greg Hinz](#) wrote “[S]adly, it is clear that fellow House Democrats and Gov. J.B Pritzker don't have the fortitude to demand a needed change in leadership.”

The [Daily Herald](#) agreed with Hinz and added, “[I]t's time for Madigan to go. If the state's Democrats don't force his ouster as party chairman, they invite a backlash at the polls this November. And if the Illinois House doesn't move to replace him as speaker, it loses what little credibility it still has.”

“I’m a proud Illinoisan, and what’s happening in our state is an embarrassment. Rep. Mason has made clear through her silence that she will stand idly by as the cloud of corruption grows,” Yost continued. “I’m running for state representative to restore sanity, integrity, and ethics in Springfield. We need a true independent leader who will say ‘enough is enough’ and take a stand for our families.”

Dan Yost works in the employee benefits field and is currently serving his first term as an Antioch Trustee. Dan and his wife Sonja live in Antioch and have three children.

The 61st is a northeastern Illinois district bordering Wisconsin that contains all or part of Antioch, Beach Park, Grayslake, Gurnee, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, Old Mill Creek, Third Lake, Wadsworth, Waukegan, Winthrop Harbor, and Zion.

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