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Andrews Announces Candidacy for County Treasurer *Calls for New Generation of Leadership*

WILSON—Niagara County Legislator Kyle R. Andrews, D-Wilson, formally announced his candidacy for County Treasurer on Thursday.

Andrews, an Army Reserve Captain, four-term member of the Niagara County Legislature, and public finance attorney, said he has the right educational background, leadership background and approach to government to be the right candidate for the post.

“The citizens of Niagara County are ready for a new generation of leadership at the Treasurer’s office,” Andrews said. “My objective is to transform the Treasurer’s office into a twenty-first century environment. To achieve this goal we must be an open and transparent department. There are rules that govern how transparent public bodies should be. But that is a minimum standard.”

“If you really believe in accountability and transparency as a public official, you go well beyond that,” Andrews said. “You use technology to make more information available. You open the doors of your office when people have questions. That’s the type of leader I intend to be and I already have the record to prove it.”

Andrews also stressed he would look to technology as a tool to increase the openness of the Treasurer’s office.

“The Treasurer’s office needs to become an open resource to county residents. All county financial transactions need to be posted online. Our citizens should be able to view the county checkbook online in the same way we view our personal accounts.”

Andrews points to two other county-wide elected officials as his personal role models: Sheriff Jim Voutour and County Clerk Wayne Jagow. “The position of county treasurer requires a bi-partisan consensus builder in the mold of Sheriff Voutour and Mr. Jagow. These two men are so highly regarded because they understand all areas of

Niagara County and work well with everyone, regardless of political orientation. I respect them both immensely and only hope to serve in as distinguished a manner as they have.”

Andrews, 29, is a lifelong Wilson resident. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Niagara University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science. There he received the Sertoma Award for outstanding academic achieving within his field. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Buffalo in 2005. Following law school he attended the Judge Advocate General’s School and accepted a commission in the United States Army Reserve. He is currently a Captain, serving in the 98th Division (Initial Entry Training) in Rochester, NY.

Andrews is on the Board of Directors of the Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara Foundation, President of the Wilson Historical Society, member of the Wilson Lions Club, and member of Exley United Methodist Church. He is engaged to be married later this year.

Andrews also announced that he will be leaving Harris Beach, PLLC at the end of the year, where he has been a Public Finance and Economic Development attorney, in order to begin a private practice while focusing on an aggressive door-to-door campaign for County Treasurer.

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