

Thank you, Brad for that nomination, and I graciously accept.

I would be remiss if I did not address the fact that my opponents are not willing to face you today without the benefit of a way to avoid your voice. This is the same way they will serve us...only with a guaranteed means of circumventing us. Even before the primary ballot is printed, even before you have cast your first vote today, they have secured the means to ignore you. To them, the position and the title are greater priorities than securing and defending our rights.

The difference between me and my opponents is that I will face you. I came here today for the express purpose of submitting to the will of the people. I am The People's sheriff and I value the voice of the people. It is the people I will serve and it is the people from whom I will derive my authority. I respect and honor the people of this **COUNTY** and this country which I have served for 28 years as a soldier and a US Border Patrol Agent. I have no allegiance or fealty to anyone or anything except the people.

As your sheriff, it is my duty and my honor to protect our God-given rights. I will not barter away my duty or my honor to appease another office or official or to form relationships with federal authorities in the hopes that they will conduct themselves constitutionally [and join me in protecting your rights]. I will not install cameras or rely on technology to surveil you or send you citations to generate revenue. And I will not allow activist prosecutors and jurists to persecute you while granting special dispensation to those who share their liberal ideology so they can further a political agenda by intimidating you, harming you, and destroying your property. "Mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent": That sentiment is as relevant today as it was 250 years ago as we witness our state and federal authorities build tyrannical systems to criminalize and vilify your freedom of speech, your right to protect yourself and your property, and deny you your voice in government.

I will firmly enforce laws that protect your rights and punish those who violate your rights. I will not enforce unlawful and unconstitutional orders, mandates, regulations, or laws and neither will I expect you to obey them. More than that, I will stand next to you should any agent of any branch of government attempt to force their unconstitutional will upon you. We are citizens of the United States, created as sovereign images of God. We are not subjects of any official or agency of the government that **WE** created. Our rights are sacred and so is our duty to defend them.

This past week our state passed legislation that legalizes and normalizes the murder of babies. As we speak, our state is moving to permanently silence our vote by centralizing elections and elevating the Secretary of State as some type of king maker. This is evil and tyrannical. The fight against evil and tyranny requires strong and courageous leadership. I have the courage, the conviction, and the moral fortitude to stand for what is right and return our **COUNTY** and our republic to its rightful place in this world. I will not run from, I will not compromise with, or make partners of those who would oppress and persecute us.

I pledge my loyalty to you and humbly and respectfully ask that you join me in this righteous struggle to reclaim our voice, our **COUNTY**, and our republic,

My name is Todd Watkins and I pledge my undying loyalty to you and ask that you vote for me today.