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## **KENTON TIMES: LAROSE PROMOTES CAMPAIGN FOR SENATE DURING STOP IN KENTON**

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Frank LaRose believes he's the clear-cut candidate to challenge incumbent U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown this fall.

LaRose is vying for the Republican nomination in the March 19 primary against Matt Dolan and Bernie Moreno.

The Ohio Secretary of State stopped in Kenton on Tuesday to promote his candidacy.

LaRose said there are three reasons why people should vote for him over the other Republican candidates.

"One, in the Republican primary, what my fellow Republicans should be looking for is who can beat Sherrod Brown? We have to win the state back in the U.S. Senate, and I'm the one that's a proven winner," he said.

"I've won statewide elections. The other candidates have never won a statewide contest. When it comes to beating a tough, entrenched incumbent

like Brown; it's going to take somebody that's actually proven they know how to win statewide elections," LaRose said.

The Bronze Star Medal recipient for service in the Iraq War felt that what is more important is what the GOP nominee will do when elected.

He said voters shouldn't send a candidate who says 'I'm a conservative' but haven't actually proven that they are conservative or sort of 'go along', you know, career politician-types that are going to go to Washington and want to be popular. I'm the one in this race that's proven. Not just a slick sales pitch; not just a good stump speech, but I've proven that I'm going to fight for our conservative values."

"It's who I am," LaRose said. "I'm somebody that runs into battle, not away from it. I've proven that I'll fight to cut taxes, 'cause I've done it in the state senate. I'll fight regulations and get the government out the way so that our farms and our businesses and our families can thrive. I'm somebody that's proven that he's going to fight for the pro-life cause, second amendment values, you know those are things that I've proven and that's who I am and that's why I'm asking for people to vote for me."

LaRose feels that the bottom line is that our country needs saving. "It's not exaggeration at this point to say that this country is in jeopardy and it's time we do something about it, and that's why I'm running to beat Sherrod Brown and put our country back on track."

The Copley native said of his top issues for the campaign, it all starts with the economy.

"This is not just numbers on the page," he said. "It's how families provide for themselves, and this crew in D.C. offers solutions that aren't really solutions. "They think that hiring 80,000 IRS agents and spending trillions of dollars we don't have on green energy mandates, but calling it the Inflation Reduction Act somehow's going to reduce inflation. We know it makes it worse; like throwing gasoline on the fire."

LaRose says Ohioans know how to grow an economy by getting government out of the way. By having more freedom, less government, cutting taxes, streamlining regulations, and investing in the things 'we need to invest in' like infrastructure.

“The second issue is securing the U.S.-Mexican border,” LaRose said. While every candidate talks about this, LaRose lived it when he served on the U.S.-Mexican border when he volunteered to be part of a counter-narcotics task force when he was a soldier with the 101st Airborne Division.

The Ohio State graduate thinks we can secure the border with the military. “I’ve called on the president to deploy three military divisions to the border. That’s about 60,000 service members. That’s something that the president actually doesn’t need Congress’ authorization to do, and it’s not a radical idea.”

He believes the military is part of the solution because “what’s occurring down there is, of course, a public safety problem. It’s a national sovereignty problem. It’s also a humanitarian crisis for the people involved. Let’s not forget that, and the chaos that’s going on down there is bad for everybody. Bad for the people coming into this country illegally; giving their children over to human traffickers, just hoping they’ll get into this country. And it’s of course, it’s bad for our country as well. So we secure the border, finish the wall, support the border patrol, and we have to be willing to take on the cartels.”

The third top issue for LaRose is parents’ rights, proudly boasting that his most important job is being a father to his three young daughters.

“I’m the only candidate that’s raising school-aged children, and when I’m sworn into the Senate, I’ll be one of very few members of the Senate to have school-aged kids. (His wife) Lauren and I don’t want our kids to be indoctrinated. We want them to be educated. We want our kids to be raised with our values. We want to fight to make sure that nobody gets to come between us and our kids when it comes to those decisions.”

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