

### **Christian Y Leinbach – Bio**

Christian Leinbach has been a Berks County Commissioner since 2008 and Board Chair since 2012. In 2013 he was President of the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP). Leinbach was elected to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board in 2012 and in 2014 was elected to the NACo Executive Committee. Leinbach was Pres. of the National Association of Republican County Officials (NCRCO) 2013/2014 and received the NCRCO Republican County Official of the Year Award for 2014. In 2014 he received the C. Alan Walker Award from DCED for Public-Private Partnerships and in 2015 Leinbach received the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence from DCED.

Christian and his wife Jennifer have been married for nearly 35 years and live in a log home. He and his family attend SVBC where he is in church leadership and sings with the worship team.

**I am a candidate for delegate in the 15th Cong. District.** On Friday, April 1, 2016 I announced my support for Sen. Ted Cruz for the Republican nomination for President.

#### **Here is why...**

I believe in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence as foundational to our Republic.

I believe in smaller and efficient government and the power of individual initiative and responsibility.

I believe that Character matters and that there is no replacement for hard work and honesty.

I believe that government today spends, taxes and regulates too much.

I believe in free enterprise with moral absolutes...winning isn't the only thing...it matters as much how one wins.

I believe the only candidate for President today that aligns with these principles is United States Senator Ted Cruz - that is why I have decided today to commit to support Sen. Ted Cruz as the Republican nominee for President.

#### **On the question of why not stay uncommitted?**

It doesn't take any courage to run uncommitted. I owe it to the voters to let them know where I stand before they vote... Not after. This is where I stand and I believe many other GOP primary voters in the 15th stand here is well. I've heard from many of them. All the voters that contacted me wanted to know where I stand. Now they know. The voters deserve to know.

#### **On the question of where I stand in a contested convention?**

This is now a two-way race. If either Sen. Cruz or Donald Trump received the majority delegates needed for the nomination before the convention, that person will be and should be the nominee. I will oppose any effort to undermine that process. If neither candidate has a majority, then we will have a contested election. The only two possible nominees at that point will be Sen. Cruz or Donald Trump. Any effort to bring in another nominee by others would be devastating and lead to the implosion of the Republican Party. The Primary voters matter and they have already vetted the list down to two finalists.