



Paul E. Davis



Standing Up for
West Virginia

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Who is Paul E. Davis?

I am a native of Huntington, WV. I have been married for 35 years and have two sons who are both graduates of Marshall University.

Currently, I am the General Manager and CEO of the Tri-State Transit Authority June 1, 2009 to present and I have been employed in the transit industry since 1988. The Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) is headquartered in Huntington, WV employs 74 people and provides bus service to Wayne County, Westmoreland, Cabell County, Huntington, Barboursville, and Milton.

I am Past President of the West Virginia Public Transit Association and was named Transit Employee of the Year by the West Virginia Division of Public Transit in 1997 and named Transit Manager of the Year in 2012.

Prior to working in transit, I served as a retail store

manager for 12 years with Heck's Inc.

I graduated from Marshall University with an undergraduate degree in Political Science (2004) and obtained a Master's Degree in Marshall's Executive MBA program (2009) while working full time as the General Manager of the Transit Authority.

I have been recognized at both the state and federal government levels as a spokesman for smaller transit systems and as a leader in the transit industry.

Through my years in the transit industry, I have secured nearly 100 million dollars in funding for Cabell County and the City of Huntington. One of my accomplishments was to successfully participate in the creation of legislation which secured funding for the Pullman Square development in Huntington.

I am active in various community service organizations:

- Past President of Hite-Saunders Little League
- Member of the Kiwanis Club of Huntington and the Huntington Rotary Club and Past President of both.
- Member of various Masonic organizations including Beni Kedem Shriners, Charleston, WV and Past Master of Masonic lodge in Louisa, KY.
- Board member of the Scottish Rite Foundation Speech and Hearing Clinic at Marshall University (past Chair).
- Active member in municipal and county economic development and business associations.
- Member of Huntington Live Committee of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Serve as the Chairman of Downtown Huntington Partners.

My views on the issues are...

VETERANS/MILITARY

So many of our Veterans are losing their benefits, not getting the proper medical care and living in poverty. I will stand and fight for you to get the benefits and help you deserve. Veterans are our heroes and if not for you, we would not have the freedoms we have today. **VETERANS DESERVE BETTER!!!**



ELDERLY/RETIREES

I will fight to help you get and keep what you've worked so hard for and help you to keep your retirement and medical benefits that you were promised. People should not have to choose between keeping the lights on, paying a mortgage or rent or buying their medicine. **I WILL BE YOUR VOICE and I WILL STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR YOU!**



EDUCATION/COLLEGE

Our teachers are at the bottom of the pay scale in WV. Many are having to take pay cuts because of the lack of funding for PEIA and this is not acceptable. Our educators deserve better...without them where would our children be? I will work hard in getting our children the education they need to help them succeed in life. They should be given the opportunities to achieve their dreams and further their education in a college if they so choose.



We have a high dropout rate in WV. We need to make sure our children have every opportunity to graduate high school and attend college. The cost of college is rising and we need to make it more affordable and make scholarships available to those who are in need. **OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE!**

JOBS

We need higher paying jobs and more industrial type jobs for our people. Our Coal mines are being shut down, leaving miners who live in these rural towns with no means of income to help raise their families. This needs to change. I will stand up and fight for these miners to get training for other jobs if needed. McDowell County is the 2nd poorest county in the State with a per capita income of approximately \$24,000. Our poorest counties need immediate attention and help. I'm the person to make that happen.



We need to help small businesses to get started and put their operations back in our towns. Not everyone can drive an hour or longer to get to a mall or a large grocery chain. We have a lot of hardworking folks in these towns who deserve better. We have to reduce the number of unemployed West Virginians.

I will fight and work to help get these things for you.

I've worked 30 years as a dispatcher, bus driver, assistant manager and now CEO with the Transit Authority. During my time here I've made many trips to Washington D.C. working with the government to bring funding for projects in Huntington totaling over one hundred million dollars. I will continue to fight for funding for ALL of District 3 to get what our Counties need. I'm not afraid to take a stance and fight and argue when needed for what I know you and I need to help our district get to a better place. We

need incentives and jobs to keep our college kids in our home State. Far too many are earning degrees and are forced to leave the area because there are no jobs here for them.

We need fair wages for all and need more investors to come in and offer more opportunities for our people. Fayette County for example is thriving...from rafting, hiking, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, zip lining and multiple restaurants are being opened...the area is growing by leaps and bounds. All of our counties have beautiful places to bring in tourism and growth. We need to open our minds to different things and ideas to provide each of us with various opportunities to see our towns thrive again.

There is no reason to outsource jobs that West Virginians have right in our own backyards.

MEDICAL CANNABIS

I believe that if a person has debilitating or chronic pain caused by cancer or that of someone with multiple sclerosis, etc. they should be able to purchase/use Cannabis for medicinal purposes.



OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Our first responders are overworked and understaffed.

Everyone, including myself, is frustrated with the alarming rate that this epidemic is rapidly growing. It is claiming the lives of mothers/fathers/sisters/brothers.... **OUR CHILDREN....**some at very young ages!! Babies are being born addicted. We need a plan in place **NOW...**more recovery facilities are needed...laws need changed to force these repeat offenders into rehab to get clean.

Every single one of our families are affected by this in some form or another. We need more focus on this epidemic. We need to save our families!!!

