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OCTOBER 15, 2014, WARD 15, OTTAWA, ONTARIO: Jeff Leiper, candidate for City Council in Kitchissippi, is making an unusual request this morning: **"Please don't donate any more money to my campaign!"**

Why? As campaign manager Pat O'Brien explains in an e-mail to supporters: "We did it! Responding to just a single e-mail appeal, you gave more than \$5,000 over Thanksgiving weekend. With that, almost two weeks before election day, we have fully funded our campaign right up to the allowed spending limit with over \$29,000 in individual donations."

"Now we will focus on the real work: winning this tough election against Katherine Hobbs." O'Brien urged supporters to volunteer for the final push to Election Day and to work at convincing undecided friends and neighbors to vote for Jeff.

The Kitchissippi for Jeff Leiper team has fully funded its campaign entirely on the strength of grassroots support for Leiper in a very tight race to replace incumbent Councillor Katherine Hobbs. True to Leiper's January pledge, the campaign has not accepted donations from developers, unions, or corporations, and the candidate himself has not had to "top up" the funding from his own pocket.

"I'm deeply grateful and awed by the depth of support across the whole ward," Leiper adds. "But what's even more powerful to me is the number 165. That's the number of individual members of this community who each contributed to help us reach this total. We have raised over \$29,000 in donations. I am floored by this huge level of support from voters, which is exactly what we need to win this."

Leiper concludes by saying: "We have shown that a positive, community-driven campaign can be completely funded with donations only from individuals. This completely refutes the idea that campaigns have to be funded by special interests. We've shown we can do better than that. Together."

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