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It has come to my attention that one of the candidates for the OPERS Board position (county) has been emailing various county offices. As the State Secretary and legislative agent for the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio I felt it is my duty to supply you with information on this election that you may not have been provided. You should be receiving your ballots in the next few days and it is important that you vote! Since the 1990's I have represented law enforcement issues amongst all of the pension systems that provide benefits for those in the law enforcement community.

I have long advocated the need for a member of the OPERS board that understands the law enforcement issues and will represent all of the members. **James Wilson is absolutely the candidate in the best position to do so.** I have attached one of his flyers and would encourage you to seek more information at his webpage which is www.fopohio.org/JamesWilsonforOPERS or visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fopohio>

Reasons the FOP asks you to vote for James Wilson over the other candidates:

- James Wilson is the **ONLY** Candidate that is registered with the state as a legislative advocate for Law Enforcement before the pension systems and the legislature.
- While James Wilson and one of the other candidates are both Franklin County Deputies, only James Wilson was unanimously endorsed by the delegates FOP of Ohio at the state conference and supported by his local, Capital City FOP Lodge #9.
- Wilson has been working full time as a union representative for his agency
- Wilson is the only law enforcement candidate that has been attending OPERS board and stakeholder meetings and fully understands the law enforcement issues.
- Wilson has been representing the FOP on behalf of the survivors of fallen officers and advocating for the benefits they deserve.

We do not need another self proclaimed financial "watchdog" on the board. I believe it is the so called "watchdogs", that are currently on the OPERS Board, that are advocating for financial cuts for all retirees and active members' Cost of Living adjustments (COLAs). The financial solvency of the OPERS pension system is the envy of many public retirement systems in the country and is in the best financial condition of any in the state of Ohio. What we really need is a law enforcement representative that **KNOWS** the issues and has been advocating on our behalf. James Wilson has been there and is doing that.

Fraternally,

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