

From: Les Lester

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 1:01 PM

To: almanac <almanac@tpt.org>; Eric Eskola; Cathy Wurzer; Mary Lahammer; David Gillette

Subject: Equal Time Provision, Green Party

Contact:

**Becki Smith, Green Party 5CD Chair;
Les Lester 5CD Candidate**

Dear TPT,

I have not had the opportunity to go on Almanac to express my views and ideas to the public. Please, based on the Equal Time Rule, allow me some time to discuss my concerns.

Green Party Endorsed “Les Lester” for 5th Congressional District House Seat... .

“Les Lester is a former Chicago Defender newspaper reporter and communication’s director for the Rev. Jesse Jackson’s Operation PUSH. He has worked as a teacher in the Chicago and Twin Cities’ school systems.

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From: Brendan Henehan
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:31 PM
To: Les Lester
Subject: Regarding Your Note to Almanac

Les Lester,

Thanks for taking the time to write. I had noticed a few weeks ago that you were endorsed as the Green Party candidate for the 5th congressional district.

At this time we are not planning much additional coverage in the race in the Fifth District. As you know, the 5th District is considered a “safe” district for Democrats according to all the Congressional election rating services. That’s why we focused attention on Almanac this summer on the candidates who appeared on the primary ballot in August. Barring some unusual development, the winner of the Democratic primary –Rep. Ilhan Omar—is expected to win election in November. This fall on Almanac we will be giving attention to Congressional races that outside rating services see as competitive.

Since you raise the question of the Equal Time Rule I want to point out that talk shows and news programs are exempt from this FCC rule.

Political campaigns –of course—can change. And quickly. So while we have no current plans to devote further attention to the 5th District contest, our plans can indeed change. Please keep us updated on your campaign.

Regards,

Brendan Henehan
Almanac Producer
Director of Public Affairs TPT