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From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA MAYOR JOINS PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWSCHANNEL 5

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero has agreed to provide political insight and commentary on NewsChannel 5, the ABC television affiliate in Cleveland. The mayor, a former state representative, will be interviewed periodically on Democratic-related election developments and specific issues facing Greater Cleveland voters.

“What makes this election year so interesting is the multitude of issues facing every voter in every state,” said Mayor DePiero. “I know folks in Parma and around the nation have a lot to say, from the economy to foreclosures to health care to the Iraq War. Their voices will be heard and felt when they cast their ballots in November.”

Dean DePiero is the 13th and youngest mayor elected to serve as the City of Parma, Ohio's chief executive officer. The municipality is Ohio's seventh largest city with a population of more than 80,000.

Prior to taking office on January 1, 2004, Mayor DePiero represented the 15th Ohio House District for five years. He served as House Democratic leader - the highest ranking party member in the legislative body. Mayor DePiero also represented the residents of the City of Parma, Ward 4, as their council representative from 1995 - 1998.

“We put in a lot of work into finding the right analysts for our viewers,” said Melissa Watson, Co-Executive Producer for election coverage at NewsChannel 5. “I honestly believe we came up with an All-Star team of experts who will give solid opinions and news you can use on the issues that greatly impact northeast Ohio in this election year.”

Other election analysts for NewsChannel 5 include Gregory Costabile, Republican Mayor and Safety Director for the city of Mayfield Heights, former Congressman Louis Stokes and Tom Sutton, Associate Professor of Political Science and Co-Director of the Public Interest Research Center at Baldwin-Wallace College.

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In addition to periodic news interviews, Mayor DePiero will appear live on NewsChannel 5 newscasts on Election Day, November 4.

“I’m hoping my time spent at the Statehouse and as mayor of a major city will lend perspective to the issues and possible solutions to the problems facing our region and our country,” said Mayor DePiero. “I’m looking forward to it.”

NewsChannel 5 has a link to its election news coverage on Newsnet5.com. You can click on *Democracy 2008* for more details on the station’s political analysts and the latest developments on the campaign, the candidates and the issues.

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