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DEAN RESPONDS TO ATTACK AD
Pledges positive discussion of issues to move Nashville forward

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Mayoral candidate Karl Dean responded today to the inaccurate and negative attack in a television commercial his opponent Bob Clement has started airing.

Dean made the comments in front of the Davidson County Election Commission office. Dean emphasized that he has led a construction discussion of issues and that he believes negative campaigning is deplored by Nashville voters.

“I oppose any increase in property taxes and Bob Clement knows it. I have said it over and over again, but he is now spending tens of thousands of dollars on a negative attack ad anyway, trying to scare people into thinking there is a property tax threat. Let me say it again – I am against any increase in property taxes. I am standing here at a voting site because the only increase we’ll have in taxes will be the one the voters decide they want,” Dean said.

Dean pointed out that the candidates’ stances on tax issues are just the opposite of the images portrayed in the attack ad:

- While Dean is not advocating for a tax increase, Clement voted dozens of times for higher taxes, including nine votes to raise income taxes as a U.S. congressman.
- Dean has stated clear priorities during his campaign – better schools and safer neighborhoods. Clement wants to give away the farm with proposals like spending hundreds of millions of dollars on bidding for the 2020 Olympic Games, creating five new Metro offices/ programs and building a park for Nashville’s homeless.

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“I hope voters will voice their disappointment and urge Bob Clement to talk about who can lead this city forward and who our best choice is for the Nashville of tomorrow, Dean said. “I can provide that leadership and plan to do so without a tax increase.

“That is what I plan to do,” he declared.

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