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John

You had a column about cash now pusher Robert Ostrov. This same Robert Ostrov was in house counsel for Peachtree. You can verify by going to his website. I cut this from his website.

'March 2006-October 2007 Senior Counsel and Manager, Peachtree Settlement Funding, Boynton Beach, Florida. Supervising a group of attorneys and support staff responsible for directing litigation on behalf of the company.'

Do the math, this person who wants to be in our legislature was there for the Paticia Chambers disgrace.

Now this poverty pimp is running for the Florida legislature while he is working for the factoring business at Structured Asset Funding. This is a blatant attempt by the structured settlement industry to put someone in the legislature who is at their beck and call.

If you have any questions, please let me know soon. I do not check this email address often but should be around for a little while longer.

I am pasting an article about this poverty pimp below and you can verify it by looking at the Sun Sentinal web site.

Democrats eager to defeat state Rep. Hasner

By Mark Hollis | South Florida Sun-Sentinel

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Rob Ostrov, a former prosecutor-turned-corporate attorney, faces Todd Maki, a former legislative intern and aquatics supervisor, in the Aug. 26 Democratic primary for the state House seat held by Rep. [Adam Hasner](#), R-[Delray Beach](#).

State House District 87 is a majority Republican district that encompasses wealthy swathes of southern [Palm Beach County](#), including parts of [Boca Raton](#), [Delray Beach](#), and Manalapan and touches portions of northeastern [Broward County](#).

Maki and Ostrov have scarcely debated and neither has compiled a war chest that comes anywhere close to the \$540,000 account of Hasner, the state House majority leader.

Both Democrats have focused their campaigns on the Republican incumbent, arguing that he's vulnerable despite his power in the Legislature. Neither has previously run for elected office.

Until 2004, Ostrov, 45, was an assistant district attorney for 10 years near New York City and an administrative law judge appointed by then-New York [Mayor Rudy Giuliani](#). He specialized in white-collar crime, including crimes against senior citizens. He's now a corporate counsel for Structured Asset Funding in [Hallandale Beach](#).

"I feel that both the country and the state are in a terrible situation, and I think I can make a difference," said Ostrov. "I want to make sure [the state] is no longer ranked last in various categories of education, have crime rates that grow, shootings in malls, astronomical home-ownership insurance, and irrational property taxes."

Ostrov has raised about \$25,000 for his primary campaign, including a \$10,000 loan to himself. Maki has raised about \$4,500, according to the most recent financial reports.

Maki, 27, was an intern for state Sen. Dave Aronberg, D-Greenacres, and U.S. Rep. [Ron Klein](#), D-Boca Raton. This year, he taught a political education class for teenagers at the [Palm Beach Community College](#).

"I would really focus on helping our students get the education they need," Maki said. "With [funding] cuts, they are not going to have the programs available to them to achieve greatness in our society."

Maki says he'd also use influence in the Legislature to encourage more development of alternative fuels, and would try to persuade local governments to do a better job of synchronizing traffic signals "to cut down on fuel usage and travel time."

Maki lives with his parents in a home west of [Boca Raton](#), where he says he pays rent. He says he's better suited to represent District 87 because he's a lifelong Floridian and lives in the district. Ostrov lives in [Wellington](#), outside the district, and says he's attempting to sell his house and plans to move into the district before he would take office.

"When it comes to representing your hometown, you have to know what your hometown is all about," Maki said.

Ostrov says he and his family spend most of their time in the district and argues that Maki, who has lived for several years in Tallahassee, doesn't have a lengthy voting record in [Palm Beach County](#).

"I think real-life experience matters," Ostrov said. "I think having held jobs of significant responsibility and being called at 3 a.m. for a homicide demonstrates that I can be trusted in important situations. I don't believe my opponent has had to face those kinds of important decisions."

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