

About Steven

Steven Vasquez

A Tech Valley business entrepreneur focused on saving our economy

Steven Vasquez is a born and bred New Yorker and has spent half his life living in the Capital District. Steven understands the challenges of living in one of the highest taxed states in the United States and the burden it has on people and small business. As a natural problem solver, Steven attacks issues with solutions that best address both sides with emphasis on benefiting the people, whether it's the customer in business or constituents when elected. Steven is a strategist, often looking at long term consequences of actions for overall benefit rather than just looking at short-term gains that lead to long term fiscal irresponsibilities that current politicians favor.

Steven went to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where he received his undergraduate degree in B.S. Electrical Engineering, with a minor in business and psychology. He forged forward towards dual masters degrees in M.Eng Computer Networks and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), with a concentration in Entrepreneurship in the Lally School of Business. Steven always knew since he was 11 years old that he wanted to start a business and create products that satisfy people. That drive led him to start a business called ReQuest right after college. Steven invented the consumer media server back in 1997 with the AudioReQuest MP3 home digital music system, five years before Apple released the iPod. ReQuest is now a successful business that employs over 40 people in the Capital District, and is an important member of the growing Tech Valley community.

In a time when the economy is suffering and the strength of the US dollar is falling fast, Steven is committed to serve the best interests of his fellow New Yorkers. Congress steals from senior citizens and future generations in order to pay for its out of control spending. In less than 20 years, the federal government will be bankrupt, and that is the largest threat to National Security that America faces today, by far. The government will no longer have funds to defend our borders or to repay its commitments to senior citizens and veterans. No other candidate or local official is brave enough to attack this problem head on, instead choosing to stick their heads in the sand and distract us with steroid use in baseball.

Steven will attack these issues head on to prevent an economic collapse of the United States the likes of which occurred to the Soviet Union in the 1980s, while protecting the commitments to senior citizens, veterans, and the American taxpayer.

Voting Principles

Steven will take on these issues and vote on all bills by following these guidelines:

- 1) Will this bill benefit the American taxpayer?
- 2) Can the American taxpayer afford this bill?

And most importantly:

- 3) Does this bill uphold to the Constitution of the United States of America?

Awards and Honors

- * Winner of the First Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (www.rpi.edu) \$25K Student Business Plan Competition in 1998
- * Winner of the First \$100K Tech Valley Business Plan Competition in 2000
- * 2000 Popular Science Best of What's New Grand Award in Electronics
- * 2000 Sound & Vision Reviewer's Choice Award
- * 2001 CEDIA Best Audio Product of the Year
- * 2003 Albany Capital Business Review 40 Under 40
- * 2004 CEDIA Best Video Product of the Year
- * 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 Electronic House Product of the Year
- * 2006 Dealerscope 40 Under 40
- * 2006 EHX Best Overall Product
- * 2006 EHX Best Multi-Room Audio System