

Illinois 2010 Elections: Pat Quinn Gets Fritchey, Lang, Silverstein Endorsements—Chicago Tribune Says “...Former Blagojevich Allies”



State Rep. John Fritchey and Gov. Pat Quinn at today's press conference.

(Chicago, IL) — November 6, 2009. Illinois Democratic lawmakers State Rep. **John Fritchey** (D-Chicago), Deputy House Majority Leader **Lou Lang** (D-Skokie), and State Senator **Ira Silverstein** (D-Chicago) today endorsed Governor **Pat Quinn** in the Illinois 2010 Democratic primary for governor over Comptroller **Dan Hynes** at a press conference on Chicago's North Side.

Hynes, a constituent of Fritchey's, had endorsed Fritchey's opponent, State Rep. **Sara Feigenholtz** (D-Chicago), in the IL 5th congressional special election to succeed Rahm Emanuel in February. Oops.

Fritchey is also the 32nd Ward Democratic Committeeman. He is leaving the state legislature to run for the Cook County Board seated being vacated by Commissioner **Forrest Claypool**.



Chicago Tribune reporter Monique Garcia at today's press conference.

Lang, who is also the Niles Township Democratic Committeeman and Executive Vice President of the Cook County Democratic Party, had emerged as a critic of Quinn in the State House during the spring legislative session, but Lang has now swung firmly behind Quinn.

The *Chicago Tribune's* headline writer, however, cast the Quinn endorsements, which also included 33rd Ward Alderman **Dick Mell**, as "[Quinn gets backing from former Blagojevich allies](#)".

Ouch.

Monique Garcia, who covered the press conference at the Ann Sather's restaurant in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, wrote a more balanced story lead, referring to the Fritchey and



State Rep. Lou Lang and Gov. Pat Quinn speaking after the press conference today.

the others as the "... Democratic leaders who once hailed and later feuded with his running mate and predecessor, **Rod Blagojevich**."

The Tribune editor just provided material for a TV attack ad by the Hynes campaign or the GOP.

In fact, Fritchey, Lang, and Mell were early Blagojevich opponents long before it was politically fashionable. Fritchey and Lang led the impeachment effort against Blagojevich in the House—but get tagged as "allies".

Oh, well.

Silverstein is also the 50th Ward Democratic Committeeman.

In addition to Hynes, Quinn faces attorney **Ed Scanlan** of Oak Park and **William "Dock" Walls** in the Democratic primary on February 2, 2010.

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