



David Cook's Likes Trump, and He's Like Trump ***Cook puts political self-interest ahead of Tarrant County families***

Former Mansfield Mayor and Republican candidate for State House District 96, David Cook, wears his love for Donald Trump's self-interested politics on his socks and on his sleeve.

Cook's most notable talent after sitting as Mansfield Mayor for over a decade was taking care of David Cook. Since announcing his run for State Representative, Cook has put years of practicing pay-to-play politics to work – first by trying to withhold basic public information about his actions and financial dealings as Mayor and then falling in line with the corporate special interests who pull the strings in Austin.

Pledging allegiance to Austin special interests has paid off nicely for Cook. In just the last 9 months, Cook has filled his campaign account with tens of thousands of dollars in special interest corporate PAC checks -- money he'll need to obscure his Trump-type backroom politics and policy positions that hurt District 96:

- **Withholding information from taxpayers:** When citizens simply asked how David Cook was using Mansfield taxpayer dollars, Cook tried to hide details about seven taxpayer funded trips to New York. Cook's office told citizens that the information may be "[intimate](#)" or "[embarrassing](#)." Eventually Cook had to surrender the information to taxpayers and it was revealing. Cook [billed taxpayers thousands of dollars](#) for stays at "[uniquely opulent](#)" hotels in New York's "Diamond District" and meals and fine restaurants¹.
- **Looking out for donors:** A month after [taking thousands of dollars in campaign donations from a local developer](#), David Cook [voted to approve a zoning change so his donor could develop in the city](#). This was not the first time Cook has worked overtime to support developers who donate his campaign. While Mayor, Cook announced we would [sell land to a developer after the City Council voted for zoning changes to property that he owned](#). Just a year before the Council

¹ [Lone Star Project](#); [City of Mansfield Records](#)

approved the zoning changes to Cook's property, the developer donated \$500 to Cook's campaign.²

- **Dismantling Affordable Healthcare:** David Cook has embraced the Texas GOP platform and its calls to dismantle access to healthcare in the midst of a global pandemic. The platform calls for the [repeal of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) that protects Texans with pre-existing conditions and provides access to quality, affordable healthcare and prescription drugs. The platform also calls for Trump Republicans like Cook [to continue to block the expansion of healthcare for over 1 million Texans](#). Cook has embraced the Trump agenda of downplaying science and attacking healthcare for political gain³.

² [Campaign Finance Records; City of Mansfield; Star-Telegram, 10/10/2017](#)

³ [Texas GOP Platform](#)