# Hamilton County's avora **money** race

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ayoral incumbents in Hamilton County's four cities entered 2015 with thousands of dollars at their disposal for re-election campaigns, but cash on hand was lower for some



than at the same point in previous election cycles. All incumbents, however, still headed into the Republican primary with more money in their pockets than their challengers. With no Democrats running yet, all eyes are on the primary.

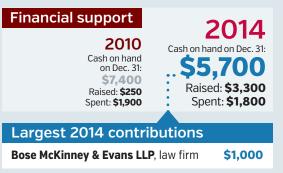
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| Jim<br>Brainard is seeking his sixth<br>term. He was contested in the<br>2007 and 2011 primaries; this<br>year, he faces Rick Sharp.   | <image/>  | Scott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backetScott<br>backet |
| Cash on hand<br>on Dec. 31: 2010   Sta6,900 Cash on hand<br>on Dec. 31: Cash on hand<br>on Dec. 31:   Sta6,900 Sta6,900   Raised: \$269,300 Raised: \$226,700   Spent: \$168,400 Spent: \$112,100   Largest 2014 contributions                               | Financial support<br>2010<br>Cash on hand<br>on Dec. 31:<br>\$12,600<br>Raised: \$12,600<br>Spent: \$1,900<br>Cash on hand on Dec. 31:<br>\$69,900<br>Paised: \$88,400<br>Spent: \$24,200 | Financial support<br>2014<br>Cash on hand on Dec. 31:<br>\$50,900<br>Raised: \$101,700<br>Spent: \$149,100<br>Largest 2014 contributions   |
| Michael Browning, real estate developerBrowning Investments board chairman\$10,000   | Christopher McComas, architect \$8,000  | Barnes & Thornburg, law firm \$5,000   |
| DPBG Political Action Committee, which<br>lists engineering firm American<br>Structurepoint as its address. [American<br>Structurepoint President Willis "Rick"<br>Conner also donated \$8,500 individually.]\$10,000Buckingham Realty & Development\$10,000 | 2014 contributors to both campaigns<br>Brainard Sharp<br>Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, law firm \$1,000 \$1,500   |  |
|  | Steve Pittman, developer\$250\$1,000  |  |





#### **Andy Cook** Cook faces political newcomer Jeff Harpe in the Republican

primary. Harpe has not yet filed campaign finance reports; pre-primary reports are due April 17. Cook narrowly defeated Republican Russell Cameron in 2011.





#### Ditslear Ditslear is running for his fourth term. He was opposed in 2011 by Republican Steve Brown: he ran

unopposed in 2007.

John

Financial support

2006 Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$129,400 Raised: **\$74,200** Spent: **\$42,000** 

2014 2010 Cash on hand on Dec. 31: Cash on hand on Dec. 31: \$115,800 \$88,400 Raised: **\$44,400** Raised: **\$59,100** Spent: **\$31,700** Spent: \$66,000

\$2.400

#### Largest 2014 contributions Willis "Rick" Conner, American Structurepoint president

CHA Consulting Political Action Committee \$2,400



## Mike Corbett

Corbett is publisher of Hamilton County Business Magazine, He lost to Ditslear in the 2011 general election, running as an independent.

## **Financial support**

2014 Cash on hand on Dec. 31: 5560 Raised: \$400 Spent: \$30

### Largest 2014 contributions

Mary Sue Rowland, Noblesville Common Council at-large candidate

\$200