

# The Alachua County Republican Party

## Statement On The Change In The 2011 Ronald Reagan Black Tie and Blue Jeans BBQ

The Alachua County Republican Party is announcing a change in the 2011 Black Tie and Blue Jeans. For 8 years in a row, we have put on a major event and brought in big name personalities with star power, and our Benefactors and blue collar and business owner Republican friends have always supported the event and provided more funding to the Alachua County Republican Party than we have ever known, before. But, something changed, this year. Make no mistake, people were excited about Ted Nugent. In fact, we had more excitement about him than any previous speaker.

The problem is that, thanks to Obamanomics and "trickle-up-poverty", nobody has any money. It became evident that small business owners and working Republicans were hurting, tremendously, and simply couldn't afford to come to Black Tie and Blue Jeans. When we realized that our small business owning and working Republican friends weren't buying, we called many of them that had bought before to see what was happening, and we heard some heart wrenching stories. One small business owner told us that he was about 2 months away from closing his doors and was selling off equipment to try to delay that. Somebody else told us they have lost their job and hadn't found another. Yet another told us that they still had their job, but hadn't had a raise in three years - their cost of living was going up, but their income wasn't and they were looking for another part time job to make ends meet.

That combined with recent bad economic news, including zero jobs being created in the last jobs report, Georgia-Pacific closing their Alachua County plywood mill costing 400 people jobs and Bank of America announcing that they were going to lay off 40,000 people nationwide we decided to do what, so far, our federal government and our county government in Alachua County refuses to do and make a tough economic decision.



We made the decision to cancel Ted Nugent and ask our friend, Adam Hasner to be the key note speaker for the 2011 Ronald Reagan Black Tie and Blue Jeans BBQ. The event has to fund a very important ground game and headquarters operation in 2012. By making this change, now, it will allow us to make money on the event so that we can put it toward our very critical ground game and headquarters operation for next year. Barack Obama, Bill Nelson and the rest of the Democrats that are making this mess worse with each passing day must go, and we are going to dedicate every spare resource to do our part in Alachua County to help make that happen.

Ted Nugent has been a pleasure to work with. There was no lack of enthusiasm for the Motor City Madman, and no lack of desire for having him here. People just don't have the money to buy tickets they way they used to. Thank you, Uncle Ted, for having agreed to come visit with us, and we apologize to you for having caused any inconvenience. You are our hero!

Adam Hasner is a great friend, and we owe him our gratitude for stepping in and agreeing to be our keynote for the 2011 Black Tie and Blue Jeans. It is still going to be a great party with 500 or 600 people.

We hope that you will join us and help us in the cause to give Barack Obama, Bill Nelson and the Democrats on the Alachua County Commission the pink slips that they have caused for so many citizens.