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Election Recap- November 7, 2012

Election Night highlights...

- ◆ *Republican Mike Pence elected 50th Governor of Indiana*
- ◆ *Democrat Joe Donnelly defeats Richard Mourdock in race for U.S. Senate*
- ◆ *Three GOP freshmen headed to Congress; Republicans hold 7 of 9 Indiana seats*
- ◆ *Democrat Glenda Ritz upsets incumbent Tony Bennett in race for Superintendent of Public Instruction; Attorney General Greg Zoeller coasts to re-election*
- ◆ *Indiana House Republicans pickup 9 seats, achieve supermajority*
- ◆ *Indiana Senate GOP maintains 37-13 supermajority*

Before we get to the election recap, we wanted to let you know that *The Corydon Group* has moved into our new offices at 125 W. Market Street- less than half a block from the Statehouse. *TCG Realty, LLC*, a joint venture between Chris Gibson and Lou Belch, purchased the vacant 17,000 sq. ft. building earlier this summer. The structure, which dates back to at least 1892, includes three floors plus a basement. Significant renovations have been made to the building with an attempt to maintain as much of the historical charm of the structure as possible. *The Corydon Group* is currently occupying the entire third floor with plans to utilize other floors as the firm continues to expand. Please stop by when you have an opportunity.

Now on to the election recap. For complete election results, you can visit the Indiana Secretary of State's website at <http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/election/general/general2012>

President

After an extremely long and costly election cycle, Democrat Barack Obama was re-elected as President of the United States with at least 303 Electoral College votes, defeating former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. The President was able to carry at least seven of the nine "battleground" states, including Ohio, Wisconsin, Virginia, Iowa, New Hampshire, Colorado, and Nevada. Governor Romney emerged victorious in North Carolina, with Florida still too close to call.

President Obama's performance in Indiana tells a different tale, as he won only 44% of the Hoosier vote. Governor Romney outperformed other statewide Republican candidates at the top of the ticket, turning Indiana back to "red" from "blue" after Obama's surprising win in the 2008 election.

U.S. Senate

Illustrating Hoosiers' independent thinking, Indiana elected Democrat Congressman Joe Donnelly to the U.S. Senate over Republican Richard Mourdock by a 50-44 margin. Libertarian Andy Horning captured 6% of the vote. This race had been extremely close for most of the campaign until controversial comments by Mourdock involving pregnancies resulting from rape doomed his candidacy (and caused problems for other Republican candidates nationwide). According to many media experts, his views were considered too conservative for most independents and "Lugar Republicans", which turned this safe GOP Senate seat into a pickup for Democrats.

This same theme played out in other states across the country, turning a potential Republican takeover of the U.S. Senate into a net loss of at least two seats. Democrats now hold a 51-45 majority, with 2 Independents (that are expected to caucus with the Democrats) and 2 races too close to call.

U.S. House

Going into Election Day, Republicans held the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives 240-190 (five House seats were vacant -- two formerly GOP-held and three Democratic seats). With the polls closed in all states but some ballots still being counted early Wednesday, Republicans had won at least 224 House seats - more than the 218 needed for a majority. Many pundits are projecting that Republicans will wind up with 238 seats and Democrats 197 seats, with four seats undecided. As of early Wednesday morning, 18 incumbent Congressmen lost their re-election bids, including a number of moderates on both sides of the aisle. This could result in an even more polarized and politicized Congress.

Indiana's new Congressional delegation will consist of two women for the first time in 54 years, as Republicans pick up one seat (in the 2nd Congressional district, currently held by Senator-elect Joe Donnelly) and send three freshmen to DC.

Results in each of the Congressional districts are below, with winners in bold:

- **District 1: Peter Visclosky (D - incumbent)** vs. Joel Phelps (R)

- **District 2:** Brendan Mullen (D) vs. **Jackie Walorski (R)** (Replacing Senator-elect Joe Donnelly)
- **District 3:** Kevin Boyd (D) vs. **Marlin Stutzman (R- incumbent)**
- **District 4:** Tara Nelson (D) vs. **Todd Rokita (R- incumbent)**
- **District 5:** Scott Reske (D) vs. **Susan Brooks (R)** (Replacing Congressman Dan Burton)
- **District 6:** Brad Bookout (D) vs. **Luke Messer (R)** (Replacing Governor-elect Mike Pence)
- **District 7:** **André Carson (D- incumbent)** vs. Carlos May (R)
- **District 8:** Dave Crooks (D) vs. **Larry Bucshon (R- incumbent)**
- **District 9:** Shelli Yoder (D) vs. **Todd Young (R- incumbent)**

Governor

Republican Congressman Mike Pence was elected Governor, earning 50% of the vote to former Speaker of the House John Gregg's 46% and Libertarian Rupert Boneham's 4%. Most polling in the weeks leading up to the election showed Pence with a double digit lead. Speculation is that Pence's reaction to Richard Mourdock's rape statement had some impact on the relatively close margin of victory. Governor Mitch Daniels and Governor-elect Pence will have a press conference today to discuss transition items. It is believed that many of the agency directors currently in place will remain in the Pence administration.

Indiana Senate

With only a couple of seats truly competitive heading into Election Day, the Senate Republicans were able to hold on to their quorum-proof majority of 37 seats to the Democrats' 13. This ensures that the GOP can continue to conduct business in the Senate with or without their Democrat colleagues.

The most highly competitive race was SD 30 between incumbent Senator Scott Schneider (R) and Tim DeLaney (D). This was Senator Schneider's first true campaign as he was slated-in to the Senate seat upon the retirement of former Senator Theresa Lubbers (R). Tim DeLaney is the son of State Representative Ed DeLaney (D) and former Democratic Party chairwoman Ann DeLaney. This race was not decided until the early hours of Wednesday morning, but with 100% of the precincts reporting, Senator Schneider narrowly held on to his seat by 975 votes.

Another key race was SD 36, which found incumbent Senator Brent Waltz (R) being challenged by State Representative Mary Ann Sullivan (D). In a strange turn of events, the Indiana State Teachers Association, which typically supports Democrat candidates, endorsed Senator Waltz's

campaign while the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, which typically supports more pro-business Republican candidates, endorsed Rep. Sullivan. Senator Waltz held on to his seat with 53% of the vote.

Also worth nothing, Senate Democrats will also be without Minority Leader Vi Simpson (D) when the legislature reconvenes in January. Senator Simpson retired from her seat to run for Lieutenant Governor with former Speaker John Gregg. Democrats held on to this Bloomington-area seat with the victory by Mark Stoops.

Indiana House

House Republicans built on their landslide victory in 2010 by adding an additional 9 seats to their current 60-40 majority, ensuring themselves of a “supermajority” when the legislature reconvenes next session. The combination of newly-drawn legislative districts and the retirement of several Democrat incumbents from swing areas helped the Republican cause. With the 69 seat quorum-proof majority, the GOP can conduct business even if the Democrats leave the floor of the House.

Speaker Brian Bosma (R- Indianapolis) was quick to say that all 100 members of the House would be included in the process. “I think the track record is one of inclusion and outreach and bipartisanship. There’s no carte blanche here...it’s about doing what’s right.” The Speaker said he plans to choose some Democrats as committee chairs, as he did during the last two years.

Below are some particularly notable results-

- In HD 45, the only race that included two incumbents as a result of redistricting, Kreg Battles (D- Vincennes) defeated Bruce Borders (R- Jasonville) by 370 votes.
- In HD 56, Republican challenger Dick Hamm defeated 5-term incumbent Phil Pflum (D- Milton).
- In HD 60, Republican challenger Peggy Mayfield defeated 7-term incumbent Peggy Welch (D- Bloomington).
- In HD 81, perhaps the biggest legislative surprise of the night, Republican challenger Martin Carbaugh defeated 10-term incumbent Win Moses (D- Fort Wayne).
- In HD 87, one of the few Democrat pickups, Democrat challenger Christina Hale defeated 5-term incumbent Cindy Noe (R- Indianapolis) by 44 votes. There is the possibility of a recount in this race.