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Mitch campaign announces support team

Dean White, other NWI men part of group

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INDIANAPOLIS | The region's richest man has a spot on Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels' reelection team. Crown Point billionaire Dean White, the billboard and hotel magnate, is among 100 prominent Hoosiers who will serve on Daniels' re-election campaign steering committee.

Some on the list, announced Thursday, will be asked to do more than others.

Yankee great Don Mattingly, for instance, is mostly lending his name to the Mitch for Governor steering committee, campaign aides said. The same goes for NASCAR driver Tony Stewart and former NBA All-Star George McGinnis, an Indianapolis native.

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., and former Vice President Dan Quayle will serve as vice chairmen of Daniels' campaign committee, which will be chaired by Jim Morris, a former United Nation World Food Programme director who now works for the Indiana Pacers.

"Mitch Daniels and I have been friends and colleagues for 40 years," Morris said.

Other Northwest Indiana residents lending support include Mamon Powers Jr., president of Powers & Sons Construction Co. in Gary, and David Fagan, a Portage councilman who serves as financial secretary of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150.