

April 12, 2010

## OPEN LETTER TO MIKE KENNEDY

Dear Mike,

I was directed to Huckleberries today. I read your post under PI Firm Questions Votes. I choose to turn the other cheek to your comments directed towards my wife Christine and me.

The election lawsuit is not about you or me, or who won or lost. It is about the flawed process. We both know that when the Court sets aside the election it will not declare me the winner. It will order a new election. Anyone interested in fair, legal, and accurate elections should be working with me, not against me, to make sure that happens in the future.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> Coeur d'Alene Press story brought some of the problems into the public's eye; but they are only the tip of the iceberg. I would prefer that corrections to the process occur in a constructive manner, not through the adversity of a trial.

The May 25<sup>th</sup> primary presents a unique opportunity. The Judge has ruled the County can conduct the City's election and dismissed all but one contest. I propose that the new election for Seat 2 be held as part of the upcoming primary. All the apparatus and people will already be in place. It would be a minimal cost to the City or County.

Mike, I ask you to acknowledge the serious problems with the election. Join with me to request a new election. If we agree, I believe the City will agree and the Judge will order it. Then the necessary changes in the election process can occur in an atmosphere of cooperation.

To ensure fair elections, let's gather the people necessary to make the new election happen on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Time is short. Please let me know your answer.

Jim Brannon