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For Milton Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

Integrity. Transparency. Trust. These aren't just words to me. They are the guiding principles for my campaign to be your next mayor. If I haven't yet met you personally, I want to let you know who I am and what I stand for -- and why the Milton Police Guild has chosen to support me and not Milton's current mayor.

Mayor Perry says she regrets enrolling her family in the city's health plan without the City Council's consent. I believe her. But I also know this has cost you, the taxpayers, thousands of dollars, and a loss of trust. This is one small example of the damage that the current lack of transparency has done to our small city.

As mayor, I will make sure all money paid to elected officials is posted prominently on the city's website. Or you can just ask. Unlike the current mayor, I will encourage the staff to tell you. **It's your money. You shouldn't have to be a detective to figure out how we're spending it.**

Some folks have asked about my experience. I'm the first to acknowledge that the current mayor has more experience than I. She is a long-time politician. But we have professionals on the city staff who know more about law enforcement, public works and zoning laws than ANY elected mayor, including the incumbent.

A mayor – like a football coach – doesn't need to strap on a helmet and pads to win. **Like a great coach, a mayor needs to demonstrate leadership by finding and hiring the best ... then letting the pros perform.** The turnover rate among our city's professional staff is too high and this loss of talent is costing us dearly.

As someone who has owned a successful business for years, I am well qualified to work with the City Council and Citizens to set budget priorities. I understand how to make tough decisions. I would love to tell you that I will build every sidewalk, upgrade every park and bring our police department up to full force next year. **But I won't make promises I can't keep.** We have a serious budget problem in our city. You may not have heard about that before, but I **won't betray your trust by sugarcoating the facts** and then announcing dramatic cuts.

I love Milton and I know that with your help, we can move forward and get past the problems plaguing our town. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions -- I love talking to my fellow citizens!

Thanks for your time. And remember, whichever candidate you support, submit your ballot by Nov. 7 and let your voice be heard.


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