

Dear Willoughby Hills Voter,

Twenty-seven years ago, I was a struggling musician, dreaming about turning my life around. I set a goal, "Ten in 10" I called it. I would buy ten houses in ten years, fix them up, rent them out and I did it. I learned that you cannot be afraid to fail. I learned that having a goal and working hard towards it is what successful people do.

Since then, both my wife and I have built successful businesses and raised two sons here in Willoughby Hills. Over the years we've learned that lasting success requires humility and perseverance. It requires



gratitude for all the good things we enjoy in our lives. It also requires a strong community. While it's not government's job to guarantee our success, we need government to facilitate success.

The question of how government can facilitate success fascinated me. That's why I earned a bachelors in Urban Studies and a masters in Management. When I was asked to run for a council seat, I said yes. And I'm so glad I did. Over the last ten years, I have written and supported legislation to better Willoughby Hills. And I continue to dream of a brighter future for our City, one that facilitates success.

And we're almost there, despite certain individuals in our City government who have all the wrong priorities. I don't like where they have taken us. The blight on the City's west side, gambling halls and massage parlors drive out desirable businesses and cast a shadow on our image. Higher crime rates push people away. Higher debt destroys a city budget. Spending more than you take in is foolhardy.

Bad decisions like the Mayor naming himself fire chief, suing his own city over a veto, and his secretary's union suing our City make headlines that destroy our reputation. Giving out special favors to a select few erodes trust in elected officials. Punishing and mocking anyone that dares to oppose them is wrong for our community. We can do better.

We should all be able to have an opinion and share it and still be neighbors and friends with those who disagree. We should be able to trust that our officials care about us and will actually put the residents first without personal gain.

We must remember the common goal we share for Willoughby Hills: the city with the perfect location, beautiful homes, maintained roads and parks, excellent police and fire services, a thriving business community that creates jobs, and all the amenities that attract residents and entrepreneurs to want to live, work and raise a family here. We can have that, if we elect people who understand what success requires.

"Dave is the kind of official that is more interested in getting things done and let the noise be the noise." Sen. John Eklund

There are only three candidates running for contested Council seats that know what it takes to achieve that success for our City: John Plecnik, Laura Lenz and me. I am very glad that Nancy Fellows will continue to serve our City.

I believe we have a great community and I am proud to live here, and for my wife and I to run our businesses and raise our sons here. There are challenges ahead, no question. But I've been blessed to have your trust before and if you wish to return me in Council, I'll roll up my sleeves, I'll strive for our City's success, and I'll continue to never forget, I work for you.

Sincerely,

