

Hi I'm Susan Netwein for Community <sup>1</sup>  
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It's Election Season again and in these divisive times we will no doubt be inundated with Negative Ads, texts and Tweets.

It is difficult to stay positive with so many working hard to divide us. Nevertheless, I'm going to look on the bright side, stay positive and look for the common ground that brings us together as a community. There are so many positive things going on in Trinidad as well as our broader community.

Take for example the recent Trinidad Bay Art and Music Festival. A celebration of both local and international Art & Music. It is just one of many local community events ~~that~~ ~~highlights~~ ~~our~~ ~~local~~ that enhances our quality of life here on the North Coast.

We have our challenges too. Our economy is in transition. We face both challenges & opportunities as we move forward. We are not alone.

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I've been invited to Washington DC as mayor of Trinidad, to participate in cabinet level briefing & discussions.

These discussions will include workforce development, infrastructure development & the opioid crisis.

Housing, transportation, small business and education will be some of the departments represented.

~~This is an important opportunity for our area to be represented at the highest levels of the federal government. It is an opportunity for the grass roots level to have a voice at the table.~~

~~I'll let you know how it goes by reporting back next time.~~

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This is a chance to ~~net~~ network with other cities from around the Nation large and small. Again we all deal with similar issues on different scales but we all have the same goals safety, security and prosperity for our communities.

# is an honor & privilege for me to be invited and participate in this event.

I will do my homework and be prepared to do my best to ~~at~~ represent the best interests of our community. Because in the end we all want the same things a safe place to live, prosperity, and family and friends who love us

This has been Susan Botwin  
for Community Council

I will let you know how it goes and report back on my return. Till the next time