

I THINK I CAN SAFELY FILE TODAY'S COMMUNITUY COMMENT UNDER THE HEADING "PET PEEVES".

I RECENTLY READ IN THE TIMES STANDARD THE Q & A'S FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE VARIOUS SEATS ON THE CITY COUNCIL. I SKIPPED OVER EVERYTHING BUT WHAT THEY SAID THEY WANTED TO DO FOR THE CITY OF EUREKA TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE. I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL PRETTY MUCH THE SAME IN CONTEXT. I WILL SAVE MY FAVORITES TILL LATER.

SO, HERE IS THE PET PEEVE; LAWN SIGNS. WHAT AN EYE SORE. CAN WE PLEASE DO AWAY WITH THEM? SERIOUSLY, DRIVING AS MUCH AS I DO IN A DAY, AND ESPECIALLY UP AND DOWN OUR BELOVED "H" AND "I" STREET, AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER SURFACE STREETS, YOU CAN FIND SOME LAWNS WITH AS MANY AS SIX SIGNS POORLY ARRANGED. SOME HAVE SUCH BIG YARDS, THEY CAN PUT TWO FOR THE SAME CANDIDATE AT THE TWO ENDS OF THEIR PROPERTY. IT'S INTERESTING TO SAY THE LEAST TO SEE WHO YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE BACKING.

IT SEEMS IN THE LAST DECADE THERE HAS BEEN THIS TENDANCY TO PUT ALL THOSE CANDIATES OF LIKE MIND AND POLITICAL PERSUATIN TOGETHER. KIND OF LIKE US AGAINST THEM. THERE AND DTHERE WAS A TIME WHEN NATIONAL POLITICS WASN'T A PART OF LOCAL ISSUES. NOW IT'S RUNNING SO DEEP I HEARD

ONE CANDIDATE TELL ME WHILE KNOCKING ON DOORS, A RESIDENT ASKED IF THEY LIKED A LOCAL "JOE BLOW". WELL THE CANDIDATE WAS HONEST AND SAID YES. THE NEXT THING THEY SAW WAS THE DOOR CLOSING AND UTTERANCE OF "YOU'LL NEVER GET MY VOTE", IT HARDLY MAKES SENSE.

BACK TO LAWN SIGNS, I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE.

BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT I PROMISED IN MY OWN CAMPAIGN OVER A DECADE AGO, I REACHED INTO MY FILING CABINET AND PULLED OUT ALL THOSE CRAZY CLIPPINGS I SAVED.

HERE'S THE KICKER AND WHY YOU SHOULD HOLD THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS FEET TO THE FIRE.

WHILE RUNNING FOR MY WARD, I MADE THE CAMPAIGN PROMISE I WAS GOING TO GET RID OF LAWN SIGNS. I WAS ACTUALLY, TRYING TO SEE IF ANYBODY WAS LISTENING. WAS IT THAT NOBODY WAS PAYING ATTENTION OR DID THEY THINK I WAS JUST ANOTHER POLITICIAN BLOWING SMOKE I THINK FT. BRAGG HAS THE RIGHT IDEA, OR THEY DID LAST TIME, I VISITED THEIR COOL COASTAL TOWN, MUCH LIKE OURS. INSTEAD OF LETTING THEIR CIITZENS PUT UP ALL THOSE SIGNS, THE CITY OWNED A BIG, BIG VACANT LOT AT THE NORTH END OF TOWN WHERE CANDIDATES COULD PUT UP THEIR POLITICAL SIGNS. HECK, I KNOW A CERTAIN REAL ESTATE BROKER WHO JUST MIGHT REALLY LIKE THIS IDEA TOO.

*THIS HAS BEEN MIKE JONES FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT.*