

It was my privilege to be chosen to represent you on the city council. I promised to bring my experience in personnel management, labor relations and budget management to the job.

Once seated, I was surprised to see how corrupt and unlawful labor and business practices were. I have directed my energy to bring these practices up to lawful standards, putting an end to corrupt hiring practices, business contracts and missteps which have cost you, the taxpayer, large sums of money.

The bid process was corrupted; required bid proposals were missing; hiring procedures were bypassed; and the city attorney was absent and unavailable at critical times. The new council has followed the law to remove employees for cause, not at whim. Laws protect employees fired for cause and require reasons to remain undisclosed.

Elected positions require a Rhinoceros Hide to navigate the anger and fear of citizens confronted with change. Someone wins the argument; someone usually loses. When we work together to resolve long-standing challenges, end corruption and not waste frugal public dollars, we all win.

I took an oath to uphold the laws of Oregon. Count on me to continue to do so.

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