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🌀 Latest in a series of posts on candidates for election 🌀

It's time to break the cycle of "graduating" members of City Council to the Office of Mayor.

IT'S NO ONE'S "TURN" TO BE MAYOR:

It should be the CHOICE of the PEOPLE!

DON'T vote for more of the same. DON'T vote for the "inside politics" candidate who's part of the problem, not the solution.

VOTE FOR DANA GRUBB on MAY 18th!

FOR A MAYOR WHO'LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BETHLEHEM

CAN'T AFFORD

Willie Reynolds AS ITS NEXT MAYOR!

1. He voted for a TAX INCREASE 3 of the last 4 years.
2. He voted to RAISE YOUR TAXES by 5% in 2021 —during a pandemic.
3. He voted to impose a NEW stormwater TAX in 2021 —during a pandemic.
4. He voted to ELIMINATE four firefighter positions in 2021.
- ▶ He voted for SALARY INCREASES for select City employees in 2021, totaling \$64,358.
- ▶ He accepted more than \$26,000 in campaign donations from BIG DEVELOPERS. When on council his votes usually favored developers —for example, Martin Tower.
7. He even voted to rezone the Martin Tower site in spite of the Environmental Action Committee's recommendations.
8. He did NOT support a comprehensive ethics ordinance for elected officials and City employees.
9. He's backed by others who also voted to raise your taxes, add new ones, cut firefighters, and give big raises to hand-picked City employees.

CITY HALL
10 E. CHURCH STREET
CITY OF BETHLEHEM, PA

WILLIE REYNOLDS +
WOULD JUST BE ♂
MORE OF THE SAME |
YOU DON'T WANT A MAYOR
YOU CAN'T TRUST
TO PUT BETHLEHEM
RESIDENTS FIRST!

On MAY 18th "Believe in a better Bethlehem" and Vote for Dana Grubb.



J William Reynolds is with Grace Crampsie and 9 others.

Yesterday at 8:20 AM · 🌐



When I first ran for City Council, I did so because I wanted a chance. I wanted a chance to serve our community and help us build a city for everyone. I knocked on door after door. I promised people I would never stop knocking and I never have. People are proud of who we are as a community. People are proud that we have recovered from the closing of Bethlehem Steel to create one of America's most livable cities year in and year out. People are proud that we are building a Bethlehem where everyone is welcome and valued. People are proud of the direction we are headed. Well, not everyone is proud.

I have dealt with negative attacks before during campaigns and I am dealing with them again. The thing is, now the attacks aren't just at me. They are coming at Mayor Donchez, my colleagues on City Council, and the fantastic women running this year for City Council. Our collective vision is about who we are becoming as a city and who we can become. To the majority of the city, that is exactly what they want for the future of Bethlehem. To a few, that vision of inclusion and prosperity is something to be afraid of.

Let me be clear. No amount of negativity will change our vision, passion, or enthusiasm for who we can be. That will never change. All of us ran for office to do the right thing. We have and the results are clear. Our city is a wonderful place to live and shining brighter every day. Bethlehem will reject this silliness because they always have and always will see cynicism and negativity for what they are.

We appreciate your support but we need your help to fight back. Volunteer, donate a few dollars if you can to any candidate, find a few more houses for yard signs. This is about what kind of city Bethlehem is going to be for you and your family. My father used to tell me "People will choose to be optimistic....but you have to give them the choice." So if you want to find us, we will be the ones knocking on doors, sharing our vision, and smiling about who we are as a city. I'll take my chances with that.



Paige Van Wirt

Yesterday at 9:03 AM · 🌐



I read the mailer he refers to with such dismay. I don't want to go back 30 years; I want to help Willie move this amazing city forward.



Grace Crampsie

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I was so blessed to be born into a family that was very involved in politics and were great role models of positive, altruistic service to our community . My family members have been Governor, Lt Governor, State Cabinet,, County Controller, Council members. Throughout my family's almost 100 year tradition of holding political office, campaigning was always conducted in a positive manner whereby candidates focused on their own experience and qualifications. Thus, it is so disheartening to see the negative campaigning for the Mayor of Bethlehem. Instead of focusing on their qualifications and experience, one candidate has focused his campaign on attacking his opponent in a negative manner from the beginning. It makes me ponder why one would focus so much upon their opponent vs focusing upon their own positive attributes?

The most recent mailer is not only another insult to Mayoral Candidate Willie Reynolds, but also to all City Council members. To degrade someone for serving on council and imply being on council does not qualify you to be mayor is ludicrous. We saw what happened with the 4 year experiment of someone with no political experience becoming the occupant of the White House. I for one feel there is value in political experience, especially serving on city council in the city in which you are running for Mayor!

I had the privilege of working with Willie's dad, Dr. John Reynolds. He was a visionary, facilitating programs on inclusion and diversity long before they were hot topics. I've had the privilege of serving with Willie on city council. He has been a valuable colleague and friend. His campaign has focused on the positives and his qualifications. My family members would certainly approve! And while I am sad that Willie's father is not here to see him run for mayor, I am glad he is being spared the malevolence of his opponent.

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