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Hi neighbors,

I am writing to highlight two key aspects of my platform: **fiscal responsibility** and **transparency**:

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Over the past two years, taxes and fees in Rehoboth Beach have been skyrocketing:

- Residential rental tax rates have jumped 100%
- Property tax rates have increased 50%
- Water rates have risen 30% and another hike of more than 80% is proposed
- Wastewater rates are up 60%, and are proposed to go up about 20% more
- Parking permit fees have jumped between 50% and 330% (at Deauville Beach)



At the same time, the city has been taking money out of the city's rainy day fund—almost \$900k reduction is projected this year because the Mayor and Commissioners have delayed enacting a hotel tax.

Are you getting the best value for your money? I had a 30-year career in accounting and finance. I have been director of finance for two non-profit associations. I have been a homeowner in Rehoboth Beach for 20 years, and involved in the city for most of that time. I will bring the experience and knowledge to get city spending under control and prioritize the essential capital improvement projects, especially our stormwater system and streets. **We need to work smart.**

TRANSPARENCY

I believe good government is transparent and listens to the constituents and encourages everyone to get involved in our government. I have real problems with what has happened recently in Rehoboth:

- Last year, the mayor and commissioners held multiple closed meetings with senior Sussex County officials about giving away the city's wastewater system to the county.
- Over the winter, when the wastewater working group created by Mayor Kuhns held closed meetings, I joined others in filing a FOIA complaint which forced the city to comply with the open meetings law.
- Mayor Kuhns, Commissioner Coluzzi and Commissioner Schlosser had frequent, non-public correspondence with representatives of Clear Space Theater about their development plans, and Commissioner Schlosser had to recuse herself from voting on the project as a result.
- This spring, I had to ask Mayor Kuhns to recuse himself from voting on the Agave restaurant project because of his personal financial interest in the adjacent business.
- I also had to ask Commissioner Coluzzi to recuse herself from voting on the canal dock project because of her role in the Canal Improvement Association that is leading the push for that project.
- The city and Rehoboth Beach Main Street have been stonewalling my requests for information about the Main Street's funding and expenditures that the city is subsidizing.

Elections have consequences, so I am asking for your vote on August 10 to bring fiscal responsibility, transparency, fairness and unity back to Rehoboth.

Sincerely,

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The major focus of my campaign is to ensure that our community has a responsible and responsive City government.

1. **Fiscal responsibility** - We need to work smart as a City, by controlling our spending, prioritizing our capital improvement projects, and working through these projects—not just talking about them. Currently, we are not managing our capital improvements in an effective way.
2. **Fair treatment** - City government should apply the rules fairly and equitably to everyone. If there is a problem with a law, the Mayor and Commissioners should change it, instead of granting waivers to some.
3. **Transparency** - The government should be transparent. I will work to ensure the City follows FOIA laws, ethics laws, and contracting guidelines.
4. **Unite our community** – We all love our City and we agree on many things. As Commissioners, we should be building consensus among the citizens and businesses before acting on laws and projects that will affect us all for decades to come.

VOTE!