

Dear Neighbor:

**My name is Alice E. Hoskins and I'm running for Town Council – Ward I.** Having attended most of the town meetings, I have witnessed how our representative manages *“the people’s business.”* Here’s what our current Ward I Council member has done over the past two years:

- Stated during a council meeting that we, the citizens, do not have the right to be heard at meetings because we elected her to speak for us.
- Engaged in “Bait and Switch tactics.”
  - Conducted a public hearing on raising our taxes by one amount during a council workshop and then *voted to raise our taxes by a higher amount at the Town meeting.*
  - Claimed taxes were being increased in order to fix our streets and then later told us the tax increase was going to be used for another purpose.
- Had our neighbor, Joyce Beck, removed from town meetings because Ms. Beck provided our citizens key information that the current administration did not want us to know.
- Raised utility taxes and told us that the increase would not impact our utility bills.
- **Paid a \$1,500 monthly consulting fee to a consultant to speak on our behalf in Annapolis regardless of whether funds were secured for the town.**
- Voted to hire a treasurer that, according to the mayor, will not provide the administration with financial reports.
- Denied us our rights to be heard on legislative and fiscal matters.
- Voted to hire a town administrator for a salary ranging from \$62,000 to \$72,000 per year (they won’t reveal the actual salary) who refuses to answer the phone when called.

While other neighborhoods have prospered with property value increases, our town lags behind because it is not administered well. Crimes go unchecked. People drive our streets with a blatant disregard for speed limits and stop signs thus, endangering our children. Public services are lacking. Our streets and common areas are unkempt. Houses are allowed to fall in disrepair affecting the values of those who own property. Our local businesses are not neighbor friendly. Meanwhile our representative does nothing to address these concerns.

If you believe as I do that this is not “Government of the people, by the people, and for the people,” then stand with me and vote Alice E. Hoskins Town Council Ward I on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. **It’s time for a change and we are the people who can do it!**

Thank you,  
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