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RE: Spring Municipal Elections

Dear Donna, Alex, Jenn, Georgene, Jeff, Julie, Chip, Kathleen, RC, Stan, Karen, David, Karyn Joel, Pat and Travis

The results are in and the election signs are down from the federal, state and county elections last month. As candidates in the Spring 2019 municipal elections, papers have been filed, ballot positions determined and (I am assuming) plans are in place to hit the ground running after the holidays to be successful on April 2.

Please remember that our municipal elections are non-partisan. There is no D, R, G, I, etc. after candidates' names on the ballot. While each of you may identify with, be a member of or serve in a leadership position in a local political party, this descriptor is not part of our municipal elections.

I urge each of you to maintain your political independence as you campaign. I encourage the local party leaders (copied on this letter) to maintain your distance and not endorse or financially support any candidate(s) who may identify with their party. This is one election where the voters can and should cast their ballots based on the person and his/her qualifications and platform, and not party affiliation. Party leaders can educate members by introducing them to all the candidates, not only "their" candidates.

Please keep this election focused on who can best represent us on the City and Town councils and help to move our communities forward. Please be polite and stay focused on the issues and not the personalities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diana Hauman

CC: McLean County Democratic Party (Erik Rankin, Patrick Cortesi)
McLean County Greens [by mail]
McLean County Libertarian Party (Steve Suess, Richard Bennett) [by mail]
McLean County Republican Party (Connie Beard, Norma Brown)
Media: The Pantagraph, Cities 92.9, WGLT, WJBC, WMBD, WEEK, Daily Vidette, BLNNews