

Lakeway has turned into a microcosm of the national political climate - unfortunate. Look at our last mayoral and council race, and now the current council race. We have had our share of candidates that are not interested in making the city better, but are advancing their own interests. [Check out this link to "Project Lift", it is alive and well in Lakeway.](#) An organized attempt to get their candidates elected to "non-partisan" elected office. It appears they are interested in making sure folks that really want to help don't want to put up with the attacks.

It's been said that I have attacked candidates, I believe there is a difference in attacks and dispersing provable information that should be used in deciding the character and motives of some of the candidates. I have not and will not share rumors or false information about anyone as some have tried to do with me.

What attacks? In the last two years (including this election), multiple ethics complaints have been filed with the State Ethics Board. Leaving a word out on a sign, filing a report a day late and many more including the attacks on me. Never before in Lakeway, it's the new resistance. Two of the Council candidates, Louis Mastrangelo and Wendi Severance were the leaders of the recall petition against me. They didn't cook it up, it was set into motion by one of the council candidates from year before last - she didn't win. It doesn't stop. This was the mayoral candidate that both Mastrangelo and Severance supported, McMillan; at least until she didn't win. Then she filed suit against Cox to keep her from taking office (delay). When that didn't work she filed a writ of mandamus - that didn't work either (delay).

When Mr. Mastrangelo became aware that McMillan did not win, he immediately switched sides to Cox. He now supports her full agenda, not so much when he was stumping with McMillan. Now, Louis is stumping again with McMillan. She is supporting both Louis and Wendi. Her husband and Mr. Kilgore have filed ethics complaints. Obviously, this is not an issue for the two candidates she supports. What does this show about character? This is what everyone needs to determine for themselves. What about being a "lead" on NextDoor? I can't say whether or not he uses prejudice when deciding to delete a post, who can, only he would know. This was brought up in the last election when some threads disappeared that were not necessarily positive for him. Character.

After that, Mr. Thomas Kilgore filed a lawsuit that concerned this current election. It was to delay the election until May. That was denied. He then filed a writ of mandamus, (delay) also denied. I don't like coincidences, just sayin. All legal for sure - what happened to civility?

What is best for our city? I'm sure there are many different opinions that should be able to be discussed without making lawyers money. I know I'm biased. I love our city and want what's best for it. I have issues with folks that are single issue candidates - no development, the deer, etc. There are many other issues just as important or even more important. There are about 15,000 people in Lakeway now, our elected officials should represent ALL of them, not just the vocal minority or the loudest. It's not easy.

The people that love our community need to express their opinion at the ballot box. Officials need to be elected that will make good decisions for everyone in the city.

I support Glenda Engert and Betty Haley – they both have only the best interest of all citizens at heart.