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Campaign to Re-Elect

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It is the start of a new decade and it is re-election time for the non-partisan Justice of the Peace! I believe Missoula County citizens deserve an *experienced, dedicated and hard-working judge* to build a more responsive justice system to help people improve their lives and build a stronger community. I rely on my experience, my exemplary record, and your support for my re-election. I am the *right person* for the job, and I am in the job for the *right reasons*.

Again I am campaigning on my same goals and vision for justice – and now I also am asking for your vote and support based on my *proven performance*. I am not simply making campaign promises – I am telling you what I am *already doing every day* and hope that you appreciate the good job I have been doing for you *for the past twelve years*:

Respect. For a court to truly operate independently and objectively, it must respect and honor the rights of all parties and uphold the law. I am proud to have earned a reputation as being patient and understanding, and for building a court that is fair, independent, and unbiased, as well as responsive to the needs of our community. “Cookie cutter justice” has no place in a responsive justice system - I actively listen to each person who comes to Justice Court and take the time to consider each unique situation.

Accountability. As a judge, I objectively weigh the facts and apply the law in each individual case, not only holding the defendant accountable, but also requiring conscientious performance from other participants in the justice system. I hold myself accountable in upholding the law and the Montana State Constitution.

Justice With Insight. You may already be familiar with my support of community and misdemeanor programs including community service, mediation, restitution, misdemeanor supervision, community circles, alcohol and drug education and counseling programs, and jail – all can be effective sentencing tools for individuals. I am very active in the community, and make it a point to learn about new resources for restorative justice so I can utilize them when appropriate in sentencing. Courts across the country are proving that, with the help of an involved community, today’s increasingly complex problems can be handled more effectively. I apply the law in such a way as to achieve a safer community and more productive individuals.

I work hard to earn your support, and now I ask for your assistance. I ask that you personally share information about the good job I am doing. Please encourage your friends, neighbors and colleagues to go to the polls on June 8 and again on November 2. You have a clear choice to make during this election. Together we have the ability to make a real difference; we can *continue to build a more responsive justice system*. I appreciate your vote.

It will be my honor, when re-elected, to continue to serve the people of Missoula County with respect and accountability, and operate a people’s court that is a model of fairness and justice with insight. Thank you for taking a positive role with me in bringing peace and justice to our community.

Sincerely,

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Justice of the Peace