

Sometimes the only way to get people's attention is to shout. As most of you know, when one writes something in all caps, it means you are SHOUTING!

Hey - we've got an election coming up in the fall, and I need to get your attention. It's not the mid-term congressional elections that I'm talking about. It's the election right here in the City of Seguin that will happen at the same time as the general election.

AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THIS CITY!

Yes, I am shouting! We have 2 seats on city council that will be vacant due to term limits this November, and nobody has yet announced any intentions to run. Not a peep, not a whisper... nothing. Councilmembers Donna Dodgen (Dist. 7) and Carlos Medrano (Dist. 5) will be leaving city council in November due to term limits, and NOBODY has expressed interest in replacing them... yet.

If you live in either of these districts, and you have the best interests of the city at heart, and you don't have an outside agenda, I implore you to think about running. If you don't live in either of these districts, and you know a good citizen who does, please twist their arms to see if they will run.

If you don't know the boundaries of the districts, you can go to our city website to find out. Go to www.seguintexas.gov, at the top of the page, click on "Government", and a drop-down menu will appear. Scroll down to "City Council". That will take you to a page with all of the photos of your city council. Go all the way to the bottom of the page and click on the link that says [Check your district here.](#)

Have you noticed that the city is constantly improving, growing, and becoming a better place to live? Do you know the main reason for that? The reason we have done so well over the past decade is that we have been blessed to have great city councils year after year. For the most part, our councilmembers have looked at the "Big Picture" and have voted time after time for the betterment of the city as a whole, while still making sure their respective districts are represented. Thank God that they disagree from time to time – that needs to happen. However, they all have a deep respect for each other, and they all understand that we are all in this together.

Gone are the days of the nasty parochial hissy-fits that used to be the norm at City Hall. If you've lived here more than 15 years, you know what I mean. What we can't afford is to have those days come back... and if we are not careful, they will. Complacency can kill this town. Like I have said many times in public, and in previous columns – we are only one election away from going to hell in a hand basket.

Here are some condensed thoughts from a column I wrote last year: Before I ran for city council back in 2006, I was the "King of Complacency". It took time for me to make the decision. As a matter of fact, it took nearly a year. What I went through was similar to the 5 stages of grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, then finally...Acceptance "OK...I'm going to run!".

It takes time to get to that last acceptance stage... so Pardon the shouting again - WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

If good people don't come forward to run – that hand basket in hell awaits...

Gosh, I love this town!