

Just the Facts

If you are making an argument, and the facts support you, you use the facts. If the facts do not support you, you waffle, and gloss over things, just like in those slick mailers sent out by the NO on Question 8 folks. Mailers cost money. Money talks. If you listen you will be weaseled into thinking political appointees are somehow free from the foibles of the politicians who appoint them. Nothing is further from the truth.

The NO on 8 crowd lists many of the same mistrusted names involved in the Chandler/Strickland recall. Pam Malmstrom, now Blair, got hired back from retirement after City Hall announced a hiring freeze. Cheryl Ferrence wants your tax dollars to keep the Boulder White Elephant Hotel open, her relatives work there. Rotarian realtors need RDA money to pretty up the properties they are trying to peddle. There is a reason these folks want agreeable old Mr. Olsen to keep his job and it is not because he is looking out for your best interests.

We need an elected City Attorney who will be a watchdog for our community. This will be because he/she answers directly to the voters. When SolBio defaulted, aided by Vicki Mayes mishandling of their \$3,000,000.00 letter of credit, Dave Olsen did nothing. You may not have heard of the mismanagement that cost us a \$700,000.00 arbitration award to PR Burke Corp., and a truckload of tax dollars paid as legal fees to Lionel, Sawyer & Collins. Olsen remains as silent as a mouse, secure in the knowledge that if he protects his masters they will protect him.

Please join me in voting “YES” on QUESTION 8 and “NO” on everything else. It is time to tell the special interests, and their big money supporters, that we have had ENOUGH.

Dick Farmer