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Since we have no standing, we stand with those left standing

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## **SUE EUDALY, WARD 3 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, CAN'T STAND THE HEAT!**

By R. W. Nash

**N**SN regrets that Rolla Ward 3 Councilperson Sue Eudaly has asked that we unsubscribe her from receiving NSN by e-mail. Eudaly, unlike the other eleven council members, doesn't want to hear anything from Rolla taxpayers and voters that may shake her preconceived notions about how the council is spending our money and making decisions that affect us. We hope the voters in Ward 3 will remember this if Eudaly asks to represent them again. If she doesn't file for office again we hope they will be able to replace her with a representative who understands that in the United States, officials have an obligation to at least listen to and consider different points of view and all sides of an issue. Just warming a seat and providing knee-jerk seconds to motions that only serve the interests of the Chamber of Commerce and RCDC is not enough to fulfill an oath of office.

She could have just used her delete button - it's no different than throwing a letter in the trash. However, Eudaly will CONTINUE to receive NSN by e-mail as will the other members of the Rolla City Council who have computers and access to the Internet. She must understand that NSN is sent to her and other council members not as subscribers,

but free of charge as a courtesy to keep them informed and make them aware of other viewpoints in the Rolla community. If we should stop sending her NSN but if her under-represented constituents forward NSN articles to her, there's nothing we, nor she can do to stop that. When you think about it, it doesn't matter that she wants to be sheltered from new ideas and opinions. How much does she really need to know about anything to fulfill what appears to be her sole function on the council - one of Ed Owsley's two automatic seconds?

Councilperson Eudaly, I would like to leave you with this little story that, perhaps, you can learn from.

A few months ago, Stephen Sowers, publisher of the Rolla Daily News wrote in his editorial column, telling me (Robert W. Nash, editor-in-chief of NSN) to, "get out of town". I thought, "how ridiculous! Rolla is not Dodge City and he's not Wyatt Earp." However, I still remain one of his few paid subscribers, and probably will remain one, even though many of his opinions differ from my own. Why? Because I have an obligation to myself to keep an open mind and be willing to listen to all opinions and ideas.

While we're on the subject, we must express our appreciation to all the other members of the council who are conscious enough of their duty to listen to opinions, even if different from their own. We at least give them credit for being smart enough not to make a big issue out of not listening.

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