

Marguerite Duncan

From: Renee Smit
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:38 AM
To: Marguerite Duncan; Susan Russo
Cc: Mary Bartelson
Subject: FW: EL PASO COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT Withdraw from Sheriff's Election

FYI...

Thanks –
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From: Jan Barkley **On Behalf Of** WebMaster1
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:36 AM
To: 'BBrown8555@aol.com'
Cc: Renee Smit; Mary Bartelson
Subject: RE: EL PASO COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT Withdraw from Sheriff's Election

We are in receipt of your email. It has been forwarded to the appropriate department.

Jan Barkley

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From: BBrown8555@aol.com [mailto:BBrown8555@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 7:05 AM
To: WebMaster1
Subject: EL PASO COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT Withdraw from Sheriff's Election

Dear Sir/Madam:

After a lot of thought and soul searching, I have opted to withdraw my name as a candidate from the El Paso County Sheriff's race.

I remain a very active individual that represents a small business that deals with the El Paso County Jail on a 24/7 basis and I hope to continue my efforts to assist the Sheriff of El Paso County with ideas, suggestions and other ideas that I believe will honestly benefit the citizens of El Paso County that for whatever reason have to come in contact with the jail.

I personally have several families that work for me and depend on Bobby Brown Bail Bonds Inc. to make a living for themselves and their families. I must assure that I am not putting my personal and political beliefs so public as to effect my business and my employee's whom I honestly consider as my extended family.

I in fact run a family business, one of my daughter's is my office manager, my father manages and runs my office on Highway 85-87, my wife is the treasurer of my corporation.

Another HUGE factor is my recent involvement with the forming of Group-Six, a very special team we have put together that will specialize in working on COLD MURDER CASES. There are nearly 1000 unsolved murder cases in Colorado alone. The group has taken off much faster than we anticipated and the demand of time that these cases deserve is much more important to me than be involved in a political race. I would much rather put a killer behind bars and give a family closure to an unsolved murder, than to read my name in the paper that I had been elected Sheriff.

There have been many exchanges of words, spoken and written between the Sheriff and myself in the past, mainly about the jail and some other county issues. Obviously we differ on some ideas and that is why we are blessed with having a choice that if you are not satisfied with the job a public elected official is doing, you can voice your opinion and should you have the heart you can decide to try to change things by running for that office yourself.

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I sincerely have put my heart into the thoughts for running for the office of Sheriff, of course I started very late in the last election, ran as an Independent, merely because I did not believe that office should simply be given to someone that was running without an opponent. I received a tremendous amount of support and I have and I continue to thank all of those that believed in me and my political platform. The voters made there decision which I have respected from the second that Terry Maketa was elected Sheriff.

I have made an offer to his office that I am more than willing to sit down with him personally, discuss my withdrawal from the upcoming election and to see if we can, man to man discuss issues that we have continued to disagree on and see if we can move forward in a manner that benefits everyone in the County that I am a Native of and sincerely love and care about.

I apologize to all of the enthusiastic supporters that have been rallying around me since the last election, I appreciate all of their time, suggestions, willingness to devote time away from their family and work to devote to my campaign. It is with regret that I have let my supporters down, however, this was my very own PERSONAL decision for reasons I have cited.

I will continue to support and work for what is always best for El Paso County. Thank you, and God Bless.

Most sincerely,

Bobby Brown