

LET'S COMPARE THE RECORDS

My record: I have consistently worked for open, transparent government and for parks, trees, green space and recreational activities for all citizens. I have opposed large inappropriate developments that are detrimental to our neighborhoods.

I have long been a supporter of the Allen Creek Greenway. This will be an important environmental feature for Ann Arbor flood control, water quality and civic beauty. As a result of my efforts Council recently took an important step and designated the lot at First and William as public land reserved for open green space. I hope this will soon be joined by the 415 West Washington and the 721 North Main site

In the area of open government, I supported the "Citizens Participation Ordinance." I sponsored an amendment to a Council resolution to insure public hearings on the use of the Library Lot. This amendment was unanimously passed by my Council colleagues.

I am working with a citizen group to develop a sustainable policy of street and park tree maintenance. Many of our urban trees are only in fair condition. We need to improve that, and we need to re-plant in order to replace those lost by the emerald ash borer.

I opposed the original large Planned Unit Development (PUD) on South Fifth Avenue. Council rejected this development. I still oppose the revised version and I hope council will also reject this plan and preserve the classic old homes in this neighborhood.

Let's look at my opponent's record: Mr. Rosencrans is working on a committee to make the purchase of city land more attractive to developers. The meetings of this committee have not been announced and are not open to the public. The committee has not held public hearings to determine how the public would like this land used. This is land purchased with your tax dollars. It should be used for open green space, public gardens and perhaps performance or artist space. It should not be sold at a bargain price in order to construct more large inappropriate developments.

In May 2007 my opponent voted to transfer \$77,000 from the new Parks millage to the Police budget. The majority of PAC did not support this resolution. Council agreed with the majority of PAC. This is simply a matter of honesty. The city asked the voters to increase their taxes for Park maintenance; the money should not be used for other purposes.

On April 21, 2009 Rosencrans voted to close Mack Pool as of July 1, 2009. This would have eliminated a recreational program enjoyed by many citizens with only two months notice. Council rejected this drastic action. It voted to continue to fund Mack pool for a year and to look for a long-range solution to maintain this resource for our citizens.

The choice: I work with you and my Council colleagues to provide the services that you tell me you want. I work for open and transparent government. My opponent has voted to reduce parks funding and to cut park services. He actively works in closed committee meetings to facilitate the sale of city land to developers.

The choice is yours, but be certain to vote on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.