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Dear Residents:

An important date is coming next week. On April 7th the elections for the City of Salisbury will be held. There are two candidates for Mayor, Gary A. Comegys and Jim Ireton and four candidates for two City Council seats Muir W. Boda, Deborah S. Campbell, Cynthia M. Polk and Eugenie "Shanie" P. Shields. In the past my position has always been to encourage people to vote in general so that their voice is heard without sharing my personal opinion on who to vote for, however I feel that with this particular election there is an important reason for me to share my opinion on who is the best candidate for you to consider for your vote.

The reason for this is because I believe that there are clear indications that some of these candidates will support increased fees to rental properties in Salisbury. These fees will increase our cost of operations and will result in higher rents for you, our customer, in our rental communities. We are already seeing the effects of the down economy at our properties where some of our residents are not able to pay their rent on time and, in some unfortunate situations, not at all. Increased fees to Salisbury's rental properties will make this problem worse.

While an election is never about one issue, I feel the fact that higher city fees to rental properties will result in higher rental rates in Salisbury is an significant issue to all renters who live in Salisbury. I would encourage you to research each candidate's platform for this election and ask yourself the question "If this candidate is elected is my rent more likely to increase than it would otherwise?"

My opinion in this election is that if you vote for Gary A. Comegys for Mayor and Muir W. Boda & Eugenie "Shanie" P. Shields for City Council the rental rates at our properties, and in Salisbury in general, are less likely to increase than with the alternative candidates. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my opinion and encourage you to vote on April 7th.

Best Regards,

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