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## Candidate criticizes political infighting

### Muir Boda asks for residents' help

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SALISBURY -- District 2 City Council candidate Muir Boda asked for city residents to help him clean the "mud off the walls" in Salisbury during a news conference Friday. Boda said the constant rivalry between two perceived camps in Salisbury's political arena has gone on for too long.

"Every candidate in this election, except for me, has been a part of or tied to this discourse," he said. "Most of the current players in the political arena, I have never said more than a 'Hi' to until this year."

He said infighting over the past few years has stalled progress and given the city a bad reputation.

"I am tired of seeing the reputation of the city I love and have chosen to live in continue to get stained," he said.

Boda denies allegations which align him with mayoral candidate Gary Comegys and District 1 incumbent Shanie Shields and used his newness to Salisbury politics as evidence. That same newness has led to criticism that the mid-30s Eastern Shore native is too green to be on the City Council.

Within his campaign, he promotes government efficiency, proposing the city and county begin talks to merge any duplicated programs, and streamlining services. Like all candidates, Boda said crime is a top priority, along with aging infrastructure and focusing on downtown.

Boda faces District 2 incumbent Debbie Campbell in the April 7 general election.

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