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Boda's knowledge and candidness win support

Salisbury shortly will be electing a mayor and two council members. One of the City Council members will represent District 2, where I reside. The incumbent representative, Debbie Campbell, is running for re-election. I cannot support her, though her parents live just around the corner from me and she grew up in my neighborhood. Although I personally like Campbell, I am disappointed in her actions while in office.

Although many regard her incessant demands for more information before making a decision a positive, my years in public service suggest this is a delaying technique used to avoid making a decision. After all, one is elected to be a decision-maker, which can sometimes be tough.

Her consistent negative votes bring to mind a City Council member when I was in high school. He voted no all the time, realizing the votes were there to pass the action anyway. However, his actions had the local newspapers referring to him as a public watchdog -- striking similarity here.

I interviewed Muir Boda and asked him pointed questions. I found him refreshingly candid. He said he hoped, if elected, to be a good steward of city funds and resources. He had followed city government closely and was aware of the issues. He emphasized the need to eliminate the divide on the council and work together to change the city's image.

I was impressed by his maturity and knowledge. I think he would be a fine council member.

Therefore, I am supporting Boda.

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