



October 5, 2004

**CERTIFIED MAIL – Return Receipt Requested**

Ms. Sarah Ball Johnson  
Executive Director  
State Board of Elections  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Response to Robert Moreland Statements  
Lexington/Fayette County, Kentucky

Dear Ms. Johnson,

As a candidate for the 12<sup>th</sup> District Council seat in Lexington, I feel I must respond to the reckless, unfounded statements by Robert Moreland regarding corporate interference in the election process.

In an apparent attempt to rationalize his failure to win the 8<sup>th</sup> District Council seat, Mr. Moreland has filed a complaint with the Kentucky Board of Elections in which he makes far reaching accusations without any supporting facts. Mr. Moreland alleges the financial contributions made by water company employees as private citizens to numerous council candidates amount to fraud and corporate interference in the elections.

Without any documentation to support these allegations, Mr. Moreland's complaint erroneously and maliciously attempts to slander my candidacy.

I welcome an open investigation and expedited review by the Board of Elections. I am confident that there has been no improper influence in my campaign.

What makes these allegations so ridiculous is that the contributions by water company employees represent about three percent of all contributions to my campaign. Over 200 contributors from all segments of Lexington's community are providing broad based financial support for my candidacy.

Just because I have received a few contributions from employees of the water company does not mean there is a corporate conspiracy to illegally influence council races, as Mr. Moreland alleges.

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I have stated openly that I do not support a government takeover of the water company because I feel the Urban County Government has to demonstrate its ability to effectively manage Lexington's storm drainage, sanitary sewers, bus transportation, public safety services, and the expenditure of the taxpayers' money before it seeks to takeover a privately held utility that has cost efficiently served our community well for decades.

It is because of my pro-business position that the water company employees, as individuals and citizens, chose to support my candidacy. In a free society, campaign contributions are equivalent to free speech and citizens have the right to financially support candidates for public office that hold the same values and beliefs as they do.

It is unfortunate the voice of a disgruntled citizen, without any real facts to support his assertions, is able to cast a dark shadow over one of our most valued freedoms.

Sincerely,

Ed Lane  
Candidate for  
12<sup>th</sup> District Council

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