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## **When the question of propriety is asked of one candidate, it effects all**

Marc Thomas, Ingham County Commissioner for the 8<sup>th</sup> District stepped down in this term because he lost his qualification. The disqualification was that he no longer lived in the area he served. It appears he got married and moved to another community. Congratulations to Mr. Thomas who served with honor and integrity for many years.

Shelby Bupp, is filling the commissioner seat until a special election can be held February 23, 2010 for the Democrat primary election.

As of this writing, the candidates are:

**Robert D. Alexander (D)**  
**Shelby Bupp (D)** *withdrew*  
**Lee B. Reimann (D)**  
**Peter Dewan (D)**  
**Penelope Tsernoglou (D)**

Two of the candidates, Shelby Bupp and Robert D. Alexander have not acted in the best interest of the community. In the case of Shelby Bupp, she robo-called the district proclaiming she now sat in the seat previously held by Marc Thomas. There are many other forums for an FYI (For Your Information) notification than to barge in and disrupt private homes with a phone message containing no immediate value and questionable long-term importance. This demonstrates a lack of common-sense and consideration to the voters.

Mr. Alexander is fairing far worse by his actions. A long-time candidate Mr. Alexander demonstrated at the very least an example of poor judgement when he removed from a resident's home a piece of Peter Dewan's campaign literature. This act is not serious to either candidate, but enhances the lack of trust for all elected officials. At the worst this could be a demonstration of a lack of ethics and a lack of moral judgement.

It is solely for Mr. Alexander to understand what his motives were. It is only his actions that we, the voters, should judge. At the very least, this is an act of poor judgement; or, an act demonstrating how Mr. Alexander behaves when no one is looking.

Mr Alexander's explanation was that he had not seen Mr. Dewan's literature before and wanted to make a photocopy. He said he held the literature for seven hours before copying and then could not remember where the literature should be returned.

This link is of the message left on the individual's answering machine after a witness saw Mr. Alexander and his actions. This audio is edited to protect personal information. [Mr. Alexander's message](#), MP3 600 kbs.

The real harm is the damage to the trust of all candidates and elected officials. The majority of food recalls are of food that is still good, but no chances will be taken. This is becoming the opinion of the public for these servant's of the people, take no chances.

The additional harm is that candidates and elected officials will try to become even more aggressive in their behavior and resulting in a "Me First, the People second." attitude.

Thank you Mr. Alexander for at least saying that you wanted to apologize and then doing so. But, questions remain and harm occurred.

**Editor's Note:** In the original release, the names of Penelope Tsernoglou and Shelby Bupp were transposed. The sincerest apologies for this confusion. February 15, 2010