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MESSAGE FROM CITY COUNCILOR THERESA STEHLY

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Dear Citizens,

As we head into election season, I wanted to reach out and touch base with you on several issues. Thanks to the Shopping News for giving me this opportunity to connect with you! Please be assured that your input is crucial to the decisions we make on your behalf within the City Council. We make better decisions when we hear from you.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!!! Mark your calendars for September 18, and get out and vote in the \$190 million bond election for the school district. (The \$190 million amount does not include the additional interest payments). This issue needs 60% approval to pass, so it is important whether you approve this action or feel that it is too costly, that you get out and vote.

The voting locations are changing again and this election will use 13 vote centers. This means you can vote anywhere! See voting locations below.

To avoid confusion, please mark your calendar with the date and the location where you plan to vote. (I had requested that the school district print this information in the Shopping News for your reference but they refused, so I am printing it for you and paying for it myself.)

PUBLIC INPUT UPDATE: As you may know, a new ordinance was voted on this summer to limit the public input allowed for citizens at the beginning of the meeting. Unbeknownst to three of us on the Council (Myself, Janet Brekke & Pat Starr), this ordinance is also limits public input on regular agenda items to three minutes. This includes final votes of second readings, hearings and resolutions. These are votes on important citizen issues during this final vote. Some topics have included the golf course contract, the smoking ban, garbage haulers assurance bond, preserving neighborhoods, fair and appropriate placement of large apartment buildings, new Sioux Falls Flag, Annexation Guidelines, water and sewer rate increases,

casino placement in neighborhoods the Multi-use parking ramp and street vacations. Some of us on the Council are preparing to bring this limited input issue to a public discussion and propose legislation that would give ample time for homeowners, concerned citizens and business/developers to testify and defend their property and concerns. As it stands now, a citizen is only allowed to speak for three minutes. We believe that during this important part of the meeting, the citizen should be allocated more time. Watch for this in the near future.

STAY INFORMED AND WATCH THE ACTION AT THE COUNCIL MEETINGS. I would like to invite you

to tune into the city council meetings on the first three Tuesday nights of the month at 7:00. We also have an informational meeting at 4:00. These meetings are broadcast on Midco Channels 16 & 594 and Vast Channels 11 & 511. I am always pleasantly surprised when I run into citizens who have been following the meetings. It seems like more and more people are tuning in!! You can also attend in person at Carnegie Town Hall at 235 W. 10th St.

FALLS PARK SAFETY. We have done so much to beautify the Falls and encourage visitors to enjoy this precious namesake. In our continuing effort to make it as safe as possible, the City Council recently voted to build a viewing platform at the Falls where the foam forms in the spring. The public will still be able to get up to the water in different areas surrounding of the Falls. There are also discussions

within the Council about taking action to make it illegal to swim at the falls, removing the dangerous low head dam and posting signage, warning citizens about the toxic water quality.

EMERALD ASH BORER: The City of Sioux Falls has recently been invaded by the dreaded Emerald Ash Boer. We have approximately 84,900 Ash trees in our community. As a homeowner, you can choose to treat the Ash trees on the Boulevard. If you choose to do that, please call the Parks Department at 367-8222 and tell them ASAP. They will be painting untreated trees with a blue number 9 and cutting them down and grinding the stump. There will be no extra charge from the City for removing trees in the boulevard area. Be sure that if you hire an arborist to treat your trees, that they are registered and licensed with the City. There have been reports of scammers in the area.

SNOW GATE UPDATE: Public Works Director Mark Cotter has reported that the City is ramping up with 37 snow gates for this winter. A reminder that the snow gate will not clear all the snow, but should substantially reduce the ridge in the driveway. Please call me at 929-8783 or the City Street Maintenance Division at 367-8255 if you ever have a concern about this service.

\$260 MILLION WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY: On October 15th, the City Council is slated to hear a presentation about a \$260 million expansion and upgrade at the wastewater treatment plant. This is twice the cost of the Event Center. (We are paying approximately \$9 million annually on this facility from the second penny for the bond payment.) While we need to plan for the needs of our future, we also need to keep an affordable "quality of life" for all our citizens. I have great reservations about imposing steep rate increases on the basic necessities of water and sewer usage. I will be advocating for the use of the second penny infrastructure sales tax to help carry the load for this project.



Contact your City Council with concerns.

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NEW VOTING LOCATIONS

1-1 Peace Lutheran Church 5509 W 41st Street	1-5 Oyate Community Center 2421 W. 15th Street	1-9 Kenny Anderson Community Center 3701 E 3rd Street
1-2 Memorial Middle School 1401 S. Sertoma Ave	1-6 Asbury United Methodist Church 2425 S Western Ave	1-10 Morningside Community Center 2400 S. Bahnson Ave
1-3 Career & Tech Ed Academy 4700 W Career Circle	1-7 First Lutheran Church 327 S. Dakota Ave	1-11 • Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 5500 E. 57th Street
1-4 Maricar Community Center 400 N Valley View Rd	1-8 Wesley United Methodist Church 1700 E. 6th Street	1-12 • Faith Baptist Fellowship Hall 601 W. 57th Street
		1-13 • Instructional Planning Center 201 E 38th Street

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