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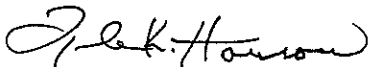
Mr. Joel Miller, Auditor  
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Dear Mr. Miller,

The Auditor's portion of the Linn County website includes a section that is titled "**2008 County Candidates' Nomination Papers, Profiles, and Web Links.**" The right column is titled "**Candidate Profile (CP), Web Site (WS), Objections A, B, C.**" I agree with your intention to inform the public, however I think the public should be provided with all of the information in a timely manner, not selectively.

A panel was convened on April 3, 2008 to consider the objections filed regarding my nomination papers and those of William J. Elam and Linda Langston. The panel dismissed all objections filed and approved the placement of all candidates on the Primary ballot to be held on June 3, 2008. Why has this information not been provided to the public by adding it to the web site? It would seem prudent to either remove the objections from the web site, or to clearly state the findings of the panel. I would appreciate a response to this inquiry. I may be contacted at [LyleHanson4Auditor@mchsi.com](mailto:LyleHanson4Auditor@mchsi.com).

Sincerely,



Lyle K. Hanson

CC: Board of Supervisors

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**From:** Miller, Joel  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2008 11:30 AM  
**To:** Lyle Hanson (LyleHanson4Auditor@mchsi.com)  
**Subject:** Objection Hearings Unapproved Minutes Posted

Dear Mr Hanson:

Thank you for your letter dated 11 April 2008!

The unapproved minutes for the objection hearings were finalized this morning and I immediately posted them on the web at [http://www.linncounty.org/content.asp?Page\\_Id=936&Dept\\_Id=6](http://www.linncounty.org/content.asp?Page_Id=936&Dept_Id=6) I also posted a link to the audio recording of the hearings on the same web page. That audio recording has been posted on my blog at [http://cs.gazetteonline.com/blogs/updates\\_on\\_election\\_day/archive/2008/04/07/2835.aspx](http://cs.gazetteonline.com/blogs/updates_on_election_day/archive/2008/04/07/2835.aspx) since 7 April 2008.

All information related to candidates has been posted on the web in a timely manner as it becomes available. In fact, I posted your candidate profile on the web site on Saturday, 12 April 2008, from my home and via my home computer to ensure it was posted in a timely manner. I went one step further and notified you of the posting via my personal email account due to the unavailability of the Linn County email system.

The posting of candidate information on [http://www.linncounty.org/content.asp?Page\\_Id=936&Dept\\_Id=6](http://www.linncounty.org/content.asp?Page_Id=936&Dept_Id=6) is my project. My goal is to provide the public with information on the candidates and the elections process in a fair, timely manner while avoiding the use of my staff's time. Thus far, I believe I have accomplished that goal.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Regards,

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Commissioner of Elections  
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