



CANYON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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My Dear Fellow Canyon County Elected Officials,

I have read your letter calling for my resignation alleging as a basis that, "I do not play well with others." When I have historically challenged many of your actions or intentions over the last several months, it has been consistent with my conscience, the applicable laws and in the best interest of our mutual constituents. Understanding that you may be sensitive or defensive about the possible improprieties or conduct which I have questioned, I welcome the opportunity to have you provide your specifics to the media and the voters so that I may rebut and address each of the supposed issues publicly and independently.

Be assured, I have conducted myself in a manner consistent with my oath of office, my conscience, and with my constituents' rights and needs in mind.

When there have been such disagreements, I have not called for you to resign. Rather, I have invited you to participate in robust discussion, seeking not who is right, but rather what is best for our citizens and county.

As leaders in our community, that is our daily job and constitutional mandate. I have never believed in the "good old boys" (or girls) system of continuing to do something merely because "it has always been done that way." When taxpayers' interests are involved, I am simply not able to "go along to get along." However, none of us need to resign or malign. Instead, I look forward to debating whatever issues you choose to frame in a public forum.

Most sincerely,

Commissioner Leslie Van Beek