

Joker's Comment:

Here's what Jim Brannon should have told the media.

"I am no longer employed by Habitat for Humanity. This is a difficult time for me professionally and my family. We will endure. I am like many people in this community — unemployed. I will continue my campaign because I want to help the people who are hurting. I feel my situation translates to the common man, who is wondering where his next paycheck is coming from or how he is going to feed his family.

The current council and Mayor have spent millions of dollars on extras. These things are nice. But what good is a new library if you can't afford to live here? What good are trails, if nobody can access them because they're working two or three jobs? What good is a Kroc Center if we have to choose between new shoes and memberships?

My opponent and the rest of the council are out of touch. Just look at the high salaries being paid the city staff. There are more than 20 individuals making 100 thousand dollars a year. Of course, they had to be taken to court to release the names of these people. What are they hiding? I think they don't want you to know how good some city employees have it.

The taxpayers are shouldering the burden for these luxury items and these politicians in city hall have done very little to help you. They continue to spend your money, money you don't have. I am going to change that the first day I take office."
