

Deanna is a hardworking, team player who brings a thoughtful, careful and balanced mind to the decisions the council is asked to make. Her opponent is a compulsive, grandstanding talker who throws roadblocks in the path of progressive action.

For example, Deanna supported the improvement of Sorenson School, which has developed into a highly successful arts and culture magnet school. Her opponent blasted the Lake City Development Corporation (LCDC) contribution that helped save Sorenson.

Gookin is opposed to the public schools saying “Parents such as myself gave up on them long, long ago, preferring to put our kids in private schools or home education.” (Posted by Gookin under his blog name Dang, July 8, 2007).

Deanna saw the wisdom in the construction of a community center with pools where children could learn how to swim. Gookin’s blogging record contains many angry tirades against the Kroc Center. He is against the Property Tax Homeowners Exemption, saying “The Homeowners exemption is a scam.” (Posted by Gookin, June 12, 2007)

Gookin has even opposed the minimum wage. On January 15, 2007, he wrote “To have the Feds dictate the rate from on-high is stupid. It’s bad for Samoa, it’s bad for Idaho, it’s bad, Bad, BAD!”

We have been impressed by Deanna’s role in turning the Coeur d’Alene library dream into a reality and her support of expanding the city’s park and trail system. Deanna projects a visionary’s view for the future of our city. She is a community builder who has been a reliable and stable contributor to the well-being of Coeur d’Alene. Her opponent appears to be a volatile and disruptive reactionary, pursuing his own agendas.

These are tough words. And they are tough to say. But we feel that Deanna’s solid, behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the City of Coeur d’Alene merits our reaching out to you.

We hope you, too, appreciate Deanna’s good heart and good judgment.

Please cast your vote for Deanna Goodlander; she’s earned your trust.

Bev Moss

Thom George

Mary Lou Reed