

# NORM GISSEL

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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Dear neighbors,

In my 37 years of closely following the activities of the various city councils of Coeur d'Alene I can easily say that the present council has the most talented and focused group of council members I have ever observed.

What the present council has been able to accomplish for us and our fair city is nothing short of phenomenal. Deanna Goodlander is a prominent member of this outstanding group. She has earned our respect and admiration for her tireless and successful work on our behalf.

Councilman Goodlander's opponent, Mr. Dan Gookin is another matter. One example of his activities is to refer to Sgt. Christie Wood of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department as a "snake" and as "Sergeant Cupcake". Yes, this actually happened in writing publicly<sup>i</sup>.

Viewed in the worst possible light these statements were written by Mr. Gookin in an effort to harm Sgt. Wood professionally or embarrass her publicly. More likely and viewed in the most positive light these statements were written to demonstrate what Mr. Gookin believes to be the humorous and carefree side to his personality. One can only imagine Mr. Gookin as a newly elected councilman sitting next our mayor, spotting Sgt. Wood in the audience and merrily shouting out, "Hi, Sargeant Cupcake", or "Hi, Snake"!

The choice between these two candidates is a clear one for me. Please re-elect Deanna Goodlander.

Sincerely,

Norman Gissel

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<sup>i</sup> Coeur d'Alene Press Website: 5/07 [http://www.cdapress.com/blogs/?req=read&blogger\\_id=134&entry\\_id=309](http://www.cdapress.com/blogs/?req=read&blogger_id=134&entry_id=309)