

# Open Letter from Mayoral Candidate Ed Foster

The people of Quartzsite lost a battle in Superior Court Tuesday.

Judge Michael Burke ruled that the people have no standing to ask that their public officials obey the laws of the State of Arizona and the Town Code of Quartzsite. The town officials were asked to obey the laws refused to appear in court and defend the appointment of so many Mayors over the last year and a half. They also refused to answer to the charge that they have illegally denied qualified people the right to run for office and, instead, their attorney argued that a citizen has no standing to bring the matter before the court. This was the essentially the last chance the people had to have their decision to have an elected Mayor honored by their public officials. Now, the only way to restore this right is to elect new officials that will respect the people who elect them.

There is a slate of reform candidates who believe that it's time to take back Quartzsite for the people. Ed Foster, candidate for Mayor, Russell Sias, candidate for council, Chaunce Hamilton, candidate for council and Eric Larson are dedicated to controlling spending and not using their position to take retribution against anyone who opposes their view.

The current leaders of this community have used every official resource to take revenge on the people who oppose them. They have caused tax audits on business leaders who stand up to them, they have threatened the jobs of people who don't play ball and used police officials to harass opponents. This kind of behavior can not be tolerated by the people of Quartzsite.

It's time to vote them out of office.

If you can't accept this kind of government it's time to become active in the political life of Quartzsite. While the citizens of Quartzsite have been enjoying their lives the current officials have squandered the resources of our community. They would blame the past administration but, if anything, they are even worse at spending money without getting anything of value in return.

Since Dan Field left Quartzsite in March of 2009, they have spent over \$165,000 dollars in ten months just studying the West B-10 project. This is over one third of the entire budgeted amount for this project.

As an Engineer on such a project, I would have been fired had I spent that much of a budget without tangible evidence of significant progress.

**It's time to fire the management of this project and of this town and vote them out of office.**