

## *Foster Bashing*

To Whom It May Concern:

It's the same old thing over and over again.

'Foster bashing' seems to be a new pastime here in Quartzsite. SHAME ON ALL OF YOU! Same people talking all the time, makes me wonder why they are so paranoid.

This is being written in direct rebuttal of the statements that were made in the last publication of the Desert Messenger. It isn't like there's not another side to this story however the other side seems to never make it into the paper.

To our winter visitors I want to say *Welcome Back* and I apologize for the political temperature you are stepping into the middle of here.

Just to set a few things straight, the last time I checked it was the *voters* that elect our public officials. It is the *voters* that have questions that are not being answered by the current administration. Let's get our heads out of the clouds and do what the *voters* want, and not what a select few want that are good at name calling and libelous statements.

What "greedy and corrupt man" are you referring to Mr. Winslow?

Are you referring to our new Mayor or are you referring to someone that inherited their position without the benefit of *voter* input? Bullying, an interesting term but was it not you, Mr. Winslow that assaulted the Mayor just after he came into office with clenched fists and comment of "Get out, you are not wanted here?"

Bullying, if I am not mistaken this took place when Mayor Foster attempted to gain information that had been a concern for *voters*? Wasn't it in regard to some checks that had been written that our town manager, Alex Taft had refused to be accountable for? Bullying, let me see Mr. Huntley. I think your exact words were, "What's wrong with you people signing the recall of the entire council?"

Well Mr. Huntley what is wrong with them is they are exercising their rights as American citizens. Recalls don't damage anything. That Sir is why our electoral system is set up the way it is, to provide for them when necessary. How dare you ask the good people of Quartzsite what is wrong with them in such a way. What is wrong with you Sir, didn't you study the Constitution in school?

Next I would like to address all the 60's hippie stuff of "positive energy." To be honest folks Quartzsite's "positive energy" was disrupted when the town council banned together to 'Bully' Mayor Foster because the elections did not turn out the way they wanted them to.

The Mayor was not even given a chance before he was stripped of his rights and powers as Mayor before he was sworn into office. All of the things that have been done to this man have been the most senseless act of 'bullying' I have ever witnessed in my life. Yet when 'bullying' has been addressed in prior publications it is usually worded in such a fashion as to try to make it look like it is our Mayor doing the bullying.

I am going to leave that decision up to my readers and not insist they see it 'my' way but to use their intelligence to decide for themselves. Training classes for our Mayor and Council members, great idea, lets make sure everyone is in attendance and please do include our Town Manager in those classes as well.

We all know there are a lot of good people in Quartzsite on both sides of the fence that want to see change for the better. The point being made by the *voters* is, **change within reason**. These are hard economic times for everyone.

Consideration of that is important as well as the use of caution. When it's time to make those decisions about what change and how much change we need to hear from everyone involved in our area.

I will probably never speak about this topic again and hope that we can just move forward and deal with our issues like adults. As for the two or three people that just can not shut up, I wish you would see how bad you are making our City look to our winter visitors.

Have a pleasant season let's all be friends for the benefit of our area!

Proud Resident of Quartzsite,

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