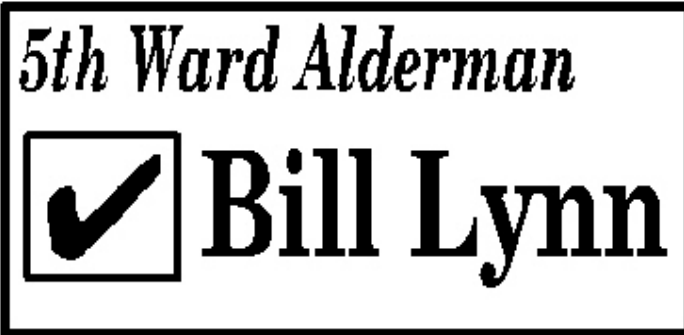


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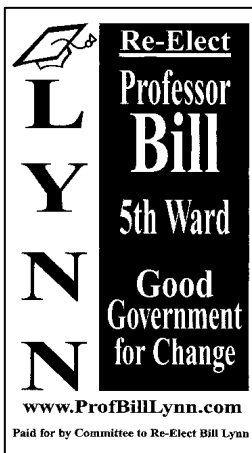
Thanks again for the support!

Walking door-to-door is my favorite part of the campaign. Unfortunately I was not able to do as much as I would have liked, but it is so gratifying when people open their door and say "Hi, Bill" before I have a chance to identify myself. Each time I run for re-election more and more people greet me as if we are old friends. Thanks to all of you for your hospitality and for sharing your thoughts with me.

It is so neat that I can put my yard signs on the porch and people just help themselves to them to put them in their yard. I diligently monitor the location of my signs and I get a chuckle when I see that someone has taken a sign to put in their own yard.

The outpouring of concern for my health was so appreciated and the overall support for my campaign was overwhelming.

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I Promised to Stay In Touch

In September's Newsletter, I promised to stay in touch throughout the campaign for my fourth term. In my last campaign piece I addressed growing Davenport. Now I would like to address the issue of crime in our city and the Fifth Ward.

Past Successes in Reducing Crime

Six years ago crime was the cornerstone of my campaign. As alderman for three terms, there have been marked improvements in the crime rate, especially in the Fifth Ward. The following are steps the City has implemented towards the goal of eradicating crime.

❖ **Community-Based Policing** is a concept I promoted six years ago and the City now embraces this idea in police work. Today, the community-based policing program (NETS) has been expanded and has been used to improve areas such as the 14th and Gaines area and Goose Creek Heights. This has changed our entire approach to policing and it has had a

major impact on many neighborhoods. We recently received money from the Federal Government to expand the program.

- ❖ **Improved Police Response Time**—Police Chief Donchez, has given us faster response to many problems. As Chair of the Safety Committee, I meet with him weekly to discuss problems in the city and he develops a response quickly. I have turned in known drug houses, and they have been shut down. This takes a lot of work because the police must be able to prove they are selling drugs--knowing is not proving and there must be proof.
- ❖ **Volunteers in Police Service**—I promoted a volunteer program in the police department and we implemented the VIPS program. **It has provided hundreds of volunteer hours to do many duties the police do not have time to do.** One of the services they provide is the background checks for landlords. Any landlord can obtain a free report on any person wanting to rent an apartment or house in Davenport. The VIPS program at last count was **responsible for over 80 arrests of people with warrants.** This, combined with the required crime-free multi-housing course for landlords in Davenport, has had a major impact on crime. We are now hearing the complaint that some undesirable persons cannot find a place to live in Davenport. These are people who hurt our neighborhoods and cause problems.
- ❖ **Nuisance Abatements**—in the last two years we have hired Attorney Foht to process nuisance abatements. If it can be proven that tenants have caused excessive problems, the City can order the landlord to remove them from the property. In many cases we have worked closely with landlords to help them remove problem tenants. This assistance often means that they can remove tenants they might have otherwise been unable to evict.
- ❖ **Excessive 911 Calls Ordinance**—The Council recently passed an ordinance that will allow the City to raise rental license rates for properties with excessive 911 calls and charge the landlords for the excess cost created by those calls. **These calls must be confirmed incidents and DO NOT apply to medical calls.** When there is a confirmed 911 call to a property, the landlord is automatically notified. I promoted this so that landlords could not use the defense "he did not know."
- ❖ **Guardian Angels Chapter**—I was instrumental in forming a Davenport Guardian Angels Chapter. This chapter has been very successful and was recently named the **Best New Chapter by the International Chapter of Guardian Angels.** They have really improved many areas and been responsible for numerous citizen arrests; but more importantly their visibility has prevented many crimes. Many people who originally criticized me inviting the Guardian Angels here are now supporters of our Guardian Angels.

Moving Forward to a Safer City

We have done much to improve the crime situation in Davenport. However, eliminating crime is not going to be swift because we need to take care of many years of entrenched problems. The following points will continue to reduce crime rates in our city and ward.

- ❖ **Hilltop area improvements** will reduce crime rates. Encouraging more Palmer students to live in that area will improve the area as well as reduce crime.
- ❖ **The City must continue to work with landlords.** Using an approach of cooperation has proven beneficial and we receive fewer complaints from homeowners and landlords. When I was elected six years ago I began to work to improve this relationship.

Moving Forward to a Safer City (continued)

- ❖ **Job training** that I discussed in the previous letter will help decrease crime. If young people can obtain employment they will be less inclined to crime. We must recruit and work with these young men and women to get them into job training programs.
- ❖ **Juvenile crime**, one of our biggest problems, needs to be dealt with. The City's Parental Responsibility Ordinance was having a major impact on reducing juvenile crime. When a juvenile was arrested his parents were notified that they must obtain assistance to deal with the problem. If they did not do so, they could be ordered to take a parenting class. This meant about 95% of juveniles did not reoffend. Unfortunately the Court declared this unconstitutional and the City will argue it in front of the Iowa Supreme Court, but this takes time.
- ❖ If I'm re-elected, I will work hard to **encourage our state legislators to help us fight the crime problem**. Bails are too low. A drug dealer will be given a bail of \$5,000, so he can get out of jail if he has \$500 for a bail bondsman. Also, if someone is tried in state court and convicted, they will probably be out after they serve 20% of their sentence. This creates a revolving door and puts them on the street too soon. If convicted in federal court they must serve at least 85% of their sentence. Therefore the police try to get them into federal court whenever possible and are beginning to be very successful in doing this.
- ❖ The City needs to **make our citizens aware of our successes in eliminating crime**.
- ❖ Finally, **the most important person in eliminating crime is you**. Too often I hear complaints about problems second and third hand, and that does not work. If you have a specific problem, contact me (563-320-3675 or email: Bill@ProfBillLynn.com). It will be turned over to the police and **your name will not be used**. Also, please call 911 no matter how minor the problem. If people out of fear do not call 911, they have lost the neighborhood. We cannot station a police officer in every neighborhood—that is impossible. Studies show the attitude of the neighborhood accounts for most of the improvement in a neighborhood. I realized a long time ago that **“we get bad behavior because we tolerate bad behavior.”** Most criminals are cowards and will not stay in neighborhoods where they are not tolerated.

If the City of Davenport continues its current actions and takes a few further steps, huge improvements in the crime problem in Davenport will be made. **I want to be part of making Davenport and the 5th Ward a safer community and I need for you to re-elect me to do that.**

Wrapping up the Campaign

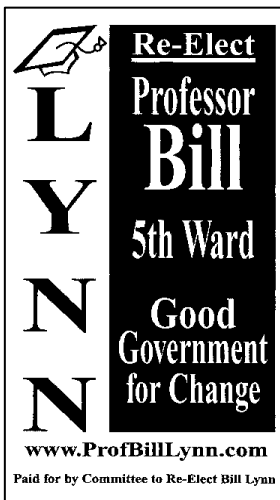
This campaign has not met my expectations because I spent a few days in the hospital and per doctors orders I have had to “take it easy.” My condition is not life threatening and does not impact my ability to perform my duties as your alderman. Constituents have called or emailed me with problems in the ward and those problems have been reported to the appropriate departments. One of the great things about technology is that when I get a complaint I can report it immediately.

I want to thank everyone who called, sent notes, or emailed me to express their concern for my health and offered to help with my campaign. Unfortunately, I have not been able to knock on as many doors or visit with as many of you in your homes as I would have liked; however with the help and support of my family and many volunteers my campaign continued because **I want to be re-elected for another term**. I promise that if I could not give you the level of service I have in the past, I would step down from this position. .

I want to thank my opponent for a clean campaign that is fitting of the new mood in Davenport.

Everyone's support is greatly appreciated and **I am again asking for your vote November 3rd.**





Some of Alderman Lynn's Accomplishments Are:

- Effective Chair of Public Safety Committee fighting crime.
 - Promotes expansion of community-based policing (NETS).
 - Promotes expansion of police volunteer program (VIPS).
 - Created a Chapter of Davenport Guardian Angels (the first in Iowa).
 - Continues to provide the only ward newsletter.
 - Frequent ward meetings.
 - Maintains an informational website.
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- Works with neighborhoods to dispense beautification money.
 - Working to clean up the Fifth Ward and eliminate abandoned cars.
 - Working to make City more customer friendly and more business friendly.
 - Working with Hilltop (Facilitated \$100,000 state grant).
 - Working to improve rental properties through the City Rental Department.
 - Working with the Village of East Davenport to develop expansion plan.
 - Leadership in improving city technology.
 - Saved the fire unit without increasing taxes.
 - Worked to reduce property tax levy.
 - Worked to move city toward professional budgeting and planning.

Bill has been honored to serve you for three terms as alderman.

Bill would like to continue working on many projects of his last three terms and start more!

Please Re-Elect Bill Lynn for a Fourth Term on Tuesday, November 3rd!

*You Are Invited To
"MEET and GREET"
Your 5th Ward Alderman
Professor Bill*

*Saturday, October 31st, 2009
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*Hosted by: East Side Bakery, 1330 East 12th St.
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