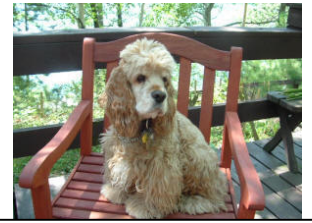


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Thank you for the privilege of representing you in City Government.

I understand that you have precious little time to keep up with Berwyn city politics and what is going on at City Hall. Therefore I want to take this opportunity to address you directly regarding the issues which have been most important to you in the past.

Over-Crowding

Some progress has been made on the over-crowding problem, but we need more resolve. Early in my term I submitted legislation which would have imposed serious obligations on the realtor community to assure that homes were not being sold and apartments were not being rented that resulted in the occupation by more than two people per legal bedroom. My proposal even took into consideration and provided exceptions for the growing family.

While most realtors support my proposals, certain influential members of the realtor community (and I am a real estate broker and an attorney) strongly opposed it and have (so far) been successful in blocking my efforts. However, I have not given up.

I will soon be launching a new offensive in this effort. I'll keep you posted. With your continued support, eventually we will prevail in solving this problem.

QUESTION

Do you know of an over-crowding situation in your neighborhood? Please call me with any information you may have regarding this problem.

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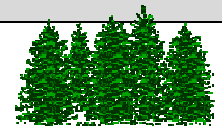
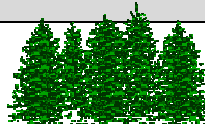
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Call me Mr. Monk, but.....

You can call me Adrian Monk, but wouldn't it have been a lot easier to simply assign the **green** garbage cans as **recycling** cans and the **brown** cans as **garbage** cans?



Tree Planting

No natural resource does more to improve the value of your home, soften and beautify your neighborhood and improve the environment than **trees**.

If your neighborhood is beginning to look a little barren due to the lack of trees, get together with your neighbors and try to come to a consensus on where more trees should be planted. **If you would like to have trees planted on your parkway, please let me know as soon as possible.**

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