

Sterling, Andrew

From: Chris Dilts [cecildilts@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Sterling, Andrew
Subject: City Of Gary's recent petition

Dear Mr. Sterling,

A request for the DUAB to rescue the citizens from the appropriate taxing bodies in the City of Gary.

During the past week, our snow accumulation was extreme. Most citizens would have not expected many streets to be cleaned until the snow ceased. It began snowing Tuesday afternoon & ceased Wednesday afternoon. By Thursday afternoon, snow had not been cleared from the many major roads, & I'm not sure when my road was plowed. A friend cleared our road & an access road. On late Thursday, I had to park my car in the road & walk up the street in knee deep snow to show a client a home. He is relocating here from out of state.

My mail was not delivered for a few days because the mail truck could not reach the box because the road was not plowed. Today, I will venture out to pay my Gary Sanitary Bill & asked if there was parking, & the response was "some".

I'm not sure what the answer is to the City's current situation. I know that giving them more money will not help. Whether it's a city government who doesn't provide basic service, a library system's solution to balancing budget to close libraries, a school system that sends out glossy brochures & brags about hiring more administrators or a sanitary sewer system who has our mayor & a city council member on payroll & charge additional trash fees, it still doesn't serve the members who can't even vote. Our children. They have no voice or future. Neither does our region until Gary is operating properly.

So, today as I head out to pay my sewer bill & I hope I can find a place to park. I would like to pick up my daughter from school on time, which I have to do each afternoon & drop her off each morning, costing almost 2 hours a day.

If the DUAB can't refuse the City's request because of political reasons, maybe they can do it because they care about the future of the children & setting a good example. I am a life long resident & I hope my daughter will follow in her parents footsteps - if we can get out of the snow.

Sincerely,

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