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Incumbent Goes Negative

Today, on our 21st wedding anniversary, my beautiful wife went out to the mailbox to find a flier from the incumbent. Looks like the commissioner is the first (and I hope only) to shoot out a negative ad. When my wife called me, she was a little upset while I was a little bit flattered. I told Shanon that we have them on the ropes and scared. He must see me as the leading candidate if he is spending money putting my name on a mailer. I told her that all the people that don't like him in this county now know who to vote for. I see this as a win for me.

Now let's take a look at what he said, "Craig Lutz openly calls for expanding the size of government by adding a SIXTH seat to the board of commissioners". Really? This was gleaned off a previous blog, [One Person, One Vote](#). As you can see, I was offering options to deal with the unbalanced representation issues in Hall County. The commissioner hasn't represented our needs at all. He was against the library, wanted to delay the activity center, and gave away to north hall the park we voted for at Cherokee Bluffs.

I have a track record of reducing the size of government. You see, our budget in Flowery Branch has gone down over the time that I served and we have eliminated furloughs, restored retirement benefits, and even provided a little raise. How is your record? I see where you claim in the flyer to have lowered the millage rate; do you mind pointing when that occurred? Here are the millage rates for your terms (I have the tax records): 2007= 6.26, 2008= 6.25, 2009= 6.25, 2010= 6.25. Oh, I see, I missed it. You lowered it .01 mills back in 2007. Wow, you saved me \$2 per year.

So commissioner, is this your idea of "squishing me like a bug?" If so, no hard feelings here. I will be happy to straighten you out and enlighten the Republican Party on Saturday at the Forum. See you there.

