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Service is about Sacrifice

The Vote4Lutz team had a great day knocking on doors. While up in the Morgan I precinct, I ran across two people that did not know that my wife and I wrote a check to the City of Flowery Branch to cover the special election to replace me. In fact, they both said that people were using the fact that I cost the taxpayers as a reason not to vote for me.

I don't know if the people that are spreading these rumors are uninformed or if they are intentionally trying to mislead the electorate. What I do know, is that I can only control what I do. The decision to run for county office was a difficult one for my family to make. Before making the decision to run, we sought out council from other members of government and from many residents in the city. Unanimously, they all felt that I could serve the area better as our commissioner.

The check that was written to the city was not from the campaign account and was not written under duress. This was the result of a commitment that my family made. We knew going into this that campaigning this summer would be a sacrifice that all of the Lutz's would have to make. The check to the city was just another sacrifice. The Lutz family would like everyone to know that serving the community should be about self sacrifice, not for self gratification. We are not in this to help ourselves, other than to keep our area safe and secure while protecting our property values and keeping our taxes low. We are looking forward to serving this community for a long time to come. I would like to share with you a quote from James Kouzes and Barry Posner in *Credibility: How Leaders Gain and Lose It, Why People Demand It*:

"Leaders we admire do not place themselves at the center; they place others there. They do not seek the attention of people; they give it to others. They do not focus on satisfying their own aims and desires; they look for ways to respond to the needs and interests of their constituents. They are not self-centered; they concentrate on the constituent. . . Leaders serve a purpose and the people who have made it possible for them to lead . . . In serving a purpose, leaders strengthen credibility by demonstrating that they are not in it for themselves; instead, they have





the interests of the institution, department, or team and its constituents at heart. Being a servant may not be what many leaders had in mind when they choose to take responsibility for the vision and direction of their organization or team, but serving others is the most glorious and rewarding of all leadership tasks."

Thanks for all your support and remember to get your friends and neighbors out to vote with you on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Oliver is right about one thing, if I am elected, things are going to change in Hall County. However, it is not about the change, it is about the direction. Lutz Do It!

