
**RE: STATEMENT FOR THE MONROE COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATE FORUM,
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011:**

I'm Susan Sandberg, President of the Bloomington City Council and member at-large running for re-election to a second term. We all expect good government from City Hall. That requires fiscal oversight and stewardship of our resources; physical infrastructure investments, human capital, and incoming revenue. Whenever possible this administration leverages a variety of revenue streams to save City of Bloomington tax dollars when making capital investments and providing city services. A recent example is the city's decision to buy assets from the financially troubled Bloomington Area Arts Council in order to transition management of the John Waldron Arts Center to a fiscally stable owner. Ivy Tech emerged to purchase the Waldron saving this important building from further jeopardy and disrepair. This ultimate "save" of a multi-purpose anchor venue in the Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District came about at no cost to the Bloomington taxpayers. That's just one example of good government through collaborative partnerships.

In the three minutes afforded me this evening, I summarize my service on Council since 2007 as dedicated, enthusiastic, and responsive. I strive to understand issues from all points of view before making decisions. Some decisions are easy when made from the shared values of Bloomington residents who want good government that is transparent and accessible...who want all citizens to be protected equally under the law...who value sustainability in public policy...and who want to preserve the economic stability and unique character of this city. Other decisions are not as easy when they involve differences of opinion and conflicting interests that are multi-faceted and nuanced. Those decisions require scrutiny and soul-searching to resolve conflict and reach reasonable solutions to complex problems. I can, and I have made those tough decisions. In Council deliberations I strive for collegiality, working cooperatively with fellow council members, the administration, and members of the public. My goal is always to seek the best possible outcomes for the City of Bloomington. As an incumbent on the Bloomington City Council, I'm seasoned, road-tested, experienced and eager to serve because there is a lot more to do. I'm Susan Sandberg, and I ask for your vote in the May primary and beyond to the general election in November. Thank you to the Monroe County Democratic Party for your continuing support!