

Story originally printed in the La Crosse Tribune or online at www.lacrossetribune.com

Published - Thursday, December 11, 2008

City officials are not listening

By JUNE M. KNUDTSON | La Crosse

On Nov. 25 and Dec. 5, the Tribune published "Our view" editorials titled: "Ambulance opposition shows leadership gap" and "Big mayoral turnout shows concern about city issues." The La Crosse Tribune editorial staff recognizes that city officials are not listening to the residents. Thank you to the Tribune staff for listen-ing. You get it, city officials do not.

Residents do not want additional taxes and employees to provide ambulance services, which are now provided by private enterprise. Of greater concern is that patients will continue to receive the same quality of care in the city and surrounding communities. I personally canvassed neighborhoods obtaining signatures for the petition to place a referendum on the April ballot.

The response was phenomenal. Individuals stated they had hoped they would be able to sign the petition. We cannot afford to be spending and spending unless absolutely necessary.

We need a change in leadership in city hall who will have the ability to listen! Please pay attention to the primary election in February. There are seven candidates running for mayor, maybe change can start there. Maybe it is time for a city administrator.

All stories copyright 2000 - 2006 La Crosse Tribune and other attributed sources.