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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Ravalli Country Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street - Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

RE: Ravalli County Off-Site Sign Ordinance

Commissioners,

As elected officials whose duties are to represent the people of Ravalli County, I am appalled by the lack of transparency and ensuing actions of the Ravalli County Commissioners regarding the Ravalli County Off-Site Sign Ordinance.

It appears that on the basis of an undocumented phone call from an unnamed individual, and without any discussion among yourselves as to the pros and cons, the Commission *unanimously voted to rescind the existing ordinance* on first reading. This vote occurred despite a number of local individuals appearing to protest this action, and letters from residents voicing the desire to leave the 2000 ordinance unchanged.

My outrage is based on the fact that the undocumented opinion of an unnamed individual would prompt the Commissioners' actions over the desires of individuals who take the time to write voicing their opinions and show up to speak in person. These supporters of the status quo do so publicly and openly.

At the very least, voters in Ravalli County deserve to know who is behind the request to repeal/alter the Sign Ordinance, and I expect you, as my representatives, to disclose the interested parties and discuss this matter openly.

I do not wish the County Commissioners to alter, amend or rescind the existing Off-Site Sign Ordinance in any way.

Respectfully,



Frances Milano
Ravalli County Resident

Cc: Ravalli Republic and Bitterroot Star Newspapers