

From the desk of
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Dear William,

You've probably seen all the recent press coverage involving the personal problems in my marriage. As I've walked door to door throughout our community, many people have told me of their own marital difficulties and how painful they were. I sure know my own have been challenging. The lights and cameras have made it even worse.

Unfortunately, my political opponents have chosen to capitalize on this personal situation...even to the extent of putting malicious flyers on the cars at my church a couple of weeks ago. My policy has been to leave personal issues out of politics. It's amazing what some candidates will do.

While I won't answer all the silly accusations, there are a couple of things you should know. I have decided to file for divorce because of my husband's recent unstable, even volatile, behavior. His outrageous actions resulted in a publicized court case that was ultimately dismissed when the judge said the charges lacked credibility. These are the basic facts.

The outpouring of calls, letters and kind words from family, friends and constituents has helped so much. I'm very grateful. And while this has been tough, my dad, an avid fisherman always used to say "it's the best captains who have seen the worst seas."

You probably don't want to hear about all this as much as I don't want to talk about it. But, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me at home, 702-248-6488.

Regards,

Francis Allen

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