

# TRUST

Trust is *the essential element* of honest, effective government. Elected leaders must trust those they serve, and the people must be confident that their trust in our elected leaders is well placed.

**Trust is hard earned but easily lost. How do politicians lose the public trust?**

- ✓ Support a colleague who dispensed bribes to two municipalities over two years.
- ✓ Use town plows to clear private roads where their friends live.
- ✓ Knowingly allow Smithfield to be defrauded for \$220,000 of your money!
- ✓ Appoint unqualified and conflicted people as political rewards.
- ✓ Fight to fire good, experienced public servants to create patronage jobs.
- ✓ Hold secret meetings to conduct public business and be found guilty by the AG.
- ✓ Sue to prevent our community from electing a replacement town councilor.
- ✓ Abuse the justice system to pursue baseless charges against political opponents.
- ✓ Place the Democratic Party and their donors above their sworn duty.

*Smithfield's GOP is appalled that these acts happened in our town!*  
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**On Election Day, vote for Smithfield. Trust Republican.**