

Clayton has successfully championed the following:

Douglass Gym repairs, Douglass Band Room repairs, saving a portion of the 6.6 acres at the Truman Waterfront that was to benefit Bahama Village and would be gone if he hadn't, he intervened on behalf of the American Legion for TIF funding that had been targeted for removal, Clayton used his influence at the state level to secure funding for the next phase of the American Legion repairs, he championed community policing, keeping a health department presence in Bahama Village, the Community Pool repairs, Willy Ward and Nelson English Park improvements.

That's off the top of my head. I'll give it some thought and get back to you with a more comprehensive list, but I am convinced that *none of that would have happened without a committed district representative!*

Simply put, we live in a time when elections are won those with the biggest bank accounts. I give you Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton as evidence of that.

We can water down the issue and say that the representative must live in the district, but when you allow the people in the other five districts to choose the District 6 representative, the voters in District 6 have been disenfranchised, defined as follows:

*Disfranchisement (also called disenfranchisement) is the revocation of the right of [suffrage](#) (the right to vote) of a person or group of people, or through practices, prevention of a person exercising the right to vote. Disfranchisement is **also termed to the revocation of power or control of a particular individual, community or being to the natural amenity they are abound in**; that is to deprive of a franchise, of a legal right, of some privilege or inherent immunity. **Disfranchisement may be accomplished explicitly by law or implicitly through requirements applied in a discriminatory fashion, intimidation, or by placing unreasonable requirements on voters for registration or voting.***

I do not want the people in districts 1 through 5 to choose my commissioner. When you do that, you have denied my right to fair representation by someone that has a vested interest in my district and my interests.

I will be at the Commission meeting for other issues and do not plan to speak to this issue. The Commissioners are all copied, so they know my point of view. And I can't hear in that room so it is unlikely that something will catch my attention, prompting me to speak.

Please call me at home tonight if you want to discuss this.

Thanks,

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