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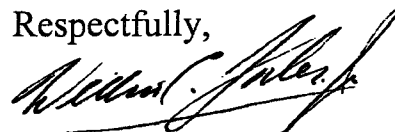
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The audience was astounded to learn how few officers are on patrol for the whole city. Obviously, there are not enough police to protect our town. The time has come to get serious about investing in the safety of our neighborhoods. We need to hire more police so we can have 30 officers on patrol. People want to live where they feel safe. A safe town will grow; a dangerous town will die.

As my grandpa used to say, "Sometimes you gotta change horses and ride hard."

Respectfully,



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I ask for your vote on April 17th. Thank you.

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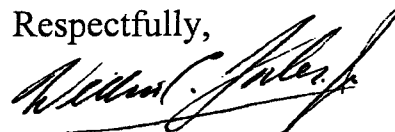
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