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Petition update

Kelli Hoover on Voters' Will and Science in Policy-making



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Jan 10, 2016 — Repost of a Facebook comment at Save State College's Water Supply by Kelli Hoover:

https://www.facebook.com/savestatecollegewater?_rdr

According to the Centre County elections office, there is no runner up in an election. Drew Clemson does not have a legal right to claim the vacancy left on the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors just because Colleen Unroe was deemed ineligible by the Home Rule Charter; the Charter indicates that a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors is filled by a vote of the current board members and any eligible candidate can apply.

What the voters want, which was clearly shown by voting Clemson out and Unroe in by over 10 points, is a supervisor who does not support development on top of the recharge area for two major wellheads that supply the bulk of the drinking water for our region.

I hope that the current Board of Supervisors takes this into account when voting on a candidate to fill this vacancy.

The voters' position on this issue is very clear and contrary to what some may think, the voters DO understand the science behind the Planning Commission's unanimous vote against the Toll Brothers development plan on November 9.

Many of us are scientists or engineers, and we have heard the same information and read the same documents the board has.

But it doesn't take a scientist to understand what a serious risk this development is to the safety of our drinking water and the impacts of urban sprawl swallowing up our ag lands.

The risks are clearly laid out in the 2007 Source Water Protection Report.

<https://steadystatecollege.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/2007-source-water-protection-report.pdf>

We could end up having to truck in our drinking water just like Flint, MI.

Once the water is contaminated there is no fixing it. Who's going to pay for that?

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I hope that the new board members have the integrity to do the right thing and keep Clemson off the board, new blood and views are needed.

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