

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Hammond Mayor McDermott and the majority of Democrats on the Hammond City Council are giving Democrats a bad name.

These Democrats have given millions of dollars of tax breaks to wealthy real estate developers and corporations, but no real property tax relief for homeowners and small businesses in Hammond.

These Democrats have cancelled funding of the Hammond Health Department that provided free or low cost medical services to Hammond's elderly and poor. Many people including the Republican candidate for Mayor - George T. Janiec - said that cutting funding to the Hammond Health Department was a terrible idea.

These Democrats, by their words and deeds, have shown that they want to help the rich, but not Hammond's poor or middle class citizens.

Rudy Clay, the leader of the Lake County Democrats, should make a public statement that these Hammond Democrats are not like other Lake County Democrats.

Otherwise, people might get the idea that all Lake County Democrats favor the rich and "dump" on the middle class and poor just like these Hammond Democrats.

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