

Letter to the Everett *Herald* (which they have not yet published):

By: Loretta Storm
"Ourada, Seehuus best choices for Sultan"

(Note: I also sent the same essential editorial to the Monroe Monitor, which they published 10/10/07: <http://www.monroemonitor.com> , page 4)

As publisher of a Sultan website since mid-2000 which contains many thousands of city documents and audio of public meetings, I have a unique in-depth knowledge of Sultan's political scene. I have attended virtually every council meeting and most planning venues, and from that informed perspective I believe my slant on the Sultan election will benefit voters.

I support your choice of Kerry Ourada for Council. Mr. Ourada has attended most council meetings since early 2006. He co-organized Sultan's "Police Appreciation BBQ" last spring. He's actively encouraged citizen involvement through the use of large signs posted along U. S. 2, to advise residents of important public meetings. Most importantly, he's educated himself on Sultan's issues, while he opponent hasn't attended a council meeting since 2003 until he filed for office this year. His opponent's knowledge of issues is as sketchy as his (apparent) sense of civic duty, evidenced by his silence in a raging, several-years-long debate over a city-owned pedestrian trail, a portion of which runs behind his home, which has been the focus of significant crime and drug activity.

I disagree with your choice of Carolyn Eslick for Sultan mayor over John Seehuus. Mrs. Eslick's previous council service was unremarkable, and many years ago. If elected, she'll be struggling with issues beyond her knowledge or expertise. Mr. Seehuus, on the other hand, has been a rock-steady public servant for many years: As the Sultan School System's Facilities Director, as a Sultan Planning Commissioner and then its Chairman, and now as a council member. He has practical, hands-on experience in government, supported by a strong business and economic development background. Mr. Seehuus' no-nonsense, "*Let's get it done*" approach means he'll make the tough financial decisions necessary to finally begin moving Sultan forward in a fiscally accountable manner.

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