

Email to Supporters, November 2019

The following is an email that was sent by Pat to supporters of his bid for Mayor in 2019. It was sent the day after his very narrow loss, after two solid years of relentless campaigning. The recipients were close supporters of the campaign, who had dedicated time, energy, and financial resources to the cause. This is an exact transcript of that email, with no modification whatsoever.

On Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019, at 12:28 PM, Pat Goodwin wrote:

One last email

Friends,

This is the last email from this address.

I want to tell you all how much it meant to have your support, your time, and your commitment over the last several months. It was a fight worth fighting. Perhaps we were engaged in an unwinnable battle, but your enthusiasm towards the cause gave me the energy and optimism I needed to make it to the end.

I want to clear up a few things, so I'm doing it here so maybe I won't have to have these conversations multiple times.

First off, I will not be running for office again. Please don't ask me to give it some time before saying that, or try running as a democrat next time, or whatever else.

The truth is, I am not cut out for running for election to anything. I don't like campaigning, and I am not good at it. In the end, I don't really believe that a majority of the people will make a sound decision about who should be elected. When the right person does get elected, it's often for the wrong reasons. Unfortunately, a majority of the people aren't paying attention or just don't give a damn. If someone could appoint

me mayor, that would be great. But that ain't gonna happen. We are all going to have to move on.

Second, there won't be any recount. And I won't be challenging faulty ballot boxes, or lost ballots, or a clerk with a conflict of interest, or anything else. I don't believe there is any chance of success, and in my opinion, the process is too divisive. I'm not interested.

Third, it is going to take me some time to get over this. I am a sore loser. It is just my competitive nature I guess. So I'm asking your forgiveness in advance if you don't see me around much for a while or if I'm not the normal Pat you know when you do see me. Know that each of you will always be special to me, because you stood by me even though you knew it was a long shot. You stood for what you thought was right. You were brave. Thank you so much for that.

Terre Haute, unfortunately, is overrun with cowards. Some cowards want you to succeed but aren't willing to put any skin in the game to help. I had literally hundreds of people who were rooting for me (very quietly), but never lifted a finger to assist. If they had each just provided a little support, I would have won in a landslide. The other kind of coward lobbs grenades at you from a protected location, never willing to engage in a fair fight. I don't think I need to explain that one.

So I choose to stand with all of you. And now that I am not running for office, I can also choose to ignore the cowards. I will go on with my life, and it will be a wonderful, happy life. I am so lucky to have a perfect, amazing family, especially Marti, who has put up with me and stood by my side through all this. And believe me, that was a challenge at times. I have a successful business where I get to work with people I genuinely like. And I will have many more exciting adventures in the future. Just not running for office.

Most sincerely,

Pat