



## Four Years Later

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It's amazing what some people keep.

I was recently handed the flyer mailed out by the Action Party from the 2005 Election. No – it wasn't a case of slow delivery by the Post Office ... just someone had actually kept the thing these four years.

What an eye-opener! Click here to see a copy of the flyer.

Here are some things I'd like to highlight from the flyer:

- Pat Kitching's salary as mayor is higher now than former Mayor Andrews – and already approved by our current board to go higher. If it was an issue then – it should be more so today.
- The current administration has failed to promote economic development – regardless of what they'd have us believe. Check the minutes of board and committee meetings – no mention of any Economic Development committee or commission meetings – and no report under the Local Improvement agenda item going back as far as you want to check. The simple fact of the matter is – there are NO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES being spear-headed by the current Mayor and Board of Trustees.
- A quote attributed to Pat Kitching states, "Village employees need not fear for their jobs because of political affiliation. This no longer will be a factor in hiring or promotion." So they apparently want us to believe the promotion of Jim McGreal to Lieutenant wasn't some how related to the fact he supported the Action Party's last two elections ... even though, according to sources, he never passed the sergeant's exam.
- Six business store fronts are pictured beneath the caption "Can We Afford This for Another Four Years?" It shouldn't surprise anyone to find out that those SAME SIX store fronts look the same today as FOUR YEARS AGO. Beneath the pictures states, "Don't Let The Present Be Our Future ..."
- The flyer presents 8 bullet points encapsulated as "Alsip Action Party – A VISION For The FUTURE." Read through each one of those – in each and every case – they've clearly failed their "vision for the future."

If they weren't the incumbents – the Action Party could almost use this exact same flyer in this campaign. Make sure and look over the flyer in the above link ... it speaks for itself.