



October 18, 2006

Mr. «Fname» «LName»  
«ContactName»  
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Dear Mr. «LName»:

I want to thank the Shelby Co. Council of the Home Builders Assn. of Louisville for inviting me to speak at your September luncheon. While I was able to talk with some of you, time did not permit me to personally meet everyone. Therefore, I would like to ask for three minutes of your time to not only tell you about some of my administration's accomplishments, such as unanimously passing four balanced budgets during my term, but also to present our goals for the next four years.

### The Facts

By working with our elected officials and our neighbors since 2003, my administration has greatly improved Shelby County government and the services it provides. On a general level, we have restored trust and respect to Fiscal Court by ensuring open communication with the public (open-door meetings for Fiscal Court), making county government accountable to the taxpayers, and delivering county services according to need, based on county-wide plans.

However, perhaps the most important achievements were that **we passed four balanced budgets – unanimously by the Democrat and Republican magistrates on Fiscal Court – without raising your county taxes!** (In fact, *we just lowered the county property tax rate* – a small cut, but a tax cut nonetheless.)

We worked together with our state officials and agencies to win grants for Shelby County projects, such as the new health department, new animal shelter and some road projects. The additional grant money then freed funds that we used to hire more Sheriff's Department deputies and detectives, to build an east-end EMS station, to upgrade our Road Department equipment, and to provide living wages for our employees. For your review, I've included a list of some of our administration's major accomplishments from the last three-and-a-half years.

Yet, our work is not finished. Our county is growing and facing new changes. We need to keep working together to ensure that Shelby County government and its services continue to meet the high quality that we have all come to expect. During the next four years, my main goals include:

- maintaining strong economic growth, without increasing your taxes;
- continuing to work on the county's first-ever comprehensive road plan, for safer travel and economic development;
- building a new public safety facility for the 911 Call Center, EMS, Sheriff's Dept. and Emergency Management to provide better coordination and increased efficiency (save tax dollars); and
- continue to provide first-rate services, including developing a new senior citizen's center.

Therefore, I would be honored if you would join my campaign team and help me further our success. I'm once again asking you to cast your vote of confidence in me on Tuesday, November 7. Together we can continue to build Shelby County as a role model for the rest of Kentucky.

Best regards,

Rob Rothenburger  
Shelby County Judge-Executive