

Did Clark Lyda  
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crossed?



## 'I WON'T RUN AGAIN!'



*Photo by Austin Chronicle*

Clark Lyda has repeatedly vowed to spend “only one term” on the Georgetown City Council. He renewed the promise prior to the Recall Election and tricked voters into believing there was no reason to throw him out.

**Clark Lyda didn't keep his word.**

Let's take city government  
out of the hands of  
self-serving politicians.

**ON MAY 4, DON'T RE-ELECT CLARK LYDA.**  
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# Just how long has Clark Lyda had his fingers crossed?

## Remember the water scandal?

A trust held by Clark Lyda's family owns more than 1,600 acres of ranch land outside Georgetown.

In March 2001, Council Member Lyda voted to expand Georgetown's water utility service to his land. Although he claimed there was no conflict of interest, the water expansion made his land significantly more valuable and attractive to developers. At the time the vote was taken, the land was already valued at more than \$2.8 million.

(Source: Austin American-Statesman, 3-17-2001)

## Can voters trust Clark Lyda to put the public's interests above his own financial interests?



## The Dove Springs Whitewash

Clark Lyda's Council still can't answer important questions about the safety of Dove Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- \* Is the plant still oozing sludge?
- \* Is the plant structurally sound?
- \* Will the white paint continue to hide the ugly brown cracks in the holding tank that one city worker said feature an unidentified "exterior growth"?
- \* The original engineers -- the ousted Mayor's top contributor and the campaign treasurer -- stand by their work.
- \* The costs of repair of the plant are now estimated to reach \$600,000.

(Austin Chronicle, 3-29-02)



## Lyda and Kersch...Two peas in a pod.

Georgetown voters, fed up with power-hungry politicians, recalled Mayor Mary Ellen Kersch in February. She and Clark Lyda repeatedly attempted to show citizens who was boss in Georgetown. In the past two years, the duo abused citizens from the dais and forced the resignations of two city managers, the city attorney and the police chief, and even issued a gag order to stop city employees from talking to the press.

"We're here -- we have the power now," said Mayor Kersch.

(Williamson County Sun, 5-9-01)

"And maybe if they see it often enough, they'll get the picture of what the Charter says about..."

**WE'RE THE BOSS, APPLESAUCE!!!"**

(E-mail message from Mayor Kersch to Councilman Clark Lyda, 10-3-99)

## Dear Neighbors:

*Earlier this year, the Citizens for Georgetown brought you truthful information about some elected leaders of our town who have abused their power to further their own financial interests and political aspirations. They became arrogant with power and greed and lost sight of what's important -- the tax-paying citizens. So in February, you said enough is enough and an overwhelming majority voted to Recall the Mayor.*

*Clark Lyda deceived you into thinking he wasn't coming back to the Council. He even redrew his district so that those who knew him best -- his constituents -- wouldn't get a chance to vote him out. He was keeping his fingers crossed that you wouldn't learn the truth.*

*Some see this election as an invisible line in the sand where those who want "uncontrolled growth" face off against those who have already prospered and want to stifle competitors. The Citizens for Georgetown simply want an open and honest government where hard-working citizens are RESPECTED and where officials can be trusted to follow the law rather than skirt around it. Please carefully consider your choices, and vote May 4.*

Citizens for Georgetown PAC