

To the Gazette editor at [opinion@gazette.com](mailto:opinion@gazette.com) and by fax to 636-0202:

### COLLINS FIGHTS POLITICS AS USUAL

Your personal attack on me was shameful. You smeared my council district as “the most blighted portion of Colorado Springs.” Southeast is not “boarded up.” It is not Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, or other inner city slums with square miles of rubble and empty buildings caused by 50 years of the liberals' failed War on Poverty. Poverty won't end by giving people “free” money.

In the U.S. Navy and on the city council, I took an oath to obey the U.S. Constitution. Your editorial ridiculed me for keeping my oath. The federal grant is earmarked for housing handouts to residents and homeless vagrants. Not one word in the Constitution gives the federal government any role in housing.

The Tenth Amendment says all issues not listed for federal control are reserved to the states or the people. Private sector housing is now over-regulated by federal control of toilet tanks, light bulbs, mice, and everything else. Housing would be more “affordable” if regulations and taxes were reduced. Why? Business is more efficient than government.

You justify this grant as a “distribution” of taxes paid. “Redistribution of the wealth” is the heart of the Communist Manifesto. I reject your philosophy. Further, the Federal Reserve recently doubled the national debt. It has funded deficit spending with a trillion dollars (backed by paper promises) each year since Obama took office. Excluding future “entitlement” liabilities (over 100 TRILLION DOLLARS), the current national debt is over \$18 TRILLION (\$18,000,000,000,000). It was “only” one trillion in the early 1980s. The Feds will soon default on paying even interest on that phony debt, except by printing more degraded currency. A downward national spiral is inevitable. It won't be stopped with Monopoly money.

You falsely say I oppose taxpayers “getting their money back.” First, those getting these handouts don't pay federal income taxes. Second, the \$1.5 TRILLION yearly federal revenue from borrowing overseas and printing counterfeit paper money was not paid by taxpayers. You deplore zooming deficits, but demand City Hall grab its share of the loot.

The sliding worth of dollars is hidden only by government's rigged inflation figures. That lie lets the feds borrow money at low interest rates and lets banks make cheap loans to prop up our frail economy. We face a currency collapse and economic crash in the near future, yet the Gazette advocates our ongoing unlimited spending binge.

The recall effort against me criticized my opposition to last fall's “rain tax” increase. The Establishment still wants a rain tax, and begins its third campaign by attacking its foes.

The Gazette supported the rain tax last year and opposed the 2009 petitioned repeal of the prior city rain tax. That shows your apathy to taxpayer costs and wasteful pork barrel spending. If you cared about taxpayers, you would advocate a big federal tax cut and ending these federal programs. Let taxpayers keep more of their own money, rather than send it to Washington D.C. to be returned as a “gift,” less 50% bureaucratic overhead and 30% for campaign donations to corrupt politicians.

You wrote we must play “tax-and-distribute” until the system is changed. Well, I'm trying to change it, while you defend the sleazy status quo. I honor the Constitution, not traditional political scams. I did not run for office to be Santa Claus; I ran to clean up City Hall and fight fiscal frauds like this.

Would you help a bank robber because he promised you \$5,000? According to you, if you refused to participate, that \$5,000 “will just go elsewhere.”

You did not criticize the other two council members who opposed this gross welfare state handout. Why not? Also, District 4 residents are not “my people;” slavery is over. They are citizens. Tax money is misused to placate indigents who “feel” alienated.

Good elected officials are not hogs jostling at a trough for government cash. They must defend taxpayers, not fight other council districts, nor other cities or states, to demand “free” kickbacks, which you call “tax dividends.”

Nor can your cult of personality overcome free markets and the rule of law. You assert my presence on council will single-handedly cause District 4 to “continue to decline.” How inane.

In its last attack on me, the Gazette printed a disclaimer that the editorial page editor had no role in that editorial. That was printed because his wife ran the website that laundered \$65,000 in secret donations to fund my recall, later rejected by voters. This time, you don't even acknowledge your ethical impropriety. Did you think no one would notice?

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