

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **POSITION STATEMENT**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ROLLA AREA**

I will work diligently for sustainable, long-term economic development of the Rolla area. I believe this can be accomplished without dispossessing Rolla citizens of their homes or selling dedicated city parkland.

Our community has considerable untapped human resources. I will enlist the cooperation of Rolla's business community, civic leaders, UMR faculty and staff, and any citizen who has ideas to contribute.

I would like to establish a committee with volunteer representation from all segments of our community to help encourage the submission of ideas and then sort through all suggestions to see which are most promising. I believe that such a process will yield many useful ideas that ultimately can be implemented.

This can only be done if civic leaders send a clear message that everyone's input is valued and that all ideas are welcome. It is remarkable what can be accomplished with a spirit of good will and cooperation.