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Hypocrisy alive and well in the 8th District

**Statement of Alderman Joe Dudzik
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My colleague from the 8th Aldermanic District issued a statement this morning commenting on a business located in the 11th Aldermanic District that has indicated it is planning to move to Muskego.

This comes from the same alderman who criticized colleagues recently when they issued a letter and held a news conference regarding a business in his district (Palermo's). At the heart of that matter, was the great concern Council members have for Palermo's and its future, hoping that a resolution could be reached in the labor dispute there. At that time, the good alderman whined about not getting a heads up about the letter or the news conference (by the way, not surprisingly I was not given a heads up about his statement today).

But to read what the alderman said today, you would think no one is doing a thing to help businesses and to help retain jobs here in Milwaukee. In fact, I have worked to address the graffiti and parking problems affecting the company, Technical Metal Services, located at 2737 S. 31st St.

My colleague mentions high property taxes and parking issues as also being factors in the company's move to Muskego, yet he is willing to jack up the city's parking permit fees (he moved successfully to increase parking permit fees as part of the 2010 city budget) to instead help pay for public safety amenities that he thinks we need.

My colleague mentions the fact that the business was once located in his district, which is true. However, this redistricting loss that he suffered just continues to eat away at him, and his large ego. Many may recall the large public "hearing" he demanded about the redistricting change, held at a church facility. He packed the meeting with his supporters, and whined on and on even though he knew that the change was proper and legal. The phony hearing was a huge waste of city staff time and resources.

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He recently made a big to-do about some brassieres hanging in a local tavern, and spent time pandering about it to the media. In reality, the hanging bras were violating federal fire safety guidelines (of course he failed to bring that up during the interviews).

The bottom line is that my colleague is a hypocrite – he speaks fluently (BS) out of both sides of his mouth. He repeatedly sticks his nose into other colleagues' districts and issues, and does so behind everyone's back. And some wonder why he's a lone wolf who almost never works cooperatively with his colleagues (even when a few of those colleagues are like-minded on an issue of interest).

The fact is most of my colleagues do their work quietly and do not seek the limelight; the 8th District alderman seems to hold the opposite position, and cannot resist the urge to draw attention to his work.

My colleague truly loves to feed his ego via the news media, and he is prolific in his issuing of news releases and in holding news conferences. But it is all a sham, because while he is riding around on his white pony, spouting off about this and that, he is largely ineffective and lame when it comes to working collaboratively with other Council members.

So my advice to my colleague: if you think you truly have all the answers and all of the solutions for Milwaukee, then run for Mayor.

Last, I can assure my 8th District colleague that you can get more work done when you work quietly. Just think of all that you can accomplish for your constituents when you're not spending all of your energy chasing the cameras!