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# Where my loyalties rest

## **Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan August 17, 2012**

I feel compelled to respond today to the comments about me that came from Jeff Fleming on behalf of the Barrett administration. Jeff is a nice guy, but of course he gets his marching orders from the mayor and has to communicate the administration's messages – and attacks.

On the Council I have consistently displayed an ability to work with a wide variety of people for the betterment of Milwaukee. My efforts have included work with Democrats, Republicans, independents, and people from all walks of life who are trying to improve the quality of life in Milwaukee.

Apparently, this approach is a foreign concept to the mayor and the administration.

The streetcar is NOT a Democratic or Republican issue – it is a common sense issue! The mayor should be standing with me on this one, because we need this money for fixing our crumbling roads throughout the city – not for a trolley that will serve a tiny route downtown.

While I work with everyone, the mayor just can't seem to do this, and he apparently views everything through partisan glasses. I think those glasses are clouding his ability to see the basic common sense stand I've taken on the streetcar.

Apparently, disagreeing with the mayor on a policy issue equates to being anti-Milwaukee. Well, Mr. Mayor, I hate to burst your bubble, but Tom Barrett isn't Milwaukee, and Milwaukee isn't Tom Barrett.

Lastly, as to my loyalties – they rest squarely with the hard-working, decent, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens of Milwaukee who will end up paying the bill for this ridiculous boondoggle.

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