

*One of my planks in my platform is that we should eliminate recording fees for HOAs and similar community organizations. (Read the HOA page on this website for more explanation, or call me)*

*The incumbent Recorder of Deeds takes exception to that and in a letter to the editor she embarrasses herself by not understanding the issue.*

*When she was asked by New Castle County to join them in waiving these fees more than a year ago, I was told by several people that she said “it was above her pay grade” and that she “didn’t understand the issue” (or words to that effect).*

*Based on her letter to the editor, she still doesn’t understand. But it should not be above her paygrade to do something the law allows, other counties have done, and would greatly benefit HOAs (especially the small ones due to costs).*

*--Eugenia Thornton, Candidate*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### “Clearing the record

“This letter is in response to statements made by Eugenia Thornton in her press release, Facebook page but most of all comments contained in her paid advertisements in this very newspaper....

“The Recorder of Deeds offices in all three counties are basically considered a library, but responsible for indexing and maintaining copies of legal documents pertaining to land, mortgages, appointments, etc....

“Home Owners Associations: Anyone filing documents in our office pays a fee. Associations filing liens against owners may be a simple lien on a property owner when the property owner does not cut their grass and the association has to hire someone to do it. The property owner is billed but if they don’t pay, the association will then file a lien. This is just an example of many issues between an association and a property owner.

**“Betty Lou McKenna**

“Kent County Recorder of Deeds

*“EDITOR’S NOTE: Ms. McKenna, a Democrat, is seeking re- election in November.*