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Letter: City is only 'fixing' things that aren't broken

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To the Editor:

In reply to the guest column written by UA City Manager Virginia Barney, entitled "Council had residents in mind when trash service changed" (Upper Arlington News, Aug. 6), please allow me to say this.

Ms. Barney and the UA City Council have completely missed the boat. The "boat" is that the people of this city do not want her and City Council to continue to try to fix stuff that ain't broke. We had the best trash service available until council tried to "fix" it by replacing it with complete and absolute mediocrity. Then, we never knew we needed more medical office space until council tried to shove it down our throats in the form of spot rezoning on Tremont Road. We never knew we needed a high-rise condo project until, fortunately, City Council paved the way, leaving a monstrosity of a building to overlook the beautiful and dilapidating Kingsdale Shopping Center.

It is no wonder Kingsdale is a mess. It is no wonder there is referendum after referendum. The city must stop trying to fix stuff that isn't broken and get to work on the things that need fixing. They must stop telling us that council has the "residents in mind." They had better have us in mind.

And Ms. Barney must stop trying to invalidate those who oppose her on the trash issue, for instance, by telling us, for example, that some might have had some remote union affiliation at some point in time. Gadzooks, union affiliation! She insults our intelligence, and it is getting very old.

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