

[Loudoun County - Eugene Delgaudio](#)

The beat goes on in Loudoun County. The recall petition against Eugene Delgaudio was recently dismissed and as of last week the County will have to pay \$35,000 of his [legal fees](#). If you recall a grand jury was convened to discuss issues concerning Delgaudio. No indictments were brought against Delgaudio but the grand jury did express severe concerns about his behavior. The transcripts from grand jury have been sealed, however the grand jury did release a [report](#).

It is ironic that progress is marching forward in Loudoun Country with the opening of the Silver line this weekend and the continuing efforts of Phase 2, however Loudoun has ideological problems. There is a very old school and conservative mentality in Loudoun that exists in the Judiciary and the Board of Supervisors. Delgaudio is a prime example of this, he claims to be very religious and this religious belief, not rational thinking, drives his behavior. His behavior is extreme but many in Loudoun do share his beliefs. Loudoun may be one of the wealthier counties but it is not one of the more intellectual. There are several churches while there almost no bookstores to speak of.

One only needs to ride the WO&D trail and observe the obvious difference between Ashburn, Sterling and Herndon. One of the more dangerous crossings on the trail is at Sterling Boulevard; Mr. Delgaudio is the Supervisor for Sterling. Ashburn and Herndon have signals to assist the pedestrians, Sterling has none. This is attributable to Delgaudio; he would prefer to wage his religious battles instead of taking tangible actions.

Recently the Loudon Board [voted](#) 9-0 that the Washington football team has the right to call themselves whatever they want. Normally I would agree but in this case the name is so blatantly offensive. I am curious if someone who owned a business wanted to hang a banner that stated "White Society committed genocide against the Natives" or one that said "religious people are intellectually inferior to atheists" if the board would vote the same way, I highly doubt it.

It goes without saying that Mr. Delgaudio would never be elected in a city like DC, Loudoun is not like DC. Loudoun is progressing, Metro is coming in 2018. Loudoun is changing and will continue to change. With that change, new ideas will come. The new population will be diverse and the one size fits all religious beliefs that Delgaudio has will no longer be compatible. Loudoun will be covered more closely by the Washington Post, which will bring additional scrutiny to the County. Scrutiny can be positive and should be welcomed.

Phase 2 will be complete by 2018; the new ideas will begin creeping into the County well before then. The next immediate goal is 2015; Supervisor Delgaudio is up for re-election then. It is critical that he does not win his re-election bid, Sterling deserves better. His loss would be a tremendous boost for the future.

