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If I were mayor, my local community, Petersburg, will be greatly benefited. As mayor, I would aid the local economy by creating a government-run cannery. To initiate this plan, I will thoughtfully induce a tiny new tax that will raise money for materials and tools to construct the cannery. Once step one is finished, I will then hire unemployed persons to build the cannery. Once finished, people will start being employed to the cannery. The salary for all workers will start at \$16.00, an extremely generous amount. All profits after salaries will recycle back to Petersburg in the form of lower utility bills, higher maintained roads and extra funds to education.

Although some may not agree that my plans are helpful to the community in every aspect they truly are. First, currently unemployed persons or persons in debt will be able to find extra work in the cannery to help make themselves money and/or settle their debts. Although the people mentioned above will have to pay the extra tax too, the amount will be minuscule and their new job will cancel the tax out. Also, with more dollars being dedicated to municipal services, utility bills will be lowered since it would be receiving more money. Therefore, people will have to pay less for their utilities.

My plans for the community of Petersburg will greatly benefit the citizens of my community.