

Bailes rips Adams' remark about women on Commission

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Curtis Adams' opponent in the District 8 Hamilton County Commission race has jumped on Mr. Adams' comments about the lack of women on the commission.

"I'd like you to know my wife and I like cooking together," Mr. Bailes told the JFK Club on Tuesday.

The commission will have nine men and no women when new members are sworn in Sept. 1. In Sunday's Times Free Press, Mr. Adams said he wished there were more women on the commission.

One reason there is not, he speculated, is because women with families don't have time for it and that if they have a husband, "he wouldn't enjoy coming home with supper not cooked."

Mr. Bailes said the comments show Mr. Adams is out of touch with working families and contributes to stereotypes.

"Women as a group are often stereotyped," Mr. Bailes said. "And if we ever play into those stereotypes, we contribute to shaping young boys and girls in certain ways."

Mr. Bailes said the ways to attack stereotypes are by attacking them head on and through education.

Mr. Adams said Thursday he helped appoint two women to the commission, has a wife and two daughters, and is "not old fashioned." He said he was out four nights last week because of his work as a commissioner, and women with families aren't able to keep that schedule.

"If that wasn't true, you'd see more women running, and there wouldn't be a problem," Mr. Adams said.