

## Release the FOILED Emails

My name is Greg Soldatenko. I live on Lenox Place and I have been a resident of Scarsdale for 17 years. I am the co-chair of the Scarsdale Committee for Fair Assessments.

I would like to thank all of the residents of Scarsdale who have supported and continue to support the Scarsdale Committee for Fair Assessments in our work to correct the injustice done by the Ryan reveal. Many people have contributed their time, energy and money to this effort. Many have reached out to share their professional expertise, their insights and observations and many have reached out to express their appreciation for our efforts to resolve this problem and to bring increased transparency to village governance. We all share a common goal, to make Scarsdale, the town that we love and where we choose to make our homes, a better place to live for all of its residents.

The Foiled emails that the committee examined, some of which are described in the Article 78, revealed that Ryan and Albanese cooked the books to arrive at the final assessment roll in June 2016. The methodology was defective, the data inputs were not verified, the sales data in the model were cherry picked to fit the model and Ryan himself categorically refused to provide any backup for his calculations.

In addition, the emails revealed that Albanese appeared to take good care of some of our former and presently elected officials

and either did not raise assessments of their properties too much or substantially lowered their assessed values. Given the favorable treatment and tax benefits that Trustees Finger and Veron received, as documented in the foiled emails and attached as exhibits in the Article 78, it is clear that Trustees Finger and Veron would have a conflict of interest in making any decisions about whether to invalidate the Ryan reval and/or in engaging in any deliberations about the related Article 78. Therefore, I respectfully request that Trustees Finger and Veron recuse themselves from any deliberations on matters related to the Ryan reval and the related Article 78. In addition, Trustee Stern received a significant tax benefit in the Ryan reval, which could have influenced his decision to publically defend Albanese and the Ryan reval over the last several months. Trustee Stern also appears to have a conflict of interest in making any decisions about invalidating the Ryan reval and/or engaging in any deliberations about the related Article 78. It would, therefore, be prudent for Trustee Stern to recuse himself from any deliberations on matters related to the Ryan reval and the related Article 78. Finally, given the existence of 2,403 identified, unreleased emails, there may be more public officials who have potential conflicts of interest. It would go a long way towards restoring faith in the process for any public officials who have a potential conflict of interest related to the Ryan reval and the related Article 78 to disclose them ASAP.

Overall, the Foiled emails that were released suggest that there is much more to the reval story that is still being hidden from

the public and the remaining unreleased emails could shed additional light on how these developments occurred. The public deserves to know how the unfair reveal came about only two years after the Tyler reveal and, given what appears to be fraudulent behavior on the part of Albanese and Ryan, why there was such great resistance to invalidate the results.

The trustees have been relying on the advice of professional staff within the Village. It is clear that the poor advice on which the trustees relied has caused all sorts of problems within the village and this has resulted in the erosion of trust and faith among many residents. Steps must now be taken to restore that lost faith. The best thing that the mayor and BOT can do now is to release all of the remaining FOILED emails.

The largest problem that the Ryan reveal uncovered is one of lack of transparency in the Village's decision-making process. All of the problems that we have here came about because of a lack of transparency and a corresponding lack of doing basic checks and balances. On January 11, 2017, Scarsdale10583 reported that there are 2,403 Foiled emails that have not been released. Considering everything that has been swept under the rug there is even less confidence that the actual number of unreleased emails is 2,403. There may be more.

We are calling for the mayor, BOT and village attorney to release All FOILED emails that Mayra Kirkendall-Rodríguez requested seven months ago. There are no national security issues here. Please release all the emails, every single one. The public whom you serve has the right to see them. Anyone who

attempts to prevent the release of the emails has an agenda that is contrary to the best interests of our community.