

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 9:50 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan
Subject: Fw: Homestead Tax Vote

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From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 9:49 PM
To: Jeffrey Johnson
Subject: Re: Homestead Tax Vote

Dear Mr. Johnson -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Jeffrey Johnson <jjcccp03@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 4:57 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Homestead Tax Vote

Dr. Mayor Mark,

In reading the front page article and ensuing editorial in the February 26 issue of the Inquirer, I was very surprised to see the ethics of Carl Finger called into question by newspaper. It is one thing - and of course the paper's prerogative - to voice the views of a citizen who has seen a vote on the Homestead Tax result in a unanimous decision against his viewpoint twice in a row. It is quite another to challenge without merit the ethics of a reputable trustee and attorney on his decision not to recuse himself after seeking unbiased advice from the Village Attorney.

I have only lived in Scarsdale for two and a half years; however, in my personal dealings with Carl (mainly in coaching girls' rec basketball and softball) and knowing his ethical approach to his work, I am confident he would have recused himself if there was truly a conflict of interest. Carl's firm does not represent any condominium clients in Scarsdale, and I do not believe it is the place for the Inquirer to create an issue where there simply is not one. The only reason there is an "appearance of impropriety" is because the Inquirer chose to publish that line in their questionable editorial. As a fairly new citizen to the community, I wanted to show my support for Carl because I know how much he is putting into his position as trustee.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Johnson
Fox Meadow

