

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 10:39 PM
To: Donna Conkling
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Subject: Fw: Trustee Carl Finger

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From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 10:38 PM
To: Sanford Greenberg
Subject: Re: Trustee Carl Finger

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

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Sanford Greenberg <sgreenberg@greenbergfreeman.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 7:58 PM
To: Mayor; Editor@ScarsdaleNews.com
Subject: Trustee Carl Finger

To: Editor and Mayor:

Recent criticism of Trustee Carl Finger's participation in the Homestead Tax vote is based on a twisted application of ethics principles. Local government involves innumerable personal and business connections between elected officials and the community they govern. We want our Village Trustees to be members of our Village, active and involved participants in our community and deeply interested in our issues. An unavoidable consequence of local government is that our Trustees are often impacted by their governing decisions. By way of example, each Trustee who owns a single family house in Scarsdale had a direct pecuniary interest in the outcome of the Homestead Tax vote. The application of conflict principles to local government requires reason and balance. We elected the Trustees because we have faith in their judgment and their skill, knowing full well that each Trustee's interests are intertwined with our Village. In the matter of Trustee Finger, the "interest" identified by one disgruntled resident (and propped up by the Scarsdale Inquirer Editorial) is hypothetical and remote – and does not constitute a conflict. Trustee Finger's law firm does not represent a condominium in Scarsdale. The assertion that Trustee Finger was impermissibly conflicted because his vote may at some future point in time have

an unidentified impact on an unidentified condominium client of Trustee Finger's firm located in another unidentified town is reckless and without merit.

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