

EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON TAX CREDITS  
FOR EDUCATION

February 22, 1981

WHEREAS THE VID STRONGLY SUPPORTS PUBLIC EDUCATION AND,

WHEREAS THE TAX CREDIT MONIES COULD BE USED TO IMPROVE THE  
QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND,

WHEREAS WE BELIEVE THAT ANY TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION WOULD RE-  
SULT IN THE DEATH OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VID STANDS OPPOSED TO ANY  
TAX SYSTEM OF TUITION TAX CREDITS FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION.

CAROL REICHMAN

EDUCATION CHAIR

A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE 3/6/81

WHEREAS, the recent decision of the Government of the United States to restore and increase military aid to the Republic of El Salvador can only continue a situation of brutality and repression and

WHEREAS, such military aid has now escalated to the inclusion of American Military Advisors to the Government of El Salvador, and

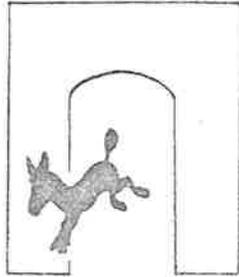
WHEREAS, the continuance of such American military aid and presence will directly contribute to the deaths of thousands of innocent people, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Independent Democrats strongly urges the passage by the House of Representatives of HR-1509, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village Independent Democrats allies itself with and strongly supports the COMMITTEE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR. am

For presentation to the Executive Committee as an Emergency Resolution; with the implementing procedures of a letter and/or telegram to the New York Congressional Delegation Chair.)

INDEPENDENT

VILLAGE  DEMOCRATS

June 16, 1981

Dear

The following resolution was passed by the membership of the Village Independent Democrats at its General Membership meeting of June 11th, 1981. We submit a copy of the resolution to you for your consideration and action.

"Whereas, within the boundaries of the sixth precinct of the New York Police Department, there appears to be an established pattern of sending out undercover policemen in unmarked cars in areas frequented by gay or cruising gay men, specifically in the West Village. These gays are dressed in everyday clothes such as slacks or jeans.

Whereas, the undercover officer will engage the gay man in conversation leading to a sexual proposition, or the officer will ask outright for a sexual favor. If the gay man agrees, he is then arrested as a prostitute.

Whereas, this pattern of sexual harassment and entrapment is a vicious throwback to a policy last seen in the early and middle 1960's. At that time, undercover police were ordered to go into gay bars, to walk on gay cruising paths, and ride in unmarked police cars either to invite or initiate a sexual proposition and then arrest the person.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village Independent Democrats, strongly condemns this policy of harassment and entrapment of gay men and asks that Captain William Molinari of the Sixth Precinct and Commissioner Robert McGuire of the New York City Police Department stop this policy immediately."

Sincerely,

  
Daniel Roskoff

President

Village Independent Democrats

CC: Commissioner Robert McGuire, N.Y. Police Dept.  
Captain William Molinari, 6th Precinct  
Councilmember Miriam Friedlander  
Councilmember Carol Greitzer  
Borough President of Manhattan Andrew Stein  
Mayor Edward I. Koch

INDEPENDENT

VILLAGE  DEMOCRATS

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE V.I.D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 7/13/81:  
(passed unanimously)

WHEREAS, sports facilities are needed and desired in the Greenwich Village area; and

WHEREAS, the V.I.D. recognizes that all New York City sports facilities are for public use by all residents and visitors in the city, by virtue of their First Amendment rights to freely assemble, as guaranteed by both the New York State and United States Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the surface of the West 4th Street and Avenue of the Americas basketball and handball facilities are in need of resurfacing;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the V.I.D. urges the Community Planning Board #2 to assign a very high priority to the resurfacing of the basketball and handball courts;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the V.I.D. form an ad-hoc committee, to report back to the Executive Committee at their next meeting, to investigate recent incidents with regard to harassment of individuals in the park and incidents of vandalism.

V.I.D. RESOLUTION REGARDING CON EDISON'S HIGH SULFER  
FUEL PROGRAM -- V.I.D. GENERAL MEETING -- 7/14/81

WHERAS Con Edison's high sulfer fuel program poses an  
unnecessary health risk and pollution hazard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Independent  
Democrats opposes Con Edison's high sulfer fuel program and  
urges all governmental authorities with jurisdiction over this  
program to prevent its continuance or expansion.

Resolution

Proposed Tax on Block Associations

Whereas the Office of the Mayor, Community Assistance Unit, has promulgated rules for street activities which in Section .11, #3, provide for a burdensome 15% fee on vendors at block parties extending more than one block,

And whereas such fees inhibit the efforts of non-profit community organizations to raise funds for wholesome community purposes,

and Whereas this regulation strikes especially heavily at Greenwich Village organizations because we have many short blocks,

Therefore, the VID urges the rescinding of street activity fees applicable to vendors at block parties and fairs sponsored by bonfide community non-profit organization and,

Be it further resolved that the VID as the leading political organization in Greenwich Village take the initiative in marshalling opposition to these fees among Village community groups.

Whereas, the NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS has fostered the quality, diversity and distribution of American art through the support of thousands of theaters, not-for-profit galleries, dance companies, symphonies, operas, t., media centers and individual artists;

and Whereas, The ENDOWMENT has made possible a point of entry for thousands of minority, blue-collar and women artists and visual and performing arts companys, and

Whereas, The ENDOWMENT nas for tne first time in our country's history made the arts truly accessible to all eeconomic classes, ethnic groups and geographical regions through community outreach programs, and the EXPANSION ARTS PROGRAM, and

Whereas, this country currently spends an inadequate sum on its arts and artists, which is among the lowest in the industrialized world, and

Whereas, artists are already heavily subsidizing the arts in America through low pay, high unemployment, and poor working conditions, and

Whereas the arts contribute strongly to the economy, and wellas to the culture and spirit of New York and of America

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS HEREBY condemn the proposed Reagan cuts to the NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.

Be it further resolved, that V.I.D. go on record as supporting a fully-funded uncut N.E.A., ~~and~~ FUNDED AT LEAST AT \$175 MILLION NEXT YEAR.

Be it further resolved that the V.I.D. hereby endorses the Rally to Save The Arts\* to be held at Lincoln Center on July 18th, for the purpose of creating public awareness of the key role played by the NEA in fostering the quality, diversity and distribution of American art, and mobilizing opposition to the arts cuts. The Rally is sponsored by the AMERICAN COALITION TO SUPPORT THE ARTS, an organization of labor unions, visual ~~and performing arts~~ and performing arts groups, service organizations ~~and~~ individual artists and concerned citizens.

## Resolution

Whereas many mental patients are being discharged from N.Y. State Hospitals who are incapable of functioning in the society and are in many cases dangerous to themselves and the community; and whereas, the state has failed to meet its obligation to provide adequate post-release care for these discharged patients; therefore, the VID hereby resolves:

That New York State and appropriate agencies re-evaluate standards by which mental patients are being discharged into communities and further:

That the State establish post-discharge psychiatric counselling services which will enable discharged patients to become functioning members of the community.

A. The Judicial Reform committee endorses the utilization of the panel system for the selection of judicial candidates.

B. Make-up of Committee

a. How long should panel members and/or organizations serve?

The committee has accepted the present rule which reads "No person may sit as a voting member of the Independent Panel...."

b. Should there be separate Civil and Supreme Court panels? No 147

To be discussed by the Executive Committee

c. Source of membership

1. Organizations selected to send representatives should not be religious ones

2. Organizations designating representatives should ensure that such persons have some experience or strong interest in the judiciary and a willingness to attend all meetings over the course of the panel's life.

3. The Committee endorsed the convention proposal that special attention be given to achieving 50% women on the panels

## II Guidelines

a. re: sitting judges; ~~new applicants~~

1. personal interview
2. examination of work product
3. observation of <sup>the</sup> judge in ~~the~~ Court by panel member
4. the judge should list all attorneys that have appeared before him/her in the last five trials or proceedings
5. Screening panels should get advisory opinions about applicants from lawyers in Corporation Counsel, District Attorney's office and Legal Aid Society.

b. new applicants

1. personal interview
2. call all references.
3. panel should contact references from past employment.

c. rules of panel.

1. It was agreed that there should be a minimum of 13 members and a maximum of 21.

2. VID judicial reform committee recommends that if a panel member misses more than 1 meeting, he/she can't vote but is encouraged to attend and express his/her opinion at meetings

3. All votes should be taken by secret ballot

d. Instructions to panel

1. An orientation kit should be prepared and distributed to lay and legal members of the panel, to facilitate understanding of the process. Written educational material on evaluating judicial candidates should also be distributed.

e. role of administrator

1. The administrator should receive special training from prior panel administrators

2. He/she should appear at each meeting to help solve procedural problems.

3. He/she would not participate in any substantive discussion or vote

f. affirmative action considerations

1. A reminder to the panel of the existence of an imbalanced judiciary and a recommendation that they try to redress the imbalance

III Method of Report to County

a. In the case of a sitting judge, the panel may report out only the sitting judge, but has the option of reporting out up to three (3) candidates, which number may or may not include the sitting judge.

b. In the case of a new applicant, not more than three (3) but not less than (2) candidates should be reported out for each vacancy.

c. Rating:

Each candidate whether a sitting judge or new applicant who is reported out should receive an equal status.

d. length of time reported out

No hold over from one year to the next.

#### IV. Questionnaire

1. Letter of Application: accepted as it stands with the following changes on question 16 (which deals with charge before the Grievance Committee): the word "preferred" should be stricken, and the word "sustained" substituted. The release to be signed by the applicant should read: "... with records relating to my sustained charges.

#### V. Investigation

1. Panels should be set up earlier
2. The process should take longer so that candidates have a longer time to apply and the panel has a longer time in which to evaluate candidates.

3. Funding should be sought for a part-time investigatory staff in order to send letters of inquiry as is done by the Mayor's Committee on the Judiciary

4. All applications submitted should be read and references contacted before each interview is held.

The above material has been discussed & voted upon by the Judicial Reform Committee Recorder. - Catherine M. Abate.

Whereas,

We note with alarm the recent actions of the Reagan administration towards labor, both organized and un-organized. <sup>Whereas</sup> These actions include attacks on health and safety regulations, union democracy, and even the minimum wage.

<sup>Whereas</sup> These policies are only part of an economic program that will keep millions out of work. And

Whereas

American workers are the backbone of the country, and attacks on labor are damaging to the entire nation,

Therefore

Be it Resolved

that <sup>we of</sup> the Village Independent Democrats stands in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Labor Movement, and strongly endorses the call of the AFL-CIO executive council to a major demonstration in Washington, D.C. on September 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, in order to protest the ~~labor~~ <sup>social & economic</sup> policies of the current administration.

add to the program of solidarity

Be it Further Resolved

that we commit ourselves to encourage all our members to attend the march, with the goal of sending a busload of members to Washington.

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WHEREAS the VID is IN FAVOR OF EDUCATION  
AS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT  
WE ~~ARE~~ ~~IN FAVOR~~ RECOMMEND THE CONTINUATION  
OF FEDERALLY SPONSORED HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT  
LOANS. (AT THE CURRENT LEVELS.)

Resolution approved unanimously at VID EXEC  
2/9/81

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE V.I.D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
RE ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

WHEREAS St. Luke's Church is an important historical landmark in the Greenwich Village community; and

WHEREAS the St. Luke's Church community makes an important social contribution to the life of the Village, and

WHEREAS St. Luke's Church has been tragically destroyed by fire, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Independent Democrats extends its sympathy to the St. Luke's congregation on the loss of their beautiful Church building and pledges its support in the efforts already under way to rebuild St. Luke's Church.

WHEREAS THE BILL OF RIGHTS GUARANTEES THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH  
AND ANY ABRIDGEMENT OF THIS RIGHT JEOPARDIZES ALL OF OUR RIGHTS AND  
WHEREAS WE ARE NOT ENDORSING OR DISENDORSING THE CONTENT OF ANY  
SHOW ON CABLE TELEVISION BUT ARE OPPOSED TO CENSORSHIP IN ANY FORM,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VID. URGE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO RIGOROUSLY  
OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 7953-B.