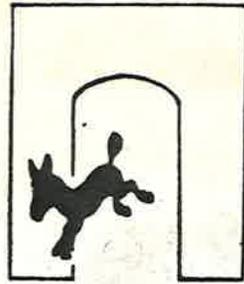


Appendix II

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS



WHEREAS many polling places in the City of New York are not accessible to disabled people, and

WHEREAS the right to vote is a fundamental right of all citizens of our society, and

WHEREAS disabled persons are entitled to full access so that they can exercise their right to vote, and

WHEREAS the New York State Election Law § 4-104 requires that all polling places be accessible to disabled persons, and

WHEREAS the waiver provision of said law has been utilized for an excessive number of polling places, and

WHEREAS the option of absentee ballots is not an adequate remedy to this deficiency in the voting process,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that Village Independent Democrats calls upon:

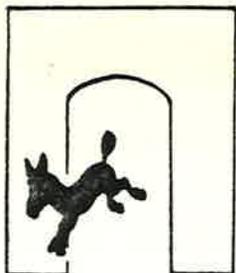
- the New York City Board of Elections to immediately make all polling places accessible to disabled persons;
- the City of New York to provide sufficient funds to make all polling places accessible;
- the City Council not to ask for waivers under the law; and
- the Board of Elections not to issue any waivers.

V. I. D. Campaign Committee
Introduced by Rick Braun, Chairperson

Passed V. I. D. Executive Committee April 2, 1984
Passed Manhattan New Democratic Coalition April 4, 1984

Appendix III

INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE DEMOCRATS



RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REINSTATEMENT OF
IMPORT BAN ON KANGAROO PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the killing of 6,000,000 kangaroos a year in Australia is the greatest and most concentrated slaughter of wildlife taking place on earth, and

WHEREAS, the population of kangaroos is estimated to be only 10,000,000, and most remaining species, especially the red and eastern and western grey kangaroos, are on the verge of extinction and now qualify for placement on the United States Endangered Species List, and

WHEREAS, the mass and cruel slaughter of kangaroos supplies a lucrative export market for products such as golf bags, kangaroo hide postcards, and meat which is passed off as beef, and

WHEREAS, the United States, which is the major export market for kangaroo products, has partially lifted the import ban on kangaroo products, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering removal of the red and eastern and western grey kangaroos from the Threatened Species List and permanent lifting of the import ban on kangaroo products due to pressure from the Australian government, and

WHEREAS, these actions by the U.S. government would be a travesty of sound conservation principles,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Independent Democrats demands that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately place the red and eastern and western grey kangaroos on the Endangered Species List, and immediately reinstate the U.S. import ban on kangaroo products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Independent Democrats urges our elected officials to press for the immediate re-imposition of the import ban on kangaroo products, and the immediate placing of the red and eastern and western grey kangaroos on the Endangered Species List.

Introduced by Fran Oelbaum
Approved by Membership: 4/10/84

Richard Hartzman : Co-chairpersons, Environmental Committee
Dean Corren

Appendix IV

Whereas a vacancy to be filled at the September 11, 1984 primary election exists for the position of Judge of the Civil Court from the 2nd Municipal Court District, and

Whereas Manhattan New Democratic Coalition (NDC) has a long term record of supporting the creation and utilization of an independent judicial screening panel and has a continuous and proud policy of supporting only those candidates who have been reported out of such a panel, and

Whereas the Judiciary Committee of the Democratic Party of New York County, on which Manhattan NDC participates, is presently creating an independent screening panel to interview prospective judicial candidates and

Whereas it appears unlikely that the aforementioned screening panel will participate in the screening process for the 2nd Municipal Court District;

BE IT RESOLVED that ^{NED urges} Manhattan NDC ^{to} create an independent screening panel to interview all interested candidates for the position of Judge of the Civil Court from the 2nd Municipal Court District and that the Judiciary Committee of Manhattan NDC be instructed to immediately begin implementation of this resolution.

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Appendix V

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The VID urges the N.Y. Democ. Party State Committee to select as members of the delegation to the Dem. Nat'l Convention a proportion of those who consider themselves seniors.

pass over

4-10-84

RESOLUTION OF V.I.D. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE RE: ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR

Since coming to New York in ~~March~~, Archbishop John O'Connor has attacked a woman's right to abortion, compared legalized abortion to Hitler's solution to "the Jewish problem," decried homosexuality as an "evil" and an "abomination," and is suing the City in court for the right of Catholic agencies receiving City money to be allowed to discriminate on the bases of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, physical handicap, marital status, age, and especially, sexual orientation or affectional preference. He has also opined that a Catholic voter cannot in good conscience support a woman's right to abortion.

The Village Independent Democrats, of course, strongly disagrees with the political stance of the Archbishop. We have been on record for years in favor of legalized abortion. We support the civil rights of all minorities and women in the City. And Catholic support for these issues belies the Archbishop's assertion that Catholics of good conscience cannot support them.

But most of all, the V.I.D. calls upon Archbishop O'Connor to temper the inflammatory rhetoric that he has employed to promote his stands. His choice of words has been especially offensive to women, Jews, and lesbians and gay men. His statements show a reckless disregard for the humanity of the people he has been attacking.

The V.I.D. calls upon Archbishop O'Connor to meet with representatives of the groups he has been offending, particularly feminists, lesbians and gay men, and Jewish people. If the Archbishop is to continue to inject himself into debates on secular issues, it behooves him to get to know the human beings affected by these debates.

Furthermore, we call upon the Board of Estimate to deny funds to all agencies that refuse to practice a policy of non-discrimination and for all City-funded agencies to follow the example of the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn in supporting Mayoral Executive Order No. 50.

Introduced by Andy Humm, Human Rights Chair

Passed by Village Independent Democrats Executive Committee on July 9, 1984

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WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believes that the run-off system utilized by ten southern states and New York City has been and is currently used for racist purposes,

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believes that democracy would be better served if the run-off system was abolished,

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believes that the run-off system discourages the voter participation and activism that we want to see,

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believes the run-off system works against candidates who are fighting against the status quo and who take stands on issues,

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believes that the funds used for the run-off elections would be much better spent on such programs as education, job training and providing shelter for the homeless,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Independent Democrats urges its delegates to the Democratic National Convention to work to abolish the run-off system.

Passed by Village Independent Democrats General Membership on July 11, 1984

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believe in having maximum participation in elections,

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believe the present system of separate primaries for the Presidential Primary and other primaries are a waste of taxpayer money,

WHEREAS the Village Independent Democrats believe that primaries should be Before the summer so that candidates will be campaigning when there are a maximum number of people in town and not on vacation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Village Independent Democrats urges its State Committeepeople, Assemblymember, State Senators, and Governor to work for having primaries before the summer and a single primary in Presidential years.

Introduced by Dan Roskoff

Campaign Chair: Paul Groncki
Deputy Chair: Camille Abate

Passed by Village Independent Democrats General Membership on July 11, 1984

PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REZONING OF LOWER THIRD AVENUE
(Passed Housing Committee 8/8/84)

WHEREAS, lower Third Avenue is primarily a residential area surrounded by residences and adjoining the St. Marks Historic District, and

WHEREAS, development of lower Third Avenue between 14th Street and Cooper Square has been, over the past fifteen years, and continues to be for low-rise residential use, and

WHEREAS, the other avenues of the East Village (First and Second) are zoned for a commercial density less than that for residential use, and

WHEREAS, 6.5 FAR commercial development of lower Third Avenue would physically and socially disrupt the community, and

WHEREAS, three attempts over the past fifteen years for variances for higher than 3.4 FAR residential construction were rejected by the community and the city, and

WHEREAS, commercial buildings on Third Avenue have been converted to residential use, and

WHEREAS, a building on 13th Street between Third and Fourth Avenues has recently been given to residential use after being unable to succeed for commercial use, and

WHEREAS, current construction on Third Avenue between St. Marks Place and 7th Street demonstrates the viability of residential buildings at the present 3.4 FAR residential density, and

WHEREAS, the current market for apartments creates a strong incentive to developers to build structures ostensibly for commercial use which may later be used for residences, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings Department has already revoked a permit for a "hotel" on lower Third Avenue which it determined was not a legitimate hotel, but merely a disguised apartment building, and

WHEREAS, Village Independent Democrats has in the past resolved to oppose any upzoning or variances for lower Third Avenue,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Village Independent Democrats requests that the City Planning Commission undertake to rezone lower Third Avenue whereby the maximum allowable commercial density is equal to or less than that currently allowed for residential use.

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August 20, 1984

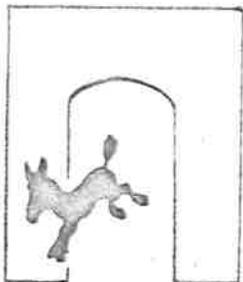
Emergency resolution submitted by Linda Peng regarding the Dist. 1199 strike. Passed in the Executive Committee meeting, 8/20/84

- Whereas: This is the 6th week of the strike by the Dist. 1199 Hospital Workers Union;
- Whereas: The League of Volunteer Hospitals and Homes has failed to negotiate in good faith;
- Whereas: The League has repeatedly broken off negotiations while threatening to hire new workers to replace those on strike;
- Whereas: The League is still receiving reimbursements from the State during the period of the strike while the health benefits for the striking employees have been terminated.
- Whereas: The Union has shown flexibility by making significant compromises in the wage and benefits demands;
- Whereas: The management has insisted on its original positions;
- Whereas: The absence of the expressed desire of the League to earnestly seek a resolution of the conflict, thus jeopardizing the welfare of the community;

Be it resolved that:

A telegram be immediately sent by the V.I.D. to Gov. Cuomo urging him to use his influence and the powers of his office to affect settlement of this strike.

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING 421-a EXEMPTIONS AND ABATEMENTS IN MANHATTAN

(Adopted September 17, 1984)

WHEREAS, the Village Independent Democrats has long opposed gentrification of our neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, such gentrification would displace low and moderate income residents from their homes, and

WHEREAS, New York City Council Intro. 815 and 831 would provide for tax exemptions and abatements under the 421-a program in certain neighborhoods south of 96th Street in Manhattan, including part of our 61st Assembly District and adjoining areas, and

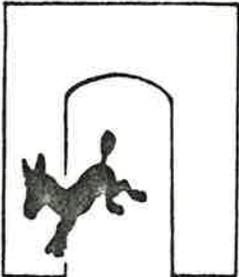
WHEREAS, market-rate development is presently occurring, or would occur, in many of these areas of Manhattan without the necessity of such exemptions and abatements, and

WHEREAS, the 421-a program was intended to stimulate the construction of low and moderate-income housing, but instead has led to luxury development,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Independent Democrats oppose permitting any 421-a exemptions and abatements in Manhattan, unless the program is amended to return it to fulfilling its original purpose.

Introduced by Rick Braun, V.I.D.
President, and Joan Beranbaum, V.I.D.
Housing Committee Chairperson.
Passed by V.I.D. on
September 17, 1984.

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STRONG FEDERAL TOXICS LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, existing federal toxic waste legislation does not adequately protect the public health and environment, and

WHEREAS, of the 546 toxic waste dumps on the Superfund Priorities List, only 6 have actually been cleaned and preliminary assessments have been completed on only half of the sites, and

WHEREAS, EPA has identified some 17,000 sites but has completed field investigations on only 2,000 sites, and

WHEREAS, EPA's efforts will deplete the present funding by the end of next year, and

WHEREAS, citizens should have the right to sue polluters in federal court for injuries related to toxic wastes, and

WHEREAS, existing federal law does not adequately control the burning of toxic wastes as fuel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Independent Democrats supports passage by Congress of H.R. 5640 which would reauthorize the Superfund program for five years and increase its appropriation to \$10.2 billion, and

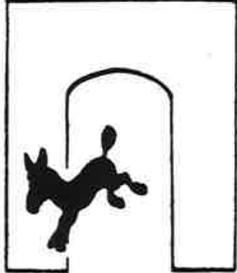
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Independent Democrats supports the provision in the Superfund bill (H.R. 5640) for a federal cause of action for toxic torts which was deleted by amendment in the House of Representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Independent Democrats supports the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act reauthorization (H.R. 2867 and S. 757) which provides for stricter controls on the burning of toxic wastes as fuel.

approved 10/1/84

Richard Willstatter : Co-chairs, Environmental Committee
Richard Hartzman

VILLAGE **INDEPENDENT** **DEMOCRATS**



November 26, 1984

WHEREAS, 8th Street already has an abundance of fast food restaurants;

WHEREAS, the proposed location of Burger King at 8th Street and Broadway is in a residential building and abuts a highly congested and densely populated residential area;

WHEREAS, such a location will create a considerable fire hazard;

WHEREAS, increased and intolerable levels of noise, litter, and congestion are likely by-products of such an operation;

WHEREAS, as demonstrated by the Fulton Street Burger King's record of numerous E.P.A. violations, the opening of Burger King will likely produce pollution and other environmental hazards;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village Independent Democrats oppose the opening of Burger King at this particular location and urge Woolworth to find a tenant that will provide services more needed by the residents.

Appendix VIII

V.I.D. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A. 10465 and S. 8667

WHEREAS drug abuse and addiction is one of the greatest social and health problems facing our society in general and Greenwich Village and New York City in particular, and

WHEREAS more than 1200 persons with drug problems are currently on waiting lists to enter drug treatment programs in New York State because there are not enough resources to treat them, and

WHEREAS it is estimated that over 800,000 serious drug abusers in New York State require treatment services, and

WHEREAS there are more than 1000 people in drug treatment programs in our Greenwich Village community and 40,000 state-wide, and

WHEREAS law enforcement efforts such as "Operation Pressure Points," which has resulted in more than 2500 drug-related arrests on the Lower East Side and has been expanded to Harlem, have created much greater demand for treatment services both in already dangerously overcrowded jails and in community-based treatment programs which are already filled to capacity without any significant long-term effect on the drug abuse problem, and

WHEREAS treatment is a much more effective, and cost-efficient approach to solving the drug problem in our state than the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS New York State provides \$50 million less for drug treatment than it did a dozen years ago, and

WHEREAS many parts of New York State contain inadequate or no treatment services for drug abuse and addiction, and

WHEREAS the current New York State budget contains no additional funding for drug treatment,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Independent Democrats strongly support the passage of A. 10465 and S. 8667, which will provide an additional \$4.3 million for drug treatment in New York State.

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