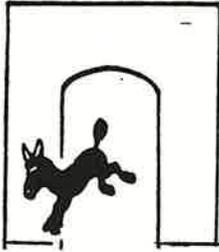


VILLAGE **INDEPENDENT** **DEMOCRATS**



Dear Neighbors;

The Community Affairs Committee of the Village Independent Democrats is requesting that you fill out and return the enclosed questionnaire so that we can better serve your organization's needs and assist in your struggles.

The Community Affairs Committee mobilizes around community issues, pressures government officials on such issues, sponsors forums, invites community activists to the Village Independent Democrats as guest speakers, and testifies at public hearings.

We are also seeking to connect community groups with each other who are working on the same issues.

The Village Independent Democrats is one of the largest reform clubs in New York State with sixteen regularly meeting active committees. One of the main purposes of the club is to provide the community with independent and progressive leadership.

The Village Independent Democrats takes a strong stand and action on issues that have a profound impact on the community. We also have at the Village Independent Democrats two free advice giving clinics on tenant rights and legal (consumer, government benefits, etc.) rights every Monday night (except holidays), 7:30 - 9:30 that services the community, and free films on most Friday nights.

We hope to hear from you soon so that we may begin to have the necessary communication to improve our community

We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely



Sherri Donovan
Community Affairs Committee
Co-chair

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization Caring Community, Inc.

Address 7 West 11th Street ZIP 10011

President or Coordinator's name Judith M. Lukin, Executive Director

Telephone 675-2257

Approximate Size of Organization: clients 1,000+; staff 33, board 30

Purpose and Goals of Organization to provide services to elders that foster their independence in their homes and community.

Projects of Organization - past, present, and future:

4 luncheon sites where there are also service, educational, recreational, and creative activities; services to the homebound,

including Meals on Wheels (6 days); serve 3 or 4 Holiday Meals per year.

Type of help and skills needed for your organization: clerical help always needed; could also use help with graphic arts and public relations;

Would like legal counsel and assistance with fund raising.

Type of information needed: We're interested in the demographics of aging in the community and we'd like to be able to respond to other

needs in the Village; we need funding source information and leads.

Suggested topics for forums or workshops you would be interested in co-sponsoring or attending:

Would someone from your organization be willing to speak at a Village Independent Democrat(s) general membership meeting or Executive Board meeting ?

sure

Will you place the Community Affairs Committee of the V. I. D. on your mailing list ?

sure

What Service do you consider most lacking in the Village area ?

We've been asking this same question; what do you hear?

OTHER COMMENTS:

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization Big Sisters, Inc.
Address 60 Lafayette St. N.Y.C. ZIP 10013
President or Coordinator's name Ms. Rose Brown
Telephone 285-1661

Approximate Size of Organization: 3 offices Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn Staff of 18
Purpose and Goals of Organization to provide family and juvenile counseling services and volunteers (Big Sister program) on indigent and working class people of N.Y.C.

Projects of Organization - past, present, and future:
Free counseling services in local public schools

Type of help and skills needed for your organization: Volunteers - Women 23+ older for Big Sister relationships, tutoring, answering phones etc.

Type of information needed: Apply to agency - screening process

Suggested topics for forums or workshops you would be interested in co-sponsoring or attending:
Fund raising for non-profit organizations in the community
employment & vocational opportunities for teens

Would someone from your organization be willing to speak at a Village Independent Democrat(s) general membership meeting or Executive Board meeting ?
possibly

Will you place the Community Affairs Committee of the V. I. D. on your mailing list ?
yes

What Service do you consider most lacking in the Village area ?
More low cost or free services for children & their families

OTHER COMMENTS: employment ^{services} for teenagers
Free health services for teenagers

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization West Side Discussion Group

Address 208 W. 13th St ZIP 10014

President or Coordinator's name Charles 'Chuck' Tyson

Telephone 212-889-3619 (home)

Approximate Size of Organization: No Formal Membership (8 persons serve

Purpose and Goals of Organization To inform the GAY & LESBIAN community on a Board)

on all subjects which appeals to them for their benefit.

Projects of Organization - past, present, and future:

Bi-monthly meetings and open forums held at the Community Center on W. 13th Street. (From Sept. to June.)

Type of help and skills needed for your organization: None

Type of information needed: None

Suggested topics for forums or workshops you would be interested in co-sponsoring or attending:

None

Would someone from your organization be willing to speak at a Village Independent Democrat(s) general membership meeting or Executive Board meeting ?

No

Will you place the Community Affairs Committee of the V. I. D. on your mailing list ?

Yes

What Service do you consider most lacking in the Village area ?

Police Protection for All citizens

OTHER COMMENTS:

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization West Eleventh ST Acton Black Assn

Address 107 WEST 11 ST ZIP _____

President or Coordinator's name Carolyn KASOLI

Telephone (212) 243-5458

Approximate Size of Organization: 60 members (varies from year to year)

Purpose and Goals of Organization to promote the residential tranquility of the neighborhood; to protect and enhance the physical environment on the block and to provide all

Projects of Organization - past, present, and future: residents on the block with planting of trees on the block; raising an open forum to express their concerns regarding the neighborhood of funds through estate elephant sales and raffles; block parties twice a year so neighbors can get to meet each other; weekly block cleaning efforts to keep street clear of trash

Type of help and skills needed for your organization: people willing to: give their time to organize committees, act as members of the executive board, distribute literature related to interests of block and local community.

Type of information needed: Local Community board meetings (calendar of events); letters expressing concerns from other block associations in neighborhood; letters from public interest group detailing legislation impacting local community & notices of public meetings regarding this legislation.

pending

Suggested topics for forums or workshops you would be interested in co-sponsoring or attending: Commercial Rent Control - Why it is needed in our community

Institutional Expansion in Greenwich Village & Chelsea - Why it has a negative impact on the community's quality of life. What the community can do to fight back

Would someone from your organization be willing to speak at a Village Independent Democrat(s) general membership meeting or Executive Board meeting ?

I don't know

Will you place the Community Affairs Committee of the V. I. D. on your mailing list ?

Yes

What Service do you consider most lacking in the Village area ?

Family Counseling Services, Recreation for Teenagers, Inexpensive Family Restaurants,

OTHER COMMENTS: The block association would like to

meet with other community groups who might share our concerns. The explosive commercialization of 6th

Ave (below 14th St) in the past ten years has impacted negatively on the quality of the residents lives on the block (noise, traffic, garbage, etc.) We feel we are no longer in control of our lives in the neighborhood.

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VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment)

Address 208 W. 13th St. ZIP 10011

President or Coordinator's name Ken Dawson, Exec. Director

Telephone (212) 741-2247

Approximate Size of Organization: 7,000 members + "friends"

Purpose and Goals of Organization SAGE is a social service agency providing a variety of professional & volunteer services to older gay adults.

Projects of Organization - past, present, and future:

Assessment by professional social workers, advocacy & referral, "friendly visitors" to homebound, drop-in center, rap groups, monthly social & educational forums

Type of help and skills needed for your organization: donation of a van - or cheap/free transportation for elderly; escort service for the elderly

Type of information needed: legal rights, services available to the aged

Suggested topics for forums or workshops you would be interested in co-sponsoring or attending:

special needs of older lesbians & gaymen or "Your Gay Neighbors"

Would someone from your organization be willing to speak at a Village Independent Democrat(s) general membership meeting or Executive Board meeting ?

yes!

Will you place the Community Affairs Committee of the V. I. D. on your mailing list ?

yes

What Service do you consider most lacking in the Village area ?

(not your fault, but) passage of a gay rights bill!

OTHER COMMENTS: This form was ~~not~~ filled out by NAN CINAVER, Public Education Coordinator

VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Organization Identity House
Address P.O. Box 572 ZIP New York, NY 10113
Old Chelsea Station
President or Coordinator's name Beverley Goff, esw
Telephone (212) 675-2854

Approximate Size of Organization: 250

Purpose and Goals of Organization - Counseling Gay and
Bisexual Community
- Education to all communities

Projects of Organization - past, present, and future:

Type of help and skills needed for your organization:

Type of information needed:

Suggested topics for forums or workshops you would be interested in co-sponsoring or attending:

Anything relevant to Gay and Bisexual Community

Would someone from your organization be willing to speak at a Village Independent Democrat(s) general membership meeting or Executive Board meeting ?

Yes - Contact me

Will you place the Community Affairs Committee of the V. I. D. on your mailing list ?

Yes

What Service do you consider most lacking in the Village area ?

OTHER COMMENTS: