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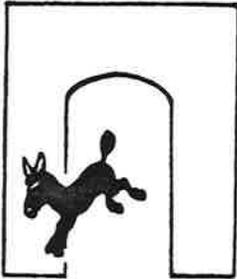
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DON'T BE FOOLED BY RED-BAITING!

We are shocked that Adlai E. Stevenson would lend his name to resuscitate the work of Joe McCarthy. Obviously he has not been informed that the Village Independent Democrats (VID) and its supporters have been in the forefront of exposing LaRouche and other reactionaries.

When people running for office feel that they do not have records strong enough to stand on, they resort to red-baiting and mud-slinging. That is exactly what the opponents of Tony Hoffmann and Frieda Bradlow have done. Don't be fooled. Vote for Tony and Frieda and the other VID endorsed candidates on Tuesday, September 15. Show your outrage.

There really is no substitute for experience. Tony Hoffmann has been District Leader since 1981 and a community activist for over 15 years. Frieda Bradlow has been an organizer and politically active in the Village for 30 years. We support them and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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WILBERT "BILL" TATUM, Chairman of the Board, Editor-in-Chief,  
Amsterdam News  
RONNIE ELDRIDGE, Former Director, New York State Division for Women

Dear Neighbors:

I am writing this letter to publicly disassociate myself from the irresponsible McCarthyite tactics of the Village Reform Democratic Club. Six months ago I naively agreed to allow this club to use my name, and to run under their auspices for the Democratic County Committee. This week, I was distressed and humiliated to receive in the mail a letter from Adlai Stevenson Jr., written at the request of the VRD, which accuses the rival Democratic club, the Village Independent Democrats, of both "welcoming" from above and being infiltrated from below by members of the Communist Workers Party. This letter, and its enclosure revive the worst red-baiting smear tactics of guilt by association, innuendo, and half truth of the McCarthy era. When I informed Liz Shollenberger of my dismay, I was told that it was too late to remove my name from the ballot, and I am therefore compelled to use this means to repudiate any connection with the VRD. It is unfortunate that Ms. Shollenberger did not feel that she could run on her record of service, rather than allow her club to resort to such hysterical and ultimately self defeating scare techniques.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhoda Waller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rhoda Waller

61st Election District

1987

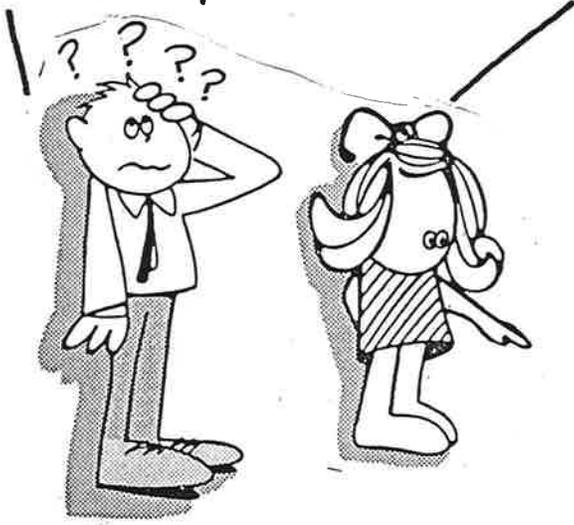
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## A COMMUNITY REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

### GREEN MARKET IN JEOPARDY! WHO'S TRYING TO KILL IT?

The small, quiet neighborhood Green Market proposed for public land at Mercer & Bleecker Streets is in big trouble. The Koch Administration has denied the market a permit -- despite overwhelming support from Community Board 2, The Villager, and from most people in nearby neighborhoods -- SoHo, NoHo, Washington Square, and the South Village.

#### WHO'S OUT TO TO KILL THE GREEN MARKET?

Who's stabbing us in the back? Democratic District Leader Liz Shollenberger.

A bit of history:

When the Community Board 2 Parks Committee supported a twice-a-week Green Market after an extensive public hearing, Liz Shollenberger voted yes.

But apparently, the smell of votes overcame the smell of fresh vegetables. Ms. Shollenberger, who faces a tough challenge in the Democratic primary this fall, decided to stab our community in the back so as to win support from a small band of Green Market opponents.

When CB 2, after hearing from dozens of speakers, adopted a reasonable compromise calling for a one-summer test of a one-day-per-week market, Ms. Shollenberger did an about-face and voted against this modest compromise, which passed by an overwhelming majority.

#### THE C.A.U. INSULTS OUR COMMUNITY BOARD -- AND OUR COMMUNITY

One small stumbling block remained in the path of the Green Market. The misnomered Community Assistance Unit in the Mayor's Office is responsible for issuing the required permit. Coincidentally, Shollenberger's running mate for district leader used to work in the CAU.

The CAU took an action unprecedented in the memory of senior members of the Community Board. The CAU refused to issue the permit. It rejected the market, based on a bogus poll which was designed to reach opponents of the market and exclude most market supporters.

Last week, Community Board 2 expressed its "outrage at the City's initial decision to override the Board's balanced, compromise solution on an issue which is purely local in character" and urged the CAU to overturn its decision. Even community board members who had first opposed the Green Market rejected this insult to the community.

Not so Liz Shollenberger. She was one of only two members to vote against our community. The vote was 30-2! (So far, the CAU has refused to reconsider.)

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Write Bruce Feld, Community Assistance Unit, City of New York, 51 Chambers St., NYC 10007. Demand a Green Market at Mercer and Bleecker.
2. Write the Villager. Denounce the plot to kill the Green Market. (Editor, The Villager, 63 E. 4th St., NYC 10003.)
3. If you are a registered Democrat, vote against Liz Shollenberger and Tim James in the September 15 Democratic primary.

Liz Shollenberger is still trying to kill the Green Market.

Democratic District Leader Tony Hoffman and candidate for female district leader Frieda Bradlow, both from the Village Independent Democrats, have supported the Green Market all the way. Show you care. Vote for them on September 15.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD!

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# Villager

## Back A Greenmarket Appeal

BY VOLKER MADRY

Greenmarket advocate Barry Benepe went downtown on May 26 to meet with City officials and plead his case for an appeal of a May 14 decision to deny a permit to open a new market at the corner of Mercer and Bleecker St. in the Village. He came armed with a resolution from Community Board Two, passed at its monthly meeting May 21, expressing "vigorous support" of the plan and outrage at the denial of the permit after the board had earlier voted to recommend it.

Benepe met with Bruce Feld, director of the Community Assistance Unit of the Mayor's Office and Lee Gounardes, director of street activity permits in the assistance unit and the person who had made the decision to reject the application. Feld says he will make a decision on the appeal by the end of this week.

The focus of the reaction to the denial is on the survey which Gounardes says was the basis for the City decision. Benepe blasted it as "biased and selective" because it concentrated heavily on residents of Washington Square Village and ignored other residents of nearby buildings.

Gounardes said that his decision to personally conduct the survey resulted from meetings he had in April with representatives of both viewpoints. He said that what he had done was "unique" and that he, along with some staff, placed self-addressed, stamped return envelopes along with Community Board Two's proposal and a short yes or no questionnaire under doors and in mailboxes. The questionnaires were circulated among all four buildings in Washington Square Village, at 77, 88, and 89 Bleecker St. and 240 Mercer St.

A total of 2013 households were surveyed, according to Gounardes. Of this number 46% responded to the questionnaire with 68% of the respondents voting against the Mercer St. Greenmarket site and 32% in favor. His decision to deny the proposed site, said Gounardes, was based on the results of this survey.

### UNHAPPY NOT SURVEYED

Particularly unhappy were residents of 250 Mercer Street, who spoke at the Community Board Two meeting last week, and pointed out that they were as close to the proposed Greenmarket site as were two of the Washington Square Village buildings surveyed.

One resident of 250 Mercer Street said that if buildings -1 and -3 at Washington Square Village were surveyed not only does her building qualify but so should Silver Towers on Bleecker between Mercer and LaGuardia Place and even Broadway. And Lucille Duberman of 3 Washington Square Village and supporter of the Mercer Street Greenmarket site says that she "never received a ballot."

When the issue came up at the Community Board Two meeting the atmosphere was positively electric with supporters of the

Community Assistance Unit decision sitting in relative isolation elevated in the rear of St. Vincent's Auditorium, but making their feelings about the matter absolutely clear by hurdling shouts at those below, before their turn came to speak.

### THEIR OWN PETITION DRIVE

Sixteen people from the 250 Mercer Street co-op stepped up to the microphone one after the other to speak. The group had met the previous evening and hastily organized a petition drive to get signatures from people within their building and the surrounding area supporting the appeal of the Mercer St. Greenmarket. The statement on top of the petition form was a copy of Keith Crandall's draft resolution which he submitted to the Community Board the following day. Also present at the Mercer St. co-op meeting were Frieda Bradlow, a candidate for Democratic District Leader in the fall primary election, Bruce Feffer, president of the Village Independent Democrats, and the other VID members.

One after the other the 16 supporters of the Greenmarket took the podium to speak waving the 527 signatures that four of them had collected during the day. Sheila Ryan and Don Bryer said that one of their members had collected 100 signatures in an hour while someone from the back of the auditorium screamed "No! No! That's not true."

### IT'S A LOCAL ISSUE

Paula Wiener, one of the four people who helped in the petition drive, said, "We are outraged at the Mayor's action." She said that her group had collected signatures from Washington Square Village, Mercer Street and La Guardia Place supporting the market. Again, from the audience, someone shouted "It's a lie!"

Bruce Feffer said, "The issue is not the Greenmarket — but whether you support Democracy and your Community Board." "Talk sense!" someone yelled from the audience. "Stand up to the Koch administration," he continued "and demand democracy even if you are a supporter of Koch for the sake of Democracy stand with the community and I urge Liz Shollenberger to speak out for the Community along with Frieda Bradlow and Anthony Hoffman."

Frieda Bradlow questioned the methods of the survey and attacked the City for "treating us like children." She also said that you can tell the City "that we are in for a Charter Revision and our Community Board will be part of this process."

Next, the opponents of the Greenmarket took the microphone to air their views. First was Elizabeth Kasowitz, a resident of Washington Square Village, who in a brief statement said that she speaks for others who feel that the Gounardes survey wasn't an insult to the Community Board and she hopes the Community Board will go with the decision.

The other person speaking for those who oppose the Greenmarket on Mercer Street

was Allen Morgenthal, vice president of the Washington Square Tenants Association. Morgenthal spoke with gravity and emotion, saying, "In the interest of time and sanity I represent a large number of people in the back of the room who had not spoken in the interest of time. For four months we've never seen an issue that has caused so much divisiveness and rancor. All of which has increased dramatically."

"The letter from Gounardes," he boomed,

*The issue is no longer one of vegetables or prices but whether the City is going to respect the decision of Community Board Two.*

"shows that the people directly affected are strongly opposed and a response over one single digit represents something. The opposition is there, will be there, it will not go away. I ask, beg, implore the board to take no action save one — we will aid and support a Greenmarket as long as it is not opposed by an adjoining residence or building."

"We throw down the gauntlet," he said, "so we can get together to come to a conclusion that is in the interest of all the community." And as a final climactic act to his oratory, seven people in the rear of the hall whom Morgenthal represented stood up in unison.

### VOTED PROTEST OVERWHELMINGLY

The next speaker of the evening cautiously crept towards the podium and, facing an audience which she felt had by then turned into a raging beast, said, "I'm Karen Walker from The Dew Drop Inn. I just want a little sidewalk cafe." The humor of the moment was enough to break the spell and the storm of passion and politics passed.

However, after the public session of the meeting, board member Keith Crandall presented a protest resolution about the Greenmarket to the board. The resolution stated the compromise solution that the board had reached in recommending the Mercer/Bleecker St. site for the Greenmarket and that "the Board had struck this compromise because it was mindful of concerns expressed by some residents and believed that a once-a-week-one-season trial would enable us to evaluate the validity of these concerns."

Crandall said that the issue "is no longer one of vegetables or prices, but whether the City is going to respect the board's decision which is purely local and has no effect outside of the community."

The vote on the resolution was overwhelmingly to support the appeal. Only two members voted against, Liz Shollenberger, who is also Village Democratic District Leader, and Diane Whelton.

## EDITORIALS

### About the Role of Local Government

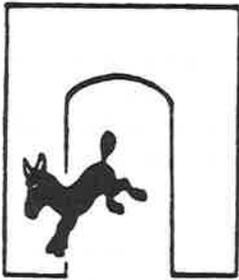
Last week in this space we wrote that we thought the City's rejection of a street use permit for a Greenmarket proposed for Mercer Street was an unfortunate decision — on the merits alone. But, some members of Community Board Two, at the body's regular monthly meeting last week, while they agreed about the merits, were bothered by something more basic. They saw the diligence that the Mayor's Community Assistance Office put into "researching" an issue that had been thoroughly aired before the board as unwarranted meddling in a purely local matter.

As a blue-ribbon commission goes about the task of examining the structure of City government in order to propose amendments that will bring the City Charter in line with a recent Federal Court decision regarding the unequal representation of individuals because of the structure of the Board of Estimate, this incident is yet another reminder that the hard-won local government rights that came with a

similar revision in 1977 is still not part of the "routine" operation of some City agencies.

The strong statement from the Community Board last week and the pleas of supporters of the Greenmarket movement, we hope, will carry the day for the planned one-day market on Mercer Street. But the principle that this incident calls to attention — a principle already in the law — suggests that the mandate of these boards requires strengthening in the new revisions to be proposed by the Charter Revision Commission. A Community Board, made up of a cross section of members of the community of its district, should carry more weight than a back door appeal to an agency by people who lost their battle at the local level. Public hearings, the work of local committees and a compromise struck in this Greenmarket case represent local government at its best. The actions of the very agency of City government that should respect and understand the process demonstrates that ten years after Charter Revision created the Community Districts and their lay-member boards the Mayor needs to remind his staff that the Community Assistance in the office's name should be just that.

INDEPENDENT

VILLAGE  DEMOCRATS

March 17, 1987

Dear VID Members:

A number of people have approached us with questions about a recent letter, distributed by VID member Klaus von Stutterheim, regarding last year's Judicial Nominating Convention. To clarify the matter, we thought the following statement would be helpful:

1. There was never a club policy requiring the VID delegates to the Judicial Nominating Convention to vote for any particular candidates. Our delegates were mandated only to support judicial candidates who successfully came out of the Independent Judicial Screening Panel. They complied with this mandate. While VID urged its delegates to support the New Democratic Coalition (NDC) slate, VID in no way bound its delegates to vote for all of those candidates at the convention.

2. As it turned out, NDC's top endorsed candidate, Kris Glen, did receive the support of a majority of VID's delegates (and, in fact, the majority of all delegates at the convention). Klaus' preferred candidate did not, but this was not the result of any impropriety or unprincipled activity by VID's delegates.

3. There was no cover-up. At the judicial convention, the votes of the delegates were not secret. After the convention, anyone who had criticisms or questions about how our delegates voted at the convention could have raised them at either a VID General Membership meeting, Executive Committee meeting, or a Judicial Reform Committee meeting. Until Klaus' letter, six months later, no such discussion was ever requested. After Klaus issued his letter, a full and lengthy review of the matter was held at a General Membership meeting. A letter in response to Klaus was handed out by the four delegates who were criticized in his letter and the debate was open and above board.

4. VID's leadership was, and continues to be, committed to supporting progressive, independent, candidates for the judiciary as well as for all levels of government. Our organization continues to be at the forefront of the movement for government and party reform.

Klaus has been a long time and active member of VID and we hope he continues to be. We invite all members who may have questions or concerns about a club position or action, to stand up and be heard at an appropriate meeting or forum.

This year, like never before, the very standards of Village politics and local leadership will be threatened by representatives of Ed Koch's machine organization. If we are to win our battle for good government, quality leadership, and a better quality of life in our community, our organization must be united behind this commitment. Where there are differences, we ask that they be raised openly, democratically, and constructively in the true spirit of VID and progressive politics.

Bruce Feffer  
President

Anthony S. Hoffmann  
District Leader

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MON. Dec 14th at 7:30. VID annual elections

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# The VID Newsletter



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the aftermath of a few unfortunate, even painful, primary losses this past fall (particularly those of Frieda Bradlow, Rick Braun, and Lester Evens) it would be easy to get gloomy. So I would like to take this opportunity to remind us all of some special victories in recent days that we can all be proud of. VID is proud to have been a part of the tremendous national effort that led to the rejection of Robert Bork as a Supreme Court nominee. Our members wrote letters, leafleted, and made phone calls to legislators to defeat Bork. This was a victory that will have significance for decades to come. On a different level, but somewhat closer to our heart, was the Victory of Tony Hoffmann over Tim James and the VRDC in this year's district leader race. Tony's victory, over a sleazy politician who had no record of community service to justify his candidacy, reaffirmed VID's support in our community and keeps alive the fight for progressive reform in city politics. October 1st was a double-victory night for VID. First, long time VID'er Dan Roskoff was re-elected as Chair of the Divisional County Committee, 61 A.D., Part A, (GLID President Deborah Glick was elected First Vice Chair) and VID maintained its majority vote on the committee by electing 26 members and supporters to fill vacancies. This leaves the most grassroots level of the Democratic Party firmly in the hands of our community's most dedicated civic activists. Later that night, the Manhattan-wide County Committee (consisting of about 1,000 members) voted to condemn Adlai Stevenson 3d, Elizabeth Shollenberger, and Tim James for their sleazy campaign tactics in this year's primary. All three were called upon to publicly apologize. The New Democratic Coalition (Executive Committee), representing reform clubs from all over New York State, subsequently passed a similar resolution. Amidst all this, VID continues its activism in all corners of our neighborhood, on a multitude of issues. We may be financially broke (so what else is new?) but we will never allow our spirit to be broken.

Space does not allow me to review all that we have accomplished thus far in 1987 (and the year is not over). Suffice it to say that while there is so much we have not yet done, with the continued support of our members and friends, the best victories still lie ahead. I look forward to seeing all of you at our November 17 party.

-Bruce Feffer, President

## CAMPAIGN NOTES

This year we had several very intense races. Clearly our opposition pulled out all the stops. They called us everything from "entrenched regulars" to molitov-toting commies - the dirt was flying fast and furious. Therefore, as the dust settles I think it is very important to give thanks to some people whose commitment to honest, clean government and incredible efforts in the campaign kept us rolling. They are: Rick Braun, Frieda Bradlow, Tony Hoffmann, Bruce Feffer, Ellen Peterson, Bill Van Felix, Carol Feinman, Geoff Smith, Matthew Birnbaum, Linda Johnson, Catherine Abate, John Ford, Arlene Lowell, Dan Roskoff, Guy Waid, Sherri Donovan, and Mimi Hurd. (Campaign Coordinators for 1987)

Congratulations go to VID candidates Tony Hoffmann, Peter Tom, Harold Beeler, Paula Omansky, Francis Peccora, and our judicial delegates, alternates and county committee members on their election victories.

David Waid, Campaign Chair

## VID NEEDS YOUR HELP !!!

The moment of truth is at hand. If you believe that we should keep the headquarters which has housed VID so well for so many years then act now! Call your friends. Get together with them. Explain to them that VID is in dire need of money. Then collect the money and bring it, mail it, or ship it in envelopes (or buckets). It's now or NEVER.

Jeffrey Stewart, Vice President

December, 1987

Dear VID Member:

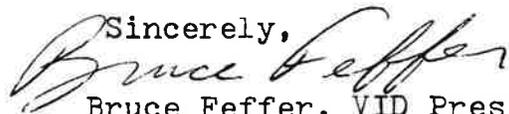
The coming year promises to be an exciting one for the Village Independent Democrats. We will be helping to elect a new United States President, as well as campaigning for candidates for several local offices. We will be participating in the movement to reform city government through the charter revision process. And we will continue to grapple with urgent community problems such as AIDS, housing, crime, local development, and health care for seniors, to name but a few. On behalf of VID, our members will attend hundreds of community board and block association meetings, legislative hearings, rallies, and public forums.

Because 1988 will also, I believe, be a year of renewal and revitalization for VID, I am seeking another term as it's president. Despite the inevitable frustrations and disappointments, I am proud of all that we have accomplished during the past year under extremely difficult conditions. Despite a horrible political attack against VID, we maintained our ability to serve our community in a variety of ways. We sponsored free public forums on education, drug abuse, lesbian and gay rights, race relations, and other important topics. We marched in NOHO against crime. We rallied in support of the Coors Beer Boycott. We gathered with parents in Washington Square Park to demand clean and safe parks. During a period that has been hard on progressive organizations everywhere, VID continued a high level of activism.

The future presents us with new challenges. In meeting these challenges, I am confident that we will emerge a stronger, more effective political organization, able to handle the changing political and economic realities of the eighties and nineties. As reformers, we appreciate the necessity for change. The high cost of political campaigns and the basic expenses of operating a large, active organization means we need to explore smaller, less expensive office space. The threat of a well financed rival club bent on destroying VID compels us to improve our organizational structure in a way that will help us provide greater community service and give us a more competitive campaign operation. Our hundreds of dues paying members are our lifeblood, and are therefore entitled to a quality and informative newsletter. Achieving these goals will make VID more dynamic and vital than ever before.

With your support, we can make 1988 a great year for VID. I'm looking forward to it.

Sincerely,



Bruce Feffer, VID President

P.S.- Our December 14 meeting (7:30p.m.) features elections of President and Vice Presidents (3 seats) preceded by a guest speaker on the topic of child and spouse abuse. Hope to see you there!

Dear VID'er,

Dec. 14, 1987

We urge you to vote to re-elect Jeff Stewart as Vice President of the Village Independent Democrats. We need him as part of the leadership team.

Lilith Agredano  
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Judith Bader-York  
Marty Barrett  
Joan Beranbaum  
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David Bertin  
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Dear VID Member,

Dec. 14, 1987

VID is at a transition point. After 30 years of dedicated community service we have come under heavy attack by an unprincipled adversary. While we have held our ground quite well considering the resources brought to bear against our organization, we have suffered some losses.

If we are to be successful in reversing this trend we will have to be more efficient, more energetic, more organized and more effective than ever. This will require an involved membership and a leadership team capable of galvanizing our energies into a newer, more effective organization.

I am running for reelection because I believe that I provide necessary ingredients to this team. I will bring to this effort:

- 1- More than 15 years of management and community organizing experience.
- 2- A great understanding of the problems and needs of our wonderfully diverse community, having been a resident here since 1943.
- 3- A total dedication to egalitarian leadership.
- 4- Bountiful energy and enthusiasm.
- 5- A commitment to the progressive philosophy which is VID.

The challenges ahead are great. I look forward eagerly to the opportunity of working together with you in meeting these challenges.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Stewart