

Voters of our 15th Congressional District demand strong and independent leadership. . . Congressman Bill Green's record shows he delivers this leadership.



CLEAN AIR CHAMPION is the name given to Congressmen Bill Green and Bruce Vento by the Sierra Club during a ceremony in front of the nation's Capitol. The two lead a congressional fight to improve environmental laws.

ENVIRONMENT—"Clean Air Champion" and "Hero of the Environment" say The Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters. . . provided first funding for a new national waste reduction program. . . drafted stringent, bi-partisan acid-rain legislation. . . formed a special study group on "Greenhouse effect."

ARMS CONTROL—Praised for leadership by "nuclear arms control community". . . endorsed by PeacePAC. . . consistent in opposition to nuclear testing, chemical weapons, and exceeding SALT II arms limits. . . co-authored nuclear test ban treaty resolution. . . opposes wasteful military spending such as the MX missile and deployment of Star Wars. . . consistently votes against Contra Aid.

MIDDLE EAST—Safeguarding Israel's security and U.S. interests in the Middle East has always been a priority. . . opposed irresponsible arms sales to Arab countries. . . guards against misguided aid cuts to Israel. . . U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council member. . . strong advocate of human rights and emigration of Soviet Refuseniks.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS—Nationally-recognized trailblazer for women's equality. . . recipient of National Women's Political Caucus "Good Guy" Award. . . co-sponsored State's first pro-choice legislation. . . authored bill to eliminate restrictions on use of federal funds for abortions. . . original co-sponsor of ERA and Family and Medical Leave Act. . . supports federally funded child care.



EQUAL RIGHTS for women, freedom of choice and federal support for family leave and child care programs were on Bill Green's agenda on behalf of Planned Parenthood Federation and the National Abortion Rights Action League. Faye Wattleton, President of the Federation, at left, and Kate Michelman, NARAL Executive Director, join Green at the event.

AIDS—Got Appropriations Committee to commit first federal funds for AIDS research. . . works to increase annual funding to a new record high. . . co-sponsored new legislation aimed at AIDS victims' care, treatment and safeguarding of rights.

HOUSING—Senior member, House Appropriations HUD & Independent Agencies Subcommittee. . . works to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in NYC housing funds. . . introduced legislation to force the city to move homeless families out of welfare hotels into decent housing. . . strongly supported Fair Housing Act.

MASS TRANSIT—Every year . . . sees that New York City gets a major share of Federal transportation funding. . . responsible for getting the MTA \$500 million of tax credits for new buses and subway cars.

SENIOR CITIZENS—Consistently for elderly and handicapped housing programs. . . committed to improve federal long-term health care, home care programs. . . supports nursing home reform. . . co-sponsor of guaranteed annual social security cost-of-living adjustment. . . founding trustee of the Jewish Association for Services for the Aging.

DRUGS & CRIME—Helped secure more money for NYC and key federal agencies to stop drug trafficking. . . put more police on the streets. . . sponsored strong gun control, auto theft, organized crime, child pornography and crime victim insurance legislation.

ANIMAL RIGHTS—Ardent supporter of humane animal protection legislation. . . introduced Refuge Wildlife Protection Act to prohibit killing of animals in national wildlife refuges. . . recognized by such groups as ASPCA, the Humane Society, and the National Alliance for Animal Protection for his excellent animal protection record.



RIDING THE SUBWAYS AND BUSES
Five hundred new silver subway cars and buses provided by a federal tax measure obtained by Bill Green help our city move.



Q: What do these New Yorkers have in common?

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United Transportation Union
Bridge & Tunnel Workers Union
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Without Bill Green representing us in Congress we would lose an effective leader for New York City on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. From this Committee position, Bill Green provides the quality leadership that cuts through partisan politics, a leadership that sets a standard from which all public officials could learn to better serve their constituents, city and country.

RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN BILL GREEN—VOTE NOVEMBER 8th

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A: They cross party lines in support of Bill Green!



CAROL REICHMAN

In a lifetime of activism, Carol has served as a member of Community Board 2, president and vice-president of the PTA's of both PS 41 and IS 70, president of the Parents' Council of Community School Board 2 and Vice President for Community Affairs of the Village Reform Democratic Club. In these and other roles, Carol:

- Founded the Washington Square Park Council
- Helped, as a member of CORE, to integrate lunch counters in the fifties
- Worked to rezone parts of SoHo as joint living-work space for artists
- Organized a day-care program to serve homeless families
- Played a leading role in establishing the new High School For the Humanities on 18th Street, PS 3, and the Independence Plaza School
- Currently serves on the West Village zoning sub-committee of CB2, which is working, through the zoning process, to preserve the integrity of the West Village

**Primary Thursday
September 15**

1988

CAROL AND ARTHUR ON THE ISSUES

CRIME AND DRUGS

Carol and Arthur favor aggressive City action to close crack houses and to evict drug dealers plying their trade in residential buildings.

Carol and Arthur oppose the placement on the Hudson River waterfront of a prison barge that would house hundreds of work-release prisoners who would travel our streets daily.

Carol and Arthur will lobby for allocating more money to police protection so that the parts of our neighborhood worst hit by crime and drugs are cleaned up.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Carol and Arthur helped establish the protective zoning that governs parts of Lower Manhattan. Carol has worked hard as a part of the Community Board #2 zoning subcommittee to draft new and more human-scale rules for the West Village.

Preservationists like Carol and Arthur have passed down to the 1980's irreplaceable treasures, and they'll continue to fight for the historic quality of our neighborhood.

Carol and Arthur are strong supporters of the Tribeca Community Association and its fight to stop the giant tower on Duane Street.

Carol and Arthur see neighborhood service shops as the backbone of the community and will lobby for rent protections for such stores.

WATERFRONT

As pioneers in preserving our waterfront, Carol and Arthur have called for a moratorium on all new development and exploitation until the City and State pass protective legislation and ensure meaningful community input into its future use.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

The Village Reform Democratic Club has placed a high priority on cleaning up the drug trafficking in Washington Square Park, and Carol and Arthur are determined that the park will become drug-free.

Carol and Arthur, as parents of Village park-users, learned the special needs children have and will work to make the park a safer and more interesting play spot for

GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS

Carol and Arthur will lobby forcefully for a State Gay Rights Bill, just as they worked to achieve rights for gays and lesbians in New York City.

Disturbed by the dramatic rise in gay-bashing in the wake of AIDS hysteria, Carol and Arthur will push hard for anti-bias legislation which would make bias-related violence a higher level of felony than other violent crimes.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Because the Village and Lower Manhattan are *residential neighborhoods*, not just tourist attractions, Carol and Arthur will work to see that the City enacts and enforces laws that will allow residents to sleep in peace, undisturbed by late-night crowds and loud noise.

Because sidewalks are for walking, Carol and Arthur will continue their activity with Save Our Sidewalks, working to insure that cafes, newsstands, peddlers and other obstructions don't block pedestrian movement.

AIDS

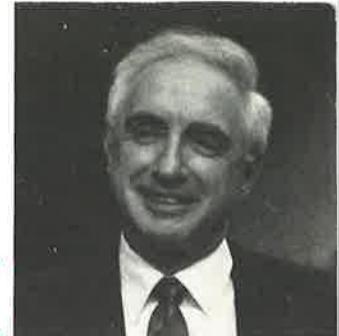
Because so many in our community have died and are dying, Carol and Arthur see increased funding for AIDS research, for education, and for care for people with AIDS as a number one funding priority for the Federal, State, and City budgets.

Both strong supporters of the establishment of Bailey House, a residence for people with AIDS, Carol and Arthur are dedicated to establishing more humane alternatives to hospitalization.

HOUSING

Because the courts recently invalidated provisions allowing a lease-holder's family to remain in an apartment after the lease-holder's death or moving away, thousands of tenants face eviction. Carol and Arthur lobbied for Albany to enact protections for family members and also for *all* apartment residents, whether they live in traditional family units or in other relationships.

Carol and Arthur support anti-warehousing legislation, which would put thousands of units of housing back on the market.



ARTHUR STOLIAR

Few people have done more for the Village and Lower Manhattan than Arthur Stoliar. In over 25 years as an active community leader, Arthur was a president of the West Village Committee and was twice chair of Community Board # 2 in his 20-year tenure there. He also served for many years as chair of the Board's Traffic, Transportation and Waterfront Committee. In those positions, Arthur has played a leading role in:

- Stopping the Westway project, which would have placed a super-highway, landfill, and high-rise development on our Hudson River waterfront
- Renovating Washington Square Park
- Creating artists' housing by rezoning a commercial site for redevelopment as Westbeth
- Reactivating PS 3 to accommodate students overflowing at PS 41
- Protecting air quality on the Lower West Side
- Blocking the planned Lower Manhattan Expressway, which would have displaced thousands of local residents
- Getting City and Federal cooperation and monies to construct the West Village Houses, providing affordable housing without displacing a single community resident

**Village Reform Democratic Club
473-2787**

ABOUT CAROL'S AND ARTHUR'S OPPONENTS...

Keith Crandell

Carol and Arthur have known Keith for many years and considered him both a friend and a person of basically decent values. They are puzzled and disturbed by his decision to form a political alliance of convenience with Margaret Chin and her supporters.

Margaret Chin

Margaret Chin has been identified by the *New York Times*, the *New York Post*, Evans and Novak and *Our Town* as a member of—and national spokeswoman for—a violence-prone political extremist group whose bizarre history includes:

- An assault on the 1980 Democratic National Convention in New York by 300 club-wielding thugs, which left 15 police officers injured.
- Denunciation of Israel as a “fascist” nation and of its supporters in the press as the “Zionist-controlled media.”
- Opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, on grounds that it was a “bourgeois trick to deceive the masses.”
- Opposing gun control and applauding the murder of police officers.
- Publicly announced plans to “take over a great deal of the local apparatus of the Democratic Party” and obtain government funding in order to be able to “award contracts to our friends and then recruit them on that basis.”

Chin also served from 1982 to 1986 as president of a related group, with the benign-sounding name of “Asian Americans For Equality” (AAFE). AAFE has been the group’s chief vehicle for obtaining government dollars, amassing millions in public loans and grants.

While Chin was its president, the Chinatown-based AAFE was notorious for its use of strong-arm tactics:

- In August of 1985, the Chinese Reporters Association complained about AAFE efforts to “physically attack,” “harass,” and “intimidate” members of the Chinese-language press.
- In April of 1986, a coalition of Lower East Side groups—including the Asian American Legal Defense Fund and the Lower East Side Catholic Area Conference—denounced AAFE for “creating a climate of fear and intimidation” in breaking up a public meeting.

Margaret Chin is “one of the ten most destructive people in the Chinese-American community.”

—*China Times Weekly News*, 1986

CAROL REICHMAN AND ARTHUR STOLIAR FOR DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE



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“During my two terms as Manhattan Borough President, and now as City Council President, I have come to value the advice and help of Carol Reichman and Arthur Stoliar. I am proud to be supporting them for Democratic State Committee.”

—ANDREW STEIN
City Council President



“Our community needs experienced neighborhood leaders like VRDC candidates Carol Reichman and Arthur Stoliar, to keep the druggies and all-night revelers out from under our windows. The VRDC leadership has played a big role in cleaning up our neighborhood. Their opponents worry more about drug dealers’ concerns than about ours.”

—DIANE WHELTON
President, Washington Square West
Fourth Street Block Association



“Arthur Stoliar and Carol Reichman will be effective voices on the Democratic State Committee for liberal values and badly needed ethical reforms in our political system. And they know the problems of Lower Manhattan well.”

—VIRGINIA KEE
Democratic State
Committeewoman, 1978-1986



“Carol and Arthur have real records and real roots in this community. Arthur helped lead the fight to keep Robert Moses from bulldozing the West Village, and he was one of the first to sound the alarm against Westway. Carol has been a longtime activist for new and better schools, and an important force on Community Board 2.”

—CAROL GREITZER
City Council Member



“Arthur Stoliar and I have worked together successfully on many community issues. We fought an Urban Renewal project and showed that affordable housing (West Village Houses) could be built without displacing anyone. We were together

in stopping the Lower Manhattan Expressway and Westway. Together with others, we achieved the designation of the Greenwich Village Historic District. I enthusiastically endorse Arthur for Democratic State Committee.”

—JANE JACOBS
Author, *The Death and Life of
Great American Cities*



“Arthur and Carol each have decades of experience in the Democratic Party and in community involvement and leadership. They know how to play hardball as well as how to negotiate and compromise. They’ve worked hard for our neighborhoods and they deserve your vote.”

—LIZ SHOLLENBERGER
Democratic District Leader
Village Reform Democratic Club



“Carol Reichman is an extremely conscientious member of Community Board #2. She puts in long hours, attends endless meetings and conscientiously looks after the interests of our community.”

—ANTHONY HOFFMANN
Democratic District Leader
Village Independent Democrats
January 1986

Democrats Vote **HARRY FOTOPoulos** *Congress — 17th Cong. Dist.*

SENIOR CITIZENS: With the financial crush of inflation they cannot afford rent increases. In addition to getting help for rent and housing, our senior citizens must have free transportation on buses and trains. The incumbent's neglect of our elderly has taken away the dignity and security they rightly deserve. This must be changed with new leadership!

DRUGS AND CRIME — Our young people buy drugs in the streets — day and night — right in front of us. There isn't even the beginning of an attempt to stop this. Our children, our families and this community are being destroyed and the incumbent's inability to initiate effective action helps the drug dealers!

HOUSING — We must build permanent housing for families with children as well as for single homeless people. There are no adequate programs now underway to meet this vital need!

SCHOOLS — Our children cannot read and are not being taught the basics of education. We must demand improved teaching methods and curriculum for the schools that need it. Teachers whose students achieve outstanding grades should receive bonuses.

I am seeking elective office — as your representative — because I deeply believe in the future of this community and this city. I am committed to stopping the decay and the deterioration brought about by the incumbents. We remember a time when things were better; when schools were places where our children would learn and prepare for responsibility; when the streets were not the jungles they have since become — ruled by drug lords (in fact, the mayor and most of the elected officials have actually given the streets of this city over to these drug lords). **WE MUST ACT NOW TO STOP THE TERRIBLE PROBLEMS WHICH THE INCUMBENTS HAVE BROUGHT US.**



Harry Fotopoulos
Candidate for Congress, 17th C.D.

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WATERFRONT WORRIES

When we finally defeated Westway in 1985, Villagers breathed a collective sigh of relief. Unfortunately, the battle for an accessible waterfront was just beginning, and, as your district leader, I am working through various channels to obtain a beautiful and historically appropriate Hudson River waterfront. Both Governor Cuomo and Mayor Koch have promised us an esplanade, but for such a plan to be meaningful, it can't be chipped away at by other unharmonious waterfront uses.

THE PRISON BARGE . . . The City Corrections Department plans, beginning in August, to dock a floating prison facility at Pier 40, one which would house nearly 400 convicted work-release criminals. This barge would be not only a blight on the landscape but a serious safety problem and a potential threat to the community's parking on the pier, one of the few reasonably priced parking options in the West Village.

My club—the VRDC—and I are organizing the community to lobby both the State (which owns the pier) and the City (which controls the barge) to stop this outrage. If you, too, would like to join with me in fighting the barge, return the coupon within and you'll be on the mailing/phone list for action against the barge.

THE MORTON STREET PATH TOWERS . . . As if the prison barge weren't enough, the Port Authority would like to erect a set of twin towers at the foot of Morton Street. (No, not the size of the World Trade Center, but much too tall for the waterfront!) These tall towers, planned for ventilation and for emergency exits, could, at nominal extra cost, be built at ground level or nearly so. We can be sure that if such transit vents or exits were needed on Park Avenue or Central Park West, no one would be planning to save a few dollars at the expense of the community sensibilities.

The Federation to Save the Greenwich Village Waterfront has been leading the charge against these unnecessary eyesores, and I have been an active worker—as a volunteer, as a strategist, and as an attorney—in their fight. Please return the enclosed coupon if the PATH towers are a major concern of yours, and I'll keep you filled in on what you can do to help.

NOHO AND THE EAST VILLAGE SAY 'ENOUGH'!

BASTA, the East Village/Lower East side group which so successfully led the fight to stop the proposed First Street shelter, is now suing the City in an attempt to humanize the Third Street facility and clean up the conditions on surrounding blocks, where drug dealing, other crime, peddling and panhandling are rampant. Currently, the building at 8 East Third Street and the nearby City-owned Kenton Hotel are the waystations for hundreds of homeless men who are processed and fed in our neighborhood. Because these men have nowhere to go between meals or while awaiting a bed assignment, they and those who prey on them fill the surrounding streets.

I am a plaintiff in the BASTA lawsuit and am working with BASTA on various other levels to clean up the area affected by the concentration of homeless men dumped in our community. If you'd like more information on BASTA, the lawsuit, or opportunities for involvement with that coalition, send in the coupon inside.

SIDEWALK USAGE— PEDESTRIANS FIRST

New York sidewalks are, at times, a hodge-podge of activity: diners at sidewalk cafes sip their cappuccino, while a child buys a pretzel from a vendor a block away. One person hands over a dollar to the newsstand operator, while another feeds coins into the corner newsbox. Delightful? Yes, unless there's no longer space for the most important sidewalk users—pedestrians. This winter, Save Our Sidewalks, a coalition of community groups concerned about sidewalk access, began to address some of the problems that send

walkers into the traffic.

Save Our Sidewalks, chaired by VRDC president Tim James, had a rally in early April to call attention to the virtual take-over of parts of Eighth Street, Saint Marks Place and Second Avenue by peddlers, nearly all unlicensed, who spread their wares over nearly every square inch of sidewalk space. The group, too, has lobbied to rid our street corners of the omni-present Learning Annex boxes, those metal dispensers of advertising which seem to be chained to every lamppost. If you're interested in getting involved or in obtaining more information send in the attached coupon.

TENANT SUCCESSION

You or someone you love may be just a heartbeat away from eviction. Until recently, a rent-stabilized lease protected both the leaseholder and the leaseholder's immediate family, if those family members shared the apartment. If the leaseholder died or moved away, the spouse or other family member had a legal right to remain in the apartment they'd called home. A February appellate court ruling changed all that, and held that only the person whose name is on the lease has any rights to the apartment. Unless Albany acts, landlords will have the legal right to throw widows and widowers into the streets by the thousands.

Although there are several pieces of legislation pending now that would cure this inequity, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried's bill is a particularly good one, in that it would protect not only family members but other non-related household members, such as roommates or unmarried lovers. Write to our state legislators, urging them to act quickly.

For more information about this legislation or other tenant related matters, please fill out the coupon in this newsletter.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK—FEWER DEALERS NOW AND BETTER PLAYGROUNDS COMING

Cleaning up Washington Square Park and the surrounding neighborhoods has been a major focus of my and my club's efforts in the past few years. The relative success we now see was due to a coordinated effort from us in the political arena, from concerned parents and other area residents, and from NYU, whose campus surrounds the park. This year, the VRDC honored five local activists whose work was indispensable to the clean-up. Diane Whelton, Lucy Carney, Sheila Haas, Meryl Lutsky, and Carole Challed each received the VRDC's community service award for their courageous community leadership. Back in 1986, when the district leader from the rival local club was calling all of us "low-life pot-bangers" for our sometimes confrontational ventures into the park to demand that the drug dealers leave, we knew we'd have the last laugh.

Removing drug dealers is, of course, just one necessary step in making the park one we can all be proud of. Diane Whelton is currently chairing a sub-committee of the Community Board #2 Parks Committee which will focus on improving and renovating the play areas of the park. I, too, am on this sub-committee, and I welcome input from parents in the area as to how this park—or others—can better serve you and your children. There will be a public hearing in the fall regarding sprucing up the Bleecker Street playground, and I welcome your comments now.

CRIME RATE DOWN OVER LAST YEAR

The good news is that our neighborhood—overall—is a safer place to be than it was last year, in part due to the additional police we lobbied for and obtained, allotted from outside the precinct to deal with drug-dealing, freeing up local officers for other crimes. The bad news is that the area is still not as safe as small-town America, but there are concrete steps you can take to avoid being a victim.

First, your precinct can visit your apartment and, for free, offer advice on how to make it "burglar-proof." To schedule an appointment, just call your precinct.

Next, if you drive or if visitors drive to see you, remember that car break-ins are on the rise. They accounted for a full 20% of the crimes reported in the 6th precinct. Don't leave anything in the back seat. The thief may not realize until after he's done hundreds of dollars of damage to your windshield that the bundle in the car is only a \$9 sweater. Quiet residential blocks with few storefronts are where your car and its contents will be at the highest risk.

Finally, if your block is in the midst of a special crime epidemic, whether it's drugs or prostitution or burglaries, it's time to organize. Citizen foot patrols, lobbying the precinct for more attention, and other group efforts will succeed where you individually may not be able to. For example, in response to a great increase in crack-dealing in the 9th and 13th precincts, East Villagers Against Crack (EVAC) has formed and is conducting citizen foot patrols, calling press attention to the area's problems, lobbying for better lighting, and working with police to close crack houses. Villagers Against Crime, which I've worked with on various projects, was originally organized to fight street prostitution and has since focused on burglaries and other crimes in the far West Village as well. Their court-monitoring activities are well-known among criminal court judges. Many voices speak more loudly than one, so if you need help organizing a group, please call on me.

BIAS-RELATED VIOLENCE

In the wake of recent widely-publicized violence against Asians, Indian immigrants, gays, blacks, and other groups, there has been a strong push for legislation which would treat certain crimes involving bias on the basis of ethnicity, race, or sexual orientation more seriously, meting out additional punishment. Leaders of the Republican-controlled State Senate have threatened to block any legislation including mentions of anti-gay violence. Indeed, there is strong pressure on Democrats from some sectors to "compromise" by ignoring gay-bashing.

Join me in writing to our legislators, urging them not to settle for half a loaf. Here in Lower Manhattan, anti-gay violence may indeed be the biggest single bias-related criminal activity, and those who engage in it deserve to be dealt with severely.



Caring Community Executive Director Janet Weinberg and I are serving senior citizens at an ecumenical seder held at Our Lady of Pompeii.

TWO LONG-TIME VILLAGE LEADERS SEEK PARTY POSTS

This year the Village Reform Democratic Club and I are supporting two proven community leaders who seek to represent the neighborhood on the Democratic State Committee, and I want to introduce them to you.

CAROL REICHMAN has been active in the Village since she moved to 12th Street in 1963. When her three children were small, she founded the Washington Square Park Council, a parents' group concerned about safe, accessible play space. As the president of both the PS 41 PTA and, later, the IS 70 PTA and as the head of the Parents' Council of Community School Board #2, Carol has fought for quality public education for area children. She's particularly proud of her role in reopening the former Charles Evans Hughes High School as the High School for the Humanities, in the creation of P.S. 3, and in keeping open the Independence Plaza School. Carol, a working parent, well understands the importance of day care and will be a strong voice on the State Committee for increased funding for quality child care.

Carol has also been a spokesperson for more rational development policies in the city. For the last eight years, she's been a member of Community Board #2 and of its Zoning and Institutions Committees. Carol is also a charter member of the zoning subcommittee of Community Board #2 examining ways to protect the West Side waterfront from overdevelopment. No stranger to zoning issues, Carol was a prime mover in the '70's in having SoHo rezoned to allow artists to live and work in then-abandoned manufacturing buildings, and she's worked to protect the concept of artists' housing ever since.

ARTHUR STOLIAR has played a major role in shaping today's Village. Were it not for his efforts and the efforts of his like-minded cohorts, the West Village Houses would not exist and our community would be criss-crossed with expressways. Arthur's first venture into community activism was through the West Village Committee, which he presided over from 1964 through 1966. There, he lobbied against City Hall and defeated an ill-conceived urban renewal plan. Instead, under his leadership, the West Village houses were built, to provide moderately priced apartments. Arthur was also a key figure in defeating the Lower Manhattan Expressway (which would have sent a huge volume of cross-town traffic through the South Village). For over a decade, Arthur led the Community Board #2's fight against Westway which would have placed a super-highway on our Hudson river waterfront and also, with massive landfill, would have been an ecological disaster.

Arthur, an active member of Community Board #2 in the 1960's, the 1970's, and the 1980's, served as its chair for two years. As a Board member, Arthur chaired the Traffic, Transportation and Waterfront Committee; with this experience, he'll be an articulate spokesperson for the needs and desires of Villagers and mass-transit users.

Carol and Arthur will bring to the State Committee compassion for tenants, for crime victims, for small businesses and small property-owners, for parents and children, for gay men and lesbians, and for all of us who need reasoned liberals speaking for us in setting an agenda for our party.



Arthur Stoliar, Carol Reichman and I are examining details in a beautiful brownstone in the Greenwich Village Historic District.

RETURN COUPON

Please mail to Village Reform Democratic Club
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Check all that apply:

I would like to be part of an action-alert mailing list, to be notified about upcoming hearings or meetings regarding:

- the proposed prison barge
- the PATH towers
- BASTA, EVAC, or Villagers Against Crime (circle one)
- Noise in your neighborhood
- Washington Square Park's playgrounds
- sidewalk usage and mis-usage

I would like more information about the following:

- BASTA's efforts to clean up the area around the Third Street facility for homeless men
- The Federation to Preserve the Waterfront
- tenant succession legislation in Albany
- information about the rights of rent-stabilized tenants
- recycling
- bias-related violence legislation
- services provided to the elderly in this community—meals, social opportunities, home repairs, etc.
- Carol Reichman's and Arthur Stoliar's State Committee campaign

WHAT PROBLEM OR PROBLEMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE VILLAGE REFORM DEMOCRATIC CLUB ADDRESS IN THE NEXT YEAR? _____

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IS YOUR FLOOR SHAKING FROM UNWANTED NOISE?

Because the Village has so many night spots operating in heavily populated residential areas, I have been a vocal opponent of various proposals brought by night-club lobbyists to weaken the city's cabaret laws. (Indeed, the musician's union, the other group which profits financially from Villagers' sleepless nights, opposed my reelection, supporting instead VID candidates who would cater to their desire for late-night freedom to make noise.) Despite my and other anti-noise advocates' best efforts, the courts issued a decision allowing any number of musicians to play in any restaurant or bar in the city. In the wake of that awful decision, City Council bills are being drafted to address night-time noise.

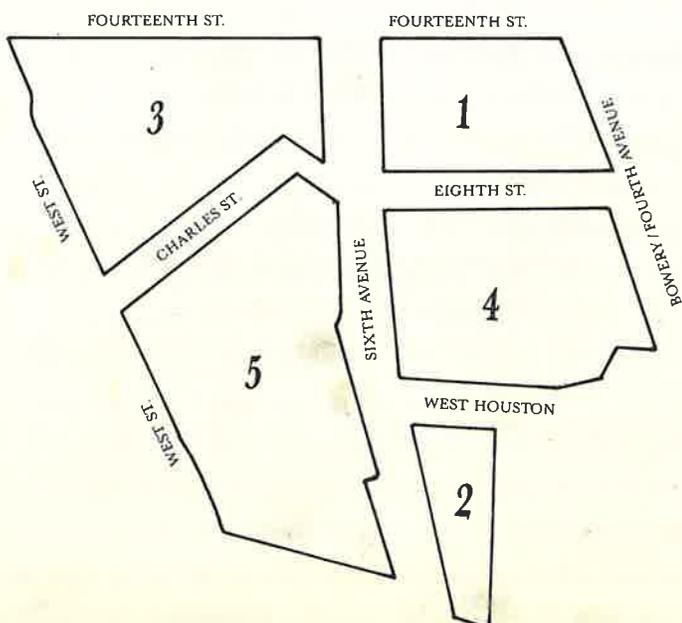
One plan would tie the right to play music late at night to the zoning of the area. Residential areas would, of course, be more heavily protected. This sounds like a promising start, but, unfortunately, zoning code changes apply only to new businesses. Noise trouble spots already in existence might well be permitted to continue indefinitely. Unless this problem is addressed, the zoning approach is not a total answer to the problem.

On a more positive note, because the Council must act—and quickly—on this matter, whatever legislation emerges will no doubt cover both noise made by live musicians and that produced mechanically. Under previous laws, it was more difficult to get rid of a loud radio than a string quartet.

There will be hearings this summer on the various legislative approaches to regulating when and where music can be played. I'll be there, representing Villagers who like to sleep at night. If you'd like more information on this issue or want to be on a mailing list of people concerned about regulating late-night noise and crowds, let me know by filling out the coupon enclosed.

Place bundled newspapers at the curb after 8 PM on your area's designated night.

- Area 1—Sunday
- Area 2—Tuesday
- Area 3—Wednesday
- Area 4—Thursday
- Area 5—Friday



RECYCLING COMES TO ALL OF COMMUNITY BOARD #2

The West Village has been the site for an experiment in recycling. For the last year or so, West Village residents have been voluntarily leaving tons of newspaper each week at the curbside, demonstrating to the City that incineration need not be the only answer to the City's overwhelming trash problems. As of mid-June, everyone west of the Bowery/Fourth Avenue will be participating in the newspaper recycling project. See the map for your area's pick-up day. Remember, the more we all voluntarily recycle, the smaller the chance that we'll be burdened with a soot-spewing incinerator returning to the Gansevoort Pier or other nearby locations.

For more information about the City's recycling program or about The Village Green Recycling Team, a private, not-for-profit effort at recycling glass and plastic as well as paper, please return the coupon in this newsletter.

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In Defense of Activism

To Sherri Donovan, neighborhood activist and legal tigrress of commercial rent arbitration, there is little difference between family and community — the latter is really just an extension of that first social unit.

Consequently, the young lawyer — based in the Village but active in neighborhoods throughout the city — can hardly number the friends she has collected in her brief political life. But they are of two types — staunch activists like herself and the neighborhood "charac-

ters" they cherish. "I love people — I like characters," Donovan says, reeling off an assortment — including the 64-year-old Italian store owner down the street, the Asian political activist and mother, and the eminences grises of neighborhood preservation from Manhattan communities.

Fellow activists are, without question, her enlightened peers. Of the ubiquitous Steve Null, director of the citywide Coalition for Fair Business Rents, she says: "It's ageless — these are

high energy, passionate people. Steve Null, for one, never stops. We all inspire each other just by sitting around and talking to one another."

Donovan, who, at 27, is a former district leader from the Village, has just started her own law firm with another woman, also in her mid-twenties, to focus solely on their quickly acquired specialties — for Donovan, housing and entitlement cases and commercial rent arbitration, and for her partner and

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fellow New York Law School graduate, Jenny Lim, a Chinese woman from Malaysia, immigration cases in Chinatown.

In her two years out of law school, where she concentrated in public interest law, she worked first for Newark Legal Services and then represented a building services union. In her spare time, she was roaming around the Village, finding out about local issues and controversies, and occasionally offering her services to those embroiled in them.

"I'm out in the community every night, and I started getting a lot of calls for legal advice," Donovan said, "so I decided it was a good idea to start the firm." She proudly boasts that hers may be the only all-female law firm in the city.

The case of Gilbert Rodriguez, a Village man in his 60s recently facing eviction, is a good example of her neighborhood work, which she often offers gratis.

While unable to keep Rodriguez permanently in his apartment, Donovan has won him one and a half years of free rent before he will have to make a move to public housing. And on the way, she said, she has made another friend.

"Just by representing him in court, I feel very close to his family — we live in the same community and we care for each other. I drop by to play computer games with his four-year-old son on week-ends."

Her most prominent role to date, perhaps, is that of counsel to the Coalition for Fair Business Rents. Donovan describes it as a "fight on a daily basis — a daily strategizing."

Many of her calls are from small stores that are facing as

much as 300 percent rent increases, and whose space, she says, typically "stays vacant or becomes a fancy boutique in a wealthy neighborhood" or becomes "a drug joint in a poor neighborhood."

The commercial rent arbitration bill introduced last year by City Council Member Ruth Messinger now sits idly before the Council, unable to break free of the conservative Economic Development Committee.

Council members, a large number of whom originally favored the bill on general principles, have been less overtly supportive recently, apparently reluctant to buck the Mayor's promised veto.

The key figure in the rent debate and the object of much of her lobbying effort, Council Majority Leader Peter Vallone, has been particularly resistant, Donovan said.

The office of Jerome O'Donovan, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, has also received visits from the young lawyer, in which she rebuts the legal arguments of committee members.

"They love using the legal as a smokescreen. Basically, I'm fighting with the big real estate law firms. But whenever they come up with legal arguments, I answer them."

Donovan, who helped write Messinger's rent bill, described the first negative reply to rent arbitration, the claim that it interfered with property rights, as an easy target.

"Every law interferes," she blithely noted, adding that the second wave of opposition, recently offered, should die as easily.

Their second argument — they don't talk about the first

anymore — is that the City legislators are not empowered. I hope this is the last hoop, because I think they've run out of excuses."

Lately, Donovan has spent much of her time dealing with what she and others see as the solution to community empowerment — Charter Revision. She hopes to establish a role for community boards that is greater than the present advisory one, and to obtain technical assistance funds for community groups.

In the Village and Chelsea, where residents have come up with local zoning plans to counter high-rise development, impoverished local groups have been unable to pay the immense fees for required environmental impact studies.

"These should be the primary goals of charter reform, which is for communities the only chance of preservation."

Donovan, who grew up in the suburbs but carried with her early childhood memories of "people living on the streets and drinking out of paper bags," said she can't really explain her passionate devotion to community service.

"I just always knew I wanted to help," is about the best she can do.

"The community is like a family," she said.

"Everything that happens in the neighborhood affects us all the same — old, gay, Italian, Spanish — so, basically, we have a lot in common.

"For some, these community efforts enable us to live in [diversified] places where we can stay open-minded, but for others, it's the right to survive."

— Tracey Regan

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