

You May Have Received an Anonymous Piece of Literature Attacking Liz Shollenberger and Tim James

There's a reason why it's anonymous.

It's a smear.

This anonymous "attack" piece, not identified as the work of any local club or candidate, was apparently paid for with unreported money from some off-the-books political slush fund. It accuses Liz and Tim of being in Ed Koch's pocket, of being anti-tenant, of absenteeism from meetings and so forth. It is so filled with obvious falsehoods that even Liz's and Tim's opponents at the VID have disassociated themselves from the piece, and claimed they had nothing to do with it.

For example:

The anonymous authors say:

Liz and Tim represent a club that "was started by and is owned by Ed Koch."

The anonymous authors say:

Liz was absent at a majority of the meetings of the Democratic County Executive Committee.

The anonymous authors say:

Liz and Tim are anti-tenant and pro-landlord.

The truth is:

Far from being "owned by" Ed Koch, Tim's and Liz's club, the Village Reform Democratic Club (VRDC), has refused to endorse Koch, a fact widely reported in the press. What's more, Koch has never even been a member of the VRDC. Rather, he was a founder of the rival club, the VID.

The truth is:

She'd do it again, too. The "Executive" meetings are once-monthly gabfests where District Leaders and other pols shoot the breeze or pass non-binding resolutions on issues of the day. **Liz often skipped those meetings because they were regularly scheduled against the monthly meetings of Community Board 2 here in the Village, of which Liz is a member and an officer. Don't you think she made the right choice?**

The truth is:

Liz and Tim have a long record of service to tenants. They started the VRDC tenant clinic, and have authored legislation protecting tenants. Liz, a tenants' lawyer, runs an anti-eviction program in the South Bronx.

And so on. The rest of the charges are of similar caliber.

Even Tim's opponent, Tony Hoffmann, disowned the piece and called it "trash."

File it with the rest of your trash, and vote on the *real* issues. Vote on the record of Liz Shollenberger and Tim James, and elect them as our District Leaders on Tuesday, September 12.

LIZ SHOLLENBERGER and TIM JAMES

WORKING FOR THE EAST VILLAGE

COMBATTING CRIME

Drugs are, sadly, making every neighborhood in the city more dangerous. When drug dealers, prostitutes, and fences attempt to take the streets away from ordinary citizens, Liz and Tim fight back.

When drug dealing threatened to overrun NoHo, Liz and Tim worked closely with the emergent block association to make the streets safer. Similarly, they've been a valuable resource for other block and neighborhood associations. They're both members of East Villagers Against Crack (EVAC), a neighborhood information and patrol group, and have worked closely with the 9th Precinct and with Operation Pressure Point.

PUTTING THE BRAKES ON SHELTER CHAOS

When the City tried to install yet another shelter for homeless men on First Street, just two blocks from the Third Street Shelter, Liz and Tim joined with BASTA (Before Another Shelter Tears us Apart) in the successful fight against the dumping of additional homeless in an area already doing more than its fair share.

Because of the chaotic management and serious overcrowding in the Third Street Shelter and other HRA facilities in the neighborhood, the surrounding neighborhood was seeing drug-dealing, panhandling, and other anti-social behavior and was suffering from the City's late-night bus noise, mishandled garbage and consequent rats. Liz and Tim have worked with BASTA in its efforts to force a clean-up of the area. As head of the BASTA Legal Committee, Liz played a key role in winning the City's tentative agreement to convert Third Street from a city-wide processing center for thousands to a self-contained shelter for a manageable number of men. She was a plaintiff in the BASTA lawsuit against the Mayor, seeking to improve conditions in and around the shelter.

COMMERCIAL RENT PROTECTION

Liz and Tim view our neighborhood service shops as the backbone of the community. Individual entrepreneurs make better neighbors than national chain-store outlets. Tim and Liz support Ruth Messinger's bill affording rent protection to such stores, and Liz has testified before both the Mayor's Commission on Commercial Rents and the City Council.

MAKING MASS TRANSIT ACCESSIBLE: ASTOR PLACE

After the 1985-1986 renovation of the Astor Place subway station, which included permanently closing the dank and dangerous tunnel that connected the uptown and downtown sides of the station, downtown travelers were frequently inconvenienced and infuriated by the absence of token clerks at most off-peak hours and even some rush-hour times. The floor-to-ceiling turnstiles turned away the tokenless or, worse, ate the tokens without admitting the passengers.

Liz persuaded the Transit Authority to give the Astor Place riders a 24-hour token clerk on both the uptown and downtown sides, improving rider safety and convenience.

SIDEWALKS ARE FOR WALKING

In certain parts of our neighborhood, notably on St. Mark's Place and on Second Avenue, street vendors have taken over so much of the sidewalk that pedestrians are forced into the streets. Tim and Liz have worked with the St. Mark's Block Association, the Second Avenue Taskforce of Community Board 3 and the 9th Precinct to find solutions to the problems.

Tim and Liz have also worked to get legislation introduced into the City Council to deal with the particular problem of street vendors who spread out books and magazines over three-quarters of the sidewalk and then claim the protection of the First Amendment. Tim founded and chairs Save Our Sidewalks (SOS), a group dedicated to keeping our sidewalks passable.

FIGHTING NIGHTCLUB FALLOUT

Liz and Tim have worked hard to address the problems caused by late-night clubs in residential neighborhoods.

Liz and Tim aided the neighborhood's effort to get traffic regulations changed on Fourth Avenue to prohibit right turns into 14th Street, to alleviate the traffic congestion and resulting noise and air pollution caused by taxis cruising around the Palladium. As members of their Community Board's subcommittee on the cabaret laws, they succeeded in winning Community Board opposition to proposed amendments that would deregulate nearly all nightspots, even those in residential buildings.

East Village
for the
District Leaders

TIM JAMES

and

LIZ SHOLLENBERGER




The candidates for Mayor all promise they'll save the whole city. But when the voting is over, who'll be looking out for the East Village?

Village Reform Democratic Club
60 East 9th Street/Suite 533
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"District Leader Liz Shollenberger and Tim James give their all to their community. Their savvy, their dedication, and their long hours of community service get results for the East Village. Liz and Tim pay attention to the quality of life and crime issues that their opponents ignore. The East Village couldn't have a better pair of District Leaders!"

Andrew Stein
City Council President



"I've known and worked with District Leader Liz Shollenberger and Tim James for more than a decade, and rarely have I seen such enthusiastic, intelligent community activism. Their hard work has entitled them to your vote. Liz and Tim have helped to draft legislation protecting renters and have used their legal skills to assist persons with AIDS and to prevent dozens of evictions."

Carol Greitzer
Councilwoman



"Tim James and Liz Shollenberger won our endorsement because they have been there for gay men and lesbians when it has mattered, through the passage of the Gay Rights Bill and the community's losses to AIDS over the last few years. They've joined in the fight for domestic partnership rights. They've devoted time to our causes and put their money where their mouth is, too. We need their commitment, their caring, and their leadership in the 1990's."

Marty Algaze
President, Stonewall Democratic Club

"Tim James and Liz Shollenberger have been consistent and resourceful fighters in the battle for equal rights for women, for legal abortion, and for workplace equity. They've earned the support of all women; they've earned our trust."

Carole A. DeSaram
President, National Organization for Women
New York City Chapter, 1974-1976

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RE-ELECT **LIZ SHOLLENBERGER** ELECT **TIM JAMES**

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
Tuesday, September 12, 1989



LIZ SHOLLENBERGER is the Village's Female District Leader and an officer of Community Board 2, to which she was appointed in 1986 by Borough President David Dinkins. She serves on its Parks Committee and its Sidewalk Access and Sidewalk Usage Committees.

Liz, a tenants' attorney by profession, has also used her legal skills in her work as a volunteer in her club's tenant clinic, and in doing legal work for not-for-profit groups like the Caring Community and the Coalition for the Homeless. She has pursued appeals for death-row inmates in Florida.

Liz was a founder of the Village Reform Democratic Club and its first president. With Bill Bowser, she chairs Ban the Barge, which has raised tens of thousands of dollars to fight the prison barge on the Hudson. She is on the National Board of Americans for Democratic Action and chairs the legal action committee of BASTA, a group dedicated to improving conditions in and around the Third Street Men's Shelter.

Liz is on the advisory board of Friends of LaGuardia Place and is a founding member of both Save the Village and Save the Piers as well as a long-time member of Common Cause and ACLU. For several years running she was named to the honor roll of the National Organization for Women's local chapter. She is on the Advisory Board of Transit Riders in Pursuit, a transit advocacy group. Liz also belongs to the Bar Association for Human Rights, the Greenwich Village Coalition Against Nuclear Arms, the West Village Committee, East Villagers Against Crack and the Washington Square Association.

LIZ and TIM ON THE ISSUES

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Liz and Tim believe that protecting a woman's right to choose whether and when to bear children will be the issue of the 1990's. They are committed to keeping abortion legal and safe — with the public funding necessary to guarantee poor women the same rights as wealthy ones.

Liz and Tim, long-time supporters of pro-choice candidates and organizations, have the support of the founding president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, Carol Greitzer.

TENANTS' RIGHTS

Liz, a tenants' lawyer, currently heads an anti-eviction program in the South Bronx.

Here in the Village, Liz, Tim and other club lawyers have helped numerous tenants facing eviction, harassment, and lack of services, through the VRDC's tenant clinic, established in 1984.

Tim authored the recently-adopted Civil Rights law which bans discrimination in housing based on one's lawful employment.

Because the courts have invalidated certain 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. Liz and Tim support legislative protection for family members and also for all remaining apartment residents, whether they lived in traditional family units or in other relationships.

Liz and Tim have recently helped draft City Council legislation which, when enacted, will give succession rights to all residents of City-owned housing, affording protection to tens of thousands of households.

LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS

Liz and Tim have both been warmly endorsed by the **Stonewall Democratic Club** and by the **New York Native**.

Liz and Tim worked for the 1985 passage of the City Gay Rights Bill and actively support similar legislation at the State and Federal levels.

Both Liz and Tim have spoken out for domestic partnership legislation which would grant spouse-like benefits and other rights to unmarried couples. Liz has worked with the Domestic Partnership Coalition in drafting this legislation.

Liz and Tim worked hard for the election of Bill Thom, New York City's first openly gay judge, and supported openly gay Richard Failla in his 1988 ascent to the state's Supreme Court.

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

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

At the NOW Legal Defense Fund, Tim worked on a historic lawsuit challenging sex discrimination in insurance.

A long-time supporter of Planned Parenthood, Liz was for several years named to the Honor Roll of the National Organization for Women's local chapter.

Tim, as a Human Rights Commissioner, initiated an investigation into sex discrimination in the public schools in Rye, New York.

AIDS

Liz, as a volunteer with Gay Men's Health Crisis, and Tim, as a private attorney, have provided free legal representation to persons with AIDS.

Because so many in our community have died and are dying, Liz and Tim 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, Liz and Tim are dedicated to establishing humane alternatives to unnecessary hospitalization.



TIM JAMES, an attorney in private practice, has worked for Village interests for years — as an aide to Council Member Carol Greitzer, as a member of Community Board 2, and as a leader in the Village Reform Democratic Club, of which he is now president. From 1981 to 1984, he worked in the City's Community Assistance Unit, providing support to community groups and helping to make Community Boards more effective.

Tim, a Democratic County Committeeman for 12 years, has long been active in Democratic politics. He was elected as a Kennedy delegate to the 1980 Democratic National Convention, and in 1984 headed Villagers for Mondale. Since 1986, he has been a member of the National Board of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), the nation's leading liberal advocacy group.

In 1973, Tim wrote *Watergate Scorecard*, a handbook for viewers of the Congressional hearings. More recently, he authored a history of the anti-Westway movement. His articles on political topics have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Newsday* and the *Village Voice*.

As a member of Community Board 2, appointed by Borough President David Dinkins, Tim has served on the Environmental Committee and the Traffic, Transportation and Waterfront Committee. He is also Chairperson of Save Our Sidewalks (SOS), a local group organized to combat the sidewalk congestion that makes many Village streets unwalkable.

Tim is a member of the National Organization for Women, the West Village Committee, the ACLU, the Greenwich Village Coalition Against Nuclear Arms, Save the Village, East Villagers Against Crack, the Washington Square Association, and the National Writers Union.

POLITICAL REFORM

When party bosses (including Manhattan's Denny Farrell) blocked statewide reforms that would have prohibited conflicts of interest by party leaders, Tim and Liz initiated the drive to get those reforms adopted by the Manhattan party. Those reforms have been endorsed by such good-government groups as Citizens Union and Americans for Democratic Action (NYC Chapter). Their opponents have opposed adoption of such reforms.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Liz and Tim have worked to combat homelessness by spearheading the Village petition drive in support of the Family Right to Shelter Act and by helping homeless people to get out of the shelters and into permanent housing, in conjunction with the Partnership for the Homeless. Both volunteered in the successful 1988 Harvesting for the Homeless project.

THE VILLAGE REFORM DEMOCRATIC CLUB HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS:

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| Mayor | Borough President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO ENDORSEMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUTH MESSINGER |
| City Council President | City Council, Third District |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANDREW STEIN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAROL GREITZER |
| Comptroller | Female District Leader |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JERROLD NADLER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIZ SHOLLENBERGER |
| District Attorney | Male District Leader |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROBERT MORGENTHAU | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TIM JAMES |

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Tuesday, September 12

6 a.m.-9 p.m. 1989

You may tear this out and take it to the polls with you.