

To the Voters of Essex County:

ALL CHANGE COMES FROM THE PASSION OF INDIVIDUALS

In 2008, I began questioning the cost of the deer hunts in our Reservations. The County Executive, Joe DiVincenzo, led us to believe that these 'hunts a/k/a slaughters' were free. They were not. It would have been less expensive and less traumatic if we spayed/neutered or inoculated the deer. After two years of Open Public Records Act requests, I have come to learn that you cannot expect our elected County officials to listen to you...it is time to stand up for yourself. We had 4,000 signatures against the deer hunt and none of the town mayors and councils listened or cared, nor did the County Executive. I have also come to learn of the spending patterns of Mr. DiVincenzo. It is for these reasons, that I have decided to run against him.

The towns in Essex County pay approximately 23% of their property taxes to the County of Essex. Are you aware of how our money is spent? Listed below are some examples:

...\$4.7 million for a miniature golf course in West Orange, costing us over \$6 million in principal and interest, obtained through a 15 year loan. Why do we need this expense now? We have an 18 hole miniature golf course less than 1.5 miles away in Roseland;

... \$16 million Parks Department Budget when we are outsourcing another \$6 million to a contractor to maintain the parks. This contractor is a big donor to the campaign of the County Executive, Joe DiVincenzo;

...the \$108,645 salary for the Chief of Staff, whose only qualification is a former limousine driver;

...the \$5.6 million purchase of Kip's Castle in Verona. This property was obtained using Green Acres and Open Space money allegedly for a "park". In reality, this Castle a/k/a "park" is an office for the County of Essex. This "park" was purchased from another big donor to the campaign of the County Executive. It was appraised on the high end for \$4.7 million. The sellers even donated office furniture to this "park". Three and one half years later, those individuals I contacted from the State do not know that this "park" is not a "park" but County offices;

...\$7 million for plants;

...\$1.1 BILLION IN BOND DEBT.

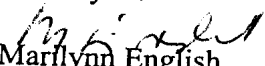
The question is: Why? Those individuals in charge of making financial decisions on the County level are the County Executive (the administration) and the Freeholders (the legislation). At this juncture, all of these individuals are Democrats. Based on my research and attendance at Freeholder meetings, there is never any discussion on spending; whatever the County Executive wants, gets approved. And we, the taxpayers

of Essex County are paying. Be aware citizens, when the professional politicians tell us something is "free" or part of some grant, grab your wallets!. Grants are not free...we, the taxpayers of Essex County pay dearly for the pet projects of the current County Executive and his friends and donors.

By saddling the taxpayers of Essex County with such an obscene burden of debt – and interest we must pay each year on that debt, Mr. DiVincenzo's out of control BORROW AND SPEND policies, especially when you add it to his equally obscene TAX AND SPEND record, is leading us into bankruptcy. We must learn to do more with less. We need to lower our tax burden and eliminate those County employees with two and three jobs. We need to eliminate donors who have contracts just because they donated to a campaign; when we have employees who can do the work.

Please visit our website: www.wethepeopleofessex.com and join us in the fight to bring the County of Essex back to the people. There are more non-affiliated registered voters in Essex County than Democrats or Republicans. If people vote, we can win this election. We need elected officials who are accountable to us; not to each other. We need to make Essex County affordable once again.

Thank you.


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