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As a current member of the City Council of the Borough of Raritan, I feel compelled to respond to issues which have been misstated by the candidates running for council this year, on the democratic ticket. I have read where they have been stated that the current city council is not functioning properly and the business of the community has been neglected. I can promise you the borough's business is absolutely a priority and all issues, major and minor are being addressed.

This past year we have promoted a new Chief of Police, a new Lieutenant of Police and elevated a new Sergeant of Police. We have agreed to construct a new community room addition to the town library, continued the reconstruction of Orlando drive, repaved many streets, assisted with the Basilone parade, continue the new tradition of Riverfest and the Charity event "Duck Race", re-instituted the Basilone Memorial bike race, voted on a new director and assistant director of recreation, stabilized the tax base, hired a new law firm to represent Raritan, enacted a new and more stringent housing ordinance, hired a new borough clerk, expanded the use of borough property for recreation, put up electronic speed signs, continued working with partners to develop the riverfront, continued the borough collection of garbage and bulk pickup, using county jail inmates, as labor, free of charge to the borough, etc. etc. etc. In addition, many more issues too numerous to list. As you can see, we have been taking care of the needs of the people and the community.

The issue was raised that we are all not in harmony seems to be some kind of problem for the democratic candidates. In my opinion, we should not ALL be in harmony and we should question and discuss everything when it comes to spending the taxpayers money and creating ordinances which affect the quality of life for all residents. The fact that we are not a rubber stamp council is a positive for the borough. It is what a competent council person should do and is elected to do.

We are working very hard to take care of business and we will continue to do so to with the help of Council Member Denise Carra and Council President Donald Tozzi. We fully understand our obligations to the borough and its citizens. Both Denise and Don need your vote to continue the unfinished job. I firmly believe that they are what are best for Raritan and its residents

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