

From the Desk Of:

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Dear Toms River Neighbor,

I am writing to address the issues raised in an anonymous letter you may have received last week from a fictitious organization going by TR Residents Against Overdevelopment, located at the UPS store on Hooper Ave.

First, let me say that if there was such an organization, I, and my fellow Republicans on the Township Council would be card carrying members. Together, we successfully fought to reduce the State/Court mandated affordable housing mandate, getting the demand reduced by almost 50% from 2400 units to 1285. Still too much, we can all agree, but a victory against the Trenton Democrats and the builders' lobby who have no regard for the quality of life in Toms River. Additionally, in partnership with our Freeholder colleagues, we have preserved over 400 acres of Open Space in Toms River during my tenure on the governing body.

Let me be clear. I am absolutely opposed to 2 acre zoning for houses of worship in Toms River. If the U. S. Justice Department demands that we implement such zoning, I will fight them in court. The allegation to the contrary in the anonymous letter is absolutely false.

Since my historic victory in the Republican primary on June 4, my integrity has been under a relentless attack by the Democrats and their fake news flacks. The anonymous letter is part of this vicious attack which I expect will continue through Election Day.

Let me state unequivocally, I have not and would never sell out Toms River to any special interest. That kind of dealing has never been part of my nature. I'm not about to compromise myself at this point of my life after a distinguished career of service in the United States Navy and as your councilman.

During the course of any political campaign, it is common for community groups to request candidates to sit for interviews or to answer questionnaires. I have been criticized for accepting such invitations from both the Toms River Jewish Community Council and Rise Up Ocean County, the controversial Facebook group. I answer all questions and inquiries honestly when contacted by Toms River residents and will continue to do the same as Mayor.

The specific allegations in the anonymous letter are hogwash. Many people have supported my campaign. Members of the business community, the Jewish community, the medical community and the educational community have contributed. Family, friends and neighbors have contributed. I never have and never will grant a favor for a political donation.

If I am fortunate enough to earn your vote and serve as your Mayor, I will conduct myself with the core values of the Navy – Courage, Honor and Commitment, as I have throughout my career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mo Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mo" and the last name "Hill" clearly distinguishable.