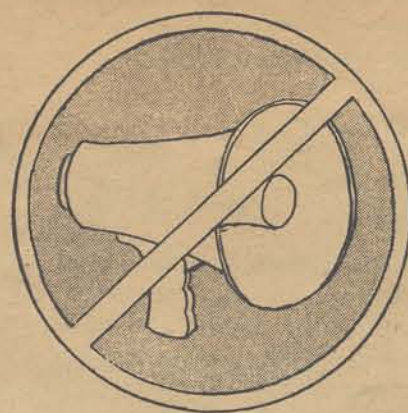




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An Open Letter To Hoboken Voters



This Tuesday, June 11th, each of us again will have the opportunity to vote for Mayor and Council Members to represent Hoboken for the next four years. Now, as this campaign finally comes to its close, I felt it important to send this message to you as you face your important task.

Our City has gone through some very positive changes over the past decade. I can remember when Hoboken was the butt of many jokes and a town that people started to flee from in the 1960's and early 1970's. When I was elected Mayor, my task was to make Hoboken a safe community and rebuild Hoboken again.

I was here in the bad times making tough decisions — some of which may have hurt me politically — but those decisions helped make Hoboken what it is today..... America's Comeback City!

Like those of you who had the courage to stay behind and help — and those of you who had the vision to come and help — I did not give up on Hoboken.

I believe that I have demonstrated the qualities of leadership, honesty and competence that a Mayor must possess. It is not raging rhetoric and hysterical antics that accomplish results in the real world. It is hard work and a daily commitment to good government.

And this is why I am confident that tomorrow's election results will send a loud and clear message to those who would have you believe that Hoboken is something other than the City that you and I have helped rebuild; a City whose residents cherish the traditional values of hard work, family and neighborhoods.

Your vote is needed if Hoboken is to remain a progressive, neighborhood community free from the fear that we could be pushed back in time. Back to the days when "decay" and "decline" were words so frequently associated with our beloved Hoboken.

I ask you, therefore, to again place your confidence in me and my team — as you have placed it in the past, and with your help, let us continue to work toward improving the quality of life for each of us in Hoboken.

Sincerely,
Steve Cappiello
Mayor

HEARD ON THE STREET

Tom Kennedy readying his policeman's uniform to rejoin his fellow policemen and Hoboken's finest on July 1...looks like Gerry Costa's attempts to lure him with offers of a newly created "police-related" position didn't work.

Vezzetti reportedly upset with Mickey Caulfield (Pat Caulfield's papa) for losing his district to Helen Macri's group. Could be that the bullhorn is really full of it....

Tit for tat time on the street...talk is that Vezzetti has a big skeleton in his closet. Seems that the Hoboken police responded to a call on December 14th, 1971 at 2:15 PM for an "emergency". Want to guess what it was? If you're curious about what happened at the Madison that day, the records are still on file at both St. Mary Hospital and the Hoboken Police Department.

Rocco Cavallo, past outspoken critic of the administration now has a sign in his window that shows support for Cappiello and his team...and he also insists that no "deals" were made and he fully intends to be back at his desk for as long as he's needed.

Big question of the day??? How can Vezzetti possibly promise so many people big jobs when these are the very jobs that he insists he will do away with? Jobs promised to date: Director of Public Safety — Vinnie Logan and Pasquale DeStefano and Edward Cuning, Director of Public Works — Jim Pasquale and "Lucky" Scerbo and Tom Luzzi, Business Administrator — Steve Block and Angelo Valente, Superintendent of Schools — Steve Block (again?), Director of CDA — Steve Block (wretched excess?). Guess they will have to have a raffle if they intend to do it fairly...

Street talk is that **Jean Forest** has been promised the 6th Ward Council seat if Vezzetti and Pasculli should win. Many of Forest's friends and supporters would be surprised if she were party to such a "deal"...not her at all.

Looks like the **Hispanics will take it on the chin** again if Vezzetti should win...he's promised his Second Ward seat to **Joey Della Fave** instead of **Jaime Munoz**. When he did it to **Jeanle Rodriguez** (Steve Block's pick) by selecting **Annette Illing**, the Vezzulli (Vezzetti/Pasculli) combine almost split for good...

Vezzetti camp frantically looking for endorsements — from any quarter! Only one of substance to date is **Roger Dorian's**. Dorian is the Republican freeholder who hasn't missed a chance yet to support McCann in his votes on the Freeholder Board.

Vezzetti accusations on Hoboken's infrastructure will ring hollow, many say, when public is informed about the success of Cappiello's negotiations with the Port Authority to date on that issue.

Heard after the debate at the High School...a screaming **Mrs. Cuning (Helen's mother)** in a loud diatribe about "the eighteen firemen" — one of which was her son — which were bumped by the State. Wags now smirk that the fact that her son missed appointments to both the Police and Fire Departments has made sister Helen so furious that she vowed to run and try to get revenge.

Port Authority fuming over Cappiello's insistence that 2200 units of "affordable housing" be part of their responsibility. **Cappiello** supporters gloating that the P.A. has not (and will not) bully Hoboken.

What's got the **local bartenders** all in a tizzy? Seems that some of Vezzetti's former "hotel guests" at Tom's fleabag, the old Madison Hotel, have been showing up with some of the "play

money" that **Tommie** used to give them when he cashed their Social Security and Unemployment checks. Since the "funny money" worked at the Madison for booze and sandwiches, they keep thinking that they will work in other bars.

Street memo to **Helen Cuning**.... "attending" college ain't graduating!

Another street memo to **Helen Cuning**... Question: How come so many of Pat's (Pasculli) cohorts plan to "bullet vote" for Pat and **hang you out to dry?**

Memo to **Pat Pasculli**... Sorry Councilman, even **you** have to have **building permits** (despite what your brother says and has done in the past).

Residents of Senior Citizens projects, Applied Housing, Church Towers, Clock Towers and all the Housing projects in the Western end of the City are **up in arms**...seems that Vezzetti and Pasculli are scheming to introduce a **FULL DISCLOSURE** ordinance that will require all these residents to disclose all details concerning their income...that means all property owned, bank accounts, salaries, and other income...a real bummer, many of these folks think...some say it will be used as a **tool to remove them** to make room for others more "in favor"...we'll see...

Washington Street is all a-buzz with rumors that an independent at-large candidate (who lives out of town) is under investigation by County Prosecutor's office. Seems that these are the **same ballots** that Vezzetti has been accusing Cappiello and his team of "fooling with". Someone should **get their facts straight** before they dish out the accusations.

Win or lose, Vezzetti has a **big campaign debt** to take care of. On the street, talk is that Stevie Block is going to have to do some fast "dealing" to help bail out the Vezzetti campaign. But how? **He** hasn't got the money, in fact, he hasn't worked in **two** years.

Guess his long-suffering wife is stuck with the breadwinning role while little Stevie plays at politics — the game he's loved since his college days at Williams where he was spokesman for "The Movement" (a radical student group).

Big concern for old-line Hoboken residents that Tuesday's election will be a repeat for them of the trouble they had on May 14th...pages were missing from District books, Board Workers who could barely read were liberally sprinkled throughout the City's polling places, voters had to sign affidavits to prove that they lived in Hoboken...all blamed (on the Street) on the **McCann/Vezzetti alliance**. (Justice for all?)

Many **Hoboken patriots** furious at the Vezzetti-Pasculli street-dancing scene that occurred in the Memorial Day Parade. Some are saying that little more could be expected from Vezzetti who has **refused** (on several occasions) to **salute the flag** at City Council meetings.

Street types **all a-giggle** about the Vezzetti/LaGuardia comparison. The "Little Flower" would whirl in his grave, they say, 'cause "he sure doesn't **smell like a flower**" — especially on hot days when he's been at the bullhorn for a few hours.

The Vezzetti camp reportedly concerned about numerous complaints from parents and school administrators following the **Vezzetti invasions** of the Public schools with a **bullhorn**. Seems he had to be escorted out each time. Not too smart, Tom. Colorful behaviour? Maybe not. Try Irresponsible.

Money wasted department...the "charm school" that the "Vezzullis" sent Tom to was evidently a big waste of time. Question: Who footed the bill for the new wardrobe? Street-wise folks guess that **Matty Burns** (McCann's confidante) has been a big factor in the coordination of this — and other — efforts that involve bucks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On Thurs., May 23, the annual Memorial Day Parade was held in Hoboken honoring our fallen heroes who gave up their lives for our country.

A disgraceful exhibition was put on along the line of march by Councilmen Tom Vezzetti and Patrick Pasculli using the parade for their political gain.

How can we, decent Americans, condone this comedy. The Memorial Day Parade is held to pay tribute to our fallen heroes — our young men who gave their lives for our country. I resent their lack of respect. I lost my brother during World War II. He is buried at Luxemborg. He gave his life as did many young men for our great country. I'm sure many decent Americans who watched the Memorial Day Parade, especially those who served our country and the families of those who made the supreme sacrifice, resent their disgraceful conduct.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, Councilman Tom Kennedy, and the other members of the City Council marched with dignity as did council candidate Helen Manogue.

Councilman Pasculli has stated that he is an educator. If this is a sign of the education he possesses — making mockery of the Memorial Day Parade with your gestures of the V-sign for

Victory. The same goes for Councilman Tom Vezzetti, but he doesn't know any better. I'm sure the families of our fallen heroes who made the supreme sacrifice did not think the Victory sign during this most solemn Memorial Day Parade tribute was appropriate. If you want a political parade, your supporters should stage it for your purpose, and not degrade the true purpose of our city's Memorial Day Parade.

*Disgusted Hoboken Resident
Annette Tortorella*

Dear Editor:

The Mayor and Council should be commended for their wisdom and farsightedness in hiring the financial analysis firm of Ernst and Whinney to represent the financial interests of the City of Hoboken in the negotiations with the Port Authority and developers concerning the City's riverfront property.

Ernst and Whinney is a highly regarded accounting and financial consultant and, together with the law firm of Sils Beck Cummis, which the City retained to negotiate its legal rights, will provide Hoboken with the finest professional expertise in the development of the waterfront.

Despite the propriety and good judgement exercised by the Mayor and Council in engaging this expertise on Hoboken's behalf, Councilman Thomas Vezzetti voted against Ernst and Whinney! He was the only councilman to do so, apparently being of the opinion that his simplistic rhetoric is a substitute for the hard financial and legal analysis that is necessary to

properly develop the riverfront.

Either Vezzetti is against the intelligent use of professional talent or he is against any development on our waterfront. Either position is reprehensible. Of course, there are those who would argue that Vezzetti simply didn't know what he was voting for. More and more, ignorance seems to be Vezzetti's best defense.

Mr. Nicholas Manente, Jr.

Dear Editor:

Having moved to Hoboken early last year, I am one of perhaps thousands of new residents who will be participating in the mayoral election this spring. I enjoy life in Hoboken and plan on remaining for the foreseeable future, and because of that I am taking a serious interest in this campaign.

There seems to be some criticism directed toward Mayor Cappiello and his administration, yet there seems to be an undercurrent of vagueness about it all. It's very, very easy to sling mud and hurl idle insults, and it's easy to make unsubstantiated accusations or imply wrongdoing by innuendo. Any intelligent voter can recognize a cheap shot. My initial impression is that the Mayor is being attacked for the very policies he should be praised for — the primary gripe seems to be Hoboken's rocketing urban revival.

What the critics of growth do not realize, or perhaps do not wish to admit, is that this growth benefits everyone in the city regardless of how long they have lived here or what their economic status is at the present time. Rising property values result in

increased tax dollars, which in turn support the city services provided to all of us. The many retail businesses which now thrive in Hoboken contribute their share of tax dollars as well, in addition to meeting the needs of residents and providing plenty of employment. The city now has the economic energy of a gold rush "boom-town", but still has retained the warmth and civic pride of a small town. Few places to live can offer more.

My point in making these observations is that changes like these don't just happen spontaneously. Good government, like the kind we've had under Mayor Cappiello, doesn't just happen by chance. Hoboken wouldn't have experienced its resurgence without the hard work, sound planning and active participation of its elected leaders. I suppose there are a lot of people who would like to turn back the clock, but they're fooling themselves and the voter, if they think they can do that.

Many external factors (proximity to Manhattan, shifting population patterns, the high rate of crime and high rents in New York City, lower New Jersey income taxes, etc.) have combined to assure Hoboken's destiny, and that destiny is unquestionably one of explosive growth.

The person who we will elect this spring has to have solid government experience, combined with a realistic vision of the future. We just can't gamble on anyone who offers less. I'll vote for Steve Cappiello.

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ANOTHER FACE OF TOM VEZZETTI.



Once upon a time

There was a somewhat overweight United States Senator from Wisconsin whose unorthodox and irresponsible political behavior and style allowed him to become one of the most deceitful elected officials of our times. His antics, ranting and raving and public displays turned the hallowed halls of Congress into a three-ring circus.

He started, in the name of justice for all, a ruthless campaign to rid society of all those who disagreed with his position. He would make any

promise and do anything to be elected to office. Before his reign of fear and unfounded charges was over, he became a ungovernable menace, and virtually hundreds of good American citizens' lives were ruined.

McCarthy falsely accused anyone and everyone who opposed him as being a Communist; just as Tom Vezzetti charges those opposed to him as being legal gangsters, crooks and secret service forces.

Don't let it happen here!



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A Comparison That Defies Credibility & Insults The Memory Of A Great Man



TOM VEZZETTI

UNHYGIENIC
UNEMPLOYABLE
M.A. IN "EUROPEAN HISTORY" (?)
FAILED WELFARE HOTEL OWNER
IRRATIONAL
ACCUSATORY
VICIOUSLY ATTACKS
OPPONENTS' FAMILIES



FIORIELLO LA GUARDIA

“RUMPLED”
HARD WORKING
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
WIDELY EXPERIENCED
RATIONAL
SINCERE
FIERCELY DEVOTED TO
FAIRNESS IN POLITICS

CRAZY? ABSOLUTELY!

His Own Campaign Asks . . .

IS TOM VEZZETTI COMPETENT TO BE MAYOR?

***Do You Believe He'll Be Able To Work With These Individuals
and Organizations For The Benefit Of Our City?***

Governors of New Jersey and New York
U.S. Senators and Congressmen
N.J. State Legislators
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Dept. of Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Dept. of Commerce
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- N.J. State Housing Finance Agency
- N.J. Dept. of Community Affairs
- N.J. Division of Local Gov't. Services
- N.J. Dept. of Transportation
- N.J. Dept. of Labor & Industry
- N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection
- N.J. Economic Development Authority
- The Port Authority of N.Y. and N.J.
- Banking attorneys and investment counselors

The Answer: Vezzetti. Not a competent candidate for Mayor. He cries that running Hoboken is "mind-boggling". Yes, the budget, waterfront housing and public safety are "mind-boggling" issues to Vezzetti. He simply can't understand, or emotionally handle, these important matters. Government is serious business. And Hoboken's future is at stake.

That's Why We Need A Competent, Responsible Mayor

Open Letter To The Friends And Supporters Of Tom Kennedy

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who worked so hard for me on May 14th. I know you supported me because you felt I was competent and responsible enough to become the City's Mayor. I feel and believe, like you, that I could have given much to the City as Mayor. Although I will not have the opportunity to serve you as your Mayor, I will continue to be active in the affairs of the City..

On Tuesday, June 11th, I will be voting for Mayor Steve Cappiello and his entire ticket, and I urge you to also. I ask you this because I love this City, and I'm frightened — I really am frightened! Tom Vezzetti must not be elected. He will only take this City back fifteen years when they all laughed at Hoboken; he will undo everything I worked so hard for during my tenure on the City Council.

Sure Mayor Cappiello and myself have had our differences — and we'll have our differences in the future, too; just like you have differences from time to time with your friends, co-workers, fellow students, and relatives. But when it comes time to put our personalities and dislikes aside and roll up our sleeves to get work done, we are able to do that; just like most of my fellow councilpersons. Tom Vezzetti was not one of them. He would do everything he could to disrupt council meetings. He would vote "no" just to be obstinate. I really don't even believe he read the resolutions and ordinances before voting; he would actually vote "no" on some resolutions that he sponsored. Tell me, if that's not "mind boggling" I don't know what is. Want proof? The meetings are taped, the voting for all ordinances and resolutions are recorded and certified by the City Clerk.

Another thing, he would ask for a committee meeting and then he would not even show up for the meeting that he called. He would make appointments with City, Board of Education, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority officials, and not keep the appointments.

I focused on the issues in my campaign, and Mayor Cappiello has been focusing on the issues in his campaign. We may not have agreed entirely on each other's position, but we each knew where we stood. What about Tom Vezzetti? In the May 1st, 1985 issue of the Hoboken Reporter, he admitted that he has not focused on the issues. Why hasn't he, you ask? Maybe this is the answer:

ISSUE	POSITION	
Rent Control	Mayor Cappiello:	Backs strong rent control laws.
	Vezzetti:	Takes an ordinance co-sponsored and written by another Councilman (Robert Ranieri) and says it's his ordinance.
Housing	Mayor Cappiello:	Supports the creation of a low and moderate income housing fund; the revenues to be derived from private development, "not your tax dollars".
	Vezzetti:	Says there is not enough housing, but does not offer any solutions.
Public Schools	Mayor Cappiello:	Is proud of the fine work and dedication of its schoolteachers and administrators. Test scores have been consistently rising year after year. The Mayor has chosen for a running mate Edwin Duroy, a school principal with a Master's Degree in Education. Together they will continue to improve the school system.
	Vezzetti:	Says an elected Board of Education is the answer to the school district's problems.
Taxes	Mayor Cappiello:	Supports lower taxes, while at the same time maintaining city services. The Mayor has reduced taxes for the last two years. The Mayor's other runningmate, George Crimmins, has an MBA in finance, and is the Chief Financial Officer of the H.C.U.A. He has managed investments in excess of \$100,000,000.00 in bond proceeds. Together they will work to reduce taxes again for a third consecutive year.
	Vezzetti:	Says the solution to lowering taxes is to fire all the City's Directors (a saving of approximately \$160,000.00 — less than 1% of the City Budget).

Tom Vezzetti promises competent government under his leadership — yet he voted NO to the hiring of Ernst & Whinney (one of the most prestigious and largest accounting firms in the country) to help develop a finance package for the waterfront development.

Tom Vezzetti says Hispanics should be represented in City government — yet he was the only Mayoral candidate who "could not find a qualified Hispanic" as a running mate.

I have served on the City Council for 8 years. The past two years were with Tom Vezzetti. These were two years of personal attacks and smears on myself and all the others who opposed him. Two years of threats to employees of dismissal, if they refused to support him. An example of the smears and tactics Vezzetti and his group use is on page 28 of the June 5th issue of the Hoboken Reporter. They speak of DEALS... They ought to know about them; they offered me enough of them for my endorsement!

I know what the past two years were like, and it frightens me to think of what the next four years could be like under Vezzetti.

Please vote for Mayor Steve Cappiello and the entire ticket — Robert Ranieri, Edwin Duroy, and George Crimmins for **HONEST, COMPETENT AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.**

Sincerely
Tom Kennedy 

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U. S. Congressman Florio Endorses Cappiello!

June 8, 1985

Kennedy and Malfetti endorse Mayor Cappiello



"Mayor Steve Cappiello has demonstrated that he is a capable administrator, executive, and Mayor. Hoboken needs a Mayor of whom we can be proud. We need competent and responsible government. Steve Cappiello is clearly the best choice for Mayor."

Thomas M. Kennedy

"From the standpoint of what is best for Hoboken—who is better qualified to carry on the day-to-day operations of the City—there is no question that Steve Cappiello is best qualified to be Mayor."

Nunzio Malfetti



"Steve Cappiello should be elected Mayor of Hoboken.... To his credit, Cappiello has orchestrated a stunning turnaround for the City during the past 12 years.... Cappiello has been impressive, too, when he attacked the Reagan Budget Cuts.... He raises his voice clearly and consistently about the injustice.... Only he, in the current field, has the experience and ability to tackle Hoboken's problems in the next four years."

Jersey Journal Editorial—May 9, 1985

"The good news is that we think (Mayor Cappiello) should be re-elected.... Prosperity is returning but a lot of tough decisions have to be made to make sure it stays, and to make sure the people who live in town now can stay there to benefit.... Maybe it doesn't seem fair that in your (Mayor Cappiello's) final term you should be called on to work harder and do more.... But it's what's needed and it's also the highest compliment we can pay you. Best of Luck."

The Hudson Dispatch Editorial—May 11, 1985

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I'm Endorsing STEVE CAPPIELLO *because...*



"I'm for Mayor Cappiello because he keeps his word and I trust him. He's a real leader who cares for his fellow Hobokenites, especially us older citizens."



"Twelve years ago, people laughed when you mentioned Hoboken. They don't laugh at us anymore! Steve Cappiello's leadership sparked that turnaround while creating 4,000 subsidized and rehabilitated units of housing for our less fortunate families. That kind of leadership takes skill, compassion and guts. Steve Cappiello has what it takes to be Mayor and he sure has my vote."



"We've lived here for fifteen years and Steve Cappiello has our votes because he's working to protect the heritage of Hoboken and its long term residents — while making our City strong for the future."



"I'm for Steve Cappiello because he's working to create more affordable housing and jobs for all the people of Hoboken — and he'll succeed! He doesn't spread fear and false rumors like his opponent does."

Think About It!



"Our City sorely needs open space parklands including public access to our waterfront. The plan for our waterfront provides acres and acres of park-like areas and waterfront walkways. Mayor Cappiello's strong hand in dealing with the planners is why I'm voting for him. He's the one who is turning those parkland plans into reality."

Steve Cappiello

The More You Know . . . The Better He Looks

The Cappiello Team: **BOB RANIERI, ED DUROY, GEORGE CRIMMINS**

Mayor Cappiello and the Remarkable Story of Hoboken. America's Comeback Town.

"I speak from the Hoboken experience when I say that people, caring about their neighbors and neighborhoods provide us with our greatest resource—stability. The neighborhood people. They are our champions. They are our heroes."

—Mayor Steve Cappiello

The Cappiello Years.

Hoboken has become the textbook case for what an enlightened, dynamic government can accomplish for its people.

Under Mayor Steve Cappiello's leadership, the city has gained national recognition for its neighborhood revitalization. It has become the model for urban revival in America.

And it has been achieved by an imaginative, dedicated city government working with the private sector—for the public interest.

Walk our streets. And you'll see neighborhood people, all concerned with maintaining their dignity and helping their neighbors. Our neighborhoods are brimming with activity.

And Washington Street, our main thoroughfare, is bustling with shoppers. First Street has improved. And industry is

remaining, aware of our valuable workforce—and thriving, stable city.

Our Senior Citizens are living their Golden Years, with security and dignity. Columbian Towers, a classic senior citizens project, is celebrating its first anniversary.

Major crime has been reduced 50 percent. And we've fashioned a housing program, providing more than 4,000 units of rehabilitated affordable housing for our people.

We've developed an exciting waterfront plan, allowing public access to the river; and providing financial benefits for the City and its residents.

And we've instituted stringent budget control, providing fiscal stability and effective city government.

Yes. We're America's Comeback Town.

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