

For Immediate Release - RIGGS CONDEMNS ZONING OFFICER AS "BULLYCRAT"

Guy W. Riggs, Free Libertarian Party (FLP) candidate for the 99th Assembly District seat, condemns the actions of the Wappingers Falls zoning enforcement officer in the matter of Sanford Cohen's political sign as those of a "bullycrat." Riggs said this term describes a bureaucrat who has forgotten he is the servant of the people and begins to think he's their boss.

"Like any bully, he will make unfounded accusations when caught in a mistake and then try to make those offending his dignity look ridiculous," he said.

Riggs stated that Mr. Haubennestel had given his permission for the sign and then had arbitrarily withdrawn it. "Instead of simply admitting a goof, he accused Mr. Cohen of creating this situation as a 'whipped up dog for a publicity stunt'," Riggs said. "This language may be O.K. in a barroom brawl but is certainly not for use by town officials."

The candidate stated that describing the sign as being "in poor taste" was in poor taste itself. "A school headmaster might talk to unruly students this way," Riggs asserted, "but this is certainly not appropriate coming from a minor town officer to sovereign citizens."

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