

► **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Tienvieri knew about forum even without official invite

I have recently read letters from Nancy Tienvieri and supporters saying she was treated unfairly regarding the trustee candidate forum. Nancy had said that if she had known about the forum, she would have changed her personal plans to be there. I have talked to candidates who received this invitation e-mail May 31.

On June 1, I attended the Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility meeting. Nancy was also in attendance. At this meeting, the trustee forum was brought up and talked about. Nancy's fellow "Dream Team" running mates were at the meeting. Nancy had given her input also.

I am concerned that she said she did

not know about the forum even though she talked about it at the CFFR meeting. I was there, as well as others. If she was not invited, mistake or not, I would think she would take action to make sure she got the invite straightened out. She absolutely knew about the forum on June 1.

I would like to know her reasons for not taking action and stating she did not know about the forum. This tactic really stunned me when I read her letter to the paper. I felt it necessary to let the people know the truth.

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Editor's note: Following is a response to both letters from Nancy Tienvieri: "My having knowledge of the event on June 10 is true; however, the point is that when the e-mail was sent out in May to the other candidates, I was not listed. Had I been informed then, I could have changed my plans. I am currently a public official and my contact information is readily available. We need to be united instead of being divided over something so trivial. We serve the same people. I'm sad about the whole thing."

Tienvieri advocates for transparency but then misrepresents facts

A recent letter to the editor was written by Nancy Tienvieri, current trustee candidate for re-election. Mrs. Tienvieri often advocates for transparency and openness of government. However, her statements in her letter to the editor were not transparent, open and, in fact, are false.

As an elected official, business owner and voter, I represented the Bedford area, participating in the planning of a trustee candidate forum. In her letter to this paper, Mrs. Tienvieri said, "I was not invited or informed that there was going to be a forum." I want to clear up this statement with facts and simply point out that Mrs. Tienvieri is not being transparent in her complaint. Here are the facts:

On May 30, a meeting was held to finalize the details of a candidate

forum. On May 31, an e-mail was sent out, using the e-mails on file with candidate filing paperwork, to save the date of June 15. No e-mail is listed on Mrs. Tienvieri's forms. On June 9, a formal e-mail was sent out to the e-mails that were known with details of the event.

On June 10, Mrs. Tienvieri posted having knowledge of the forum on the Facebook page "Welcome to Bedford," which is administered by Michelle Bork (also a candidate for trustee in Bedford and Facebook friend of Nancy Tienvieri). Instead of inquiring about the forum further, Mrs. Tienvieri did not contact any organizer for details.

On June 11, Paul Pirrone, current Bedford trustee, candidate for Bedford supervisor and fellow "Dream Team" member with Nancy Tienvieri and Michelle Bork, responded

to Nancy's post: "Mark Ellsworth said to me yesterday they don't have your e-mail."

Additionally, on June 11, Nancy Tienvieri stopped in my coffee shop in Bedford and I personally talked with her about the candidate forum.

Mrs. Tienvieri's claim of "not informed" is false. Instead of attending or declining the invite due to a conflict, she has opted to misrepresent facts to represent that she was targeted or excluded. In Mrs. Tienvieri's previous letter to the editor, she talked about democracy and opportunity as it relates to representative government.

I would only add that honesty and character must also be qualities of our elected officials.

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