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Press Release - Newton Mayor Caught in Big Lie

4/26/2018 - Newton, NJ - Newton Mayor Wayne Levante has gotten himself in trouble for the third time this year and the second time this month, accusing two of his political opponents of breaking Federal Law.

Earlier this afternoon, Mayor Levante took to his campaign Facebook page, posting a picture of the front of a handwritten letter from Dickson & Schlaffer's campaign, notifying constituents of the upcoming May 1st debate. He wrote, "someone is violating the law by putting these in mailboxes of people who have my signs up. Do it the right way and pay for the postage."

Last week, ten campaign volunteers hand wrote several hundred notes to Newton residents, inviting them to attend the town council debate to be held on May 1st. Each postcard was addressed, postmarked, and *mailed*, not hand delivered as Mr Levante alleges, on April 18th.

Mr. Levante deceitfully neglected to show the other side of the letter, where the postage would have been (and was) placed. Neither did he bother to follow up with the N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission, nor the U.S. Post Office in Newton, which were both open at the time. Mr. Levante has since deleted the post.

"When you post a letter from Matt and myself and say 'someone' is breaking the law, you're directly implying it was we who were the ones breaking the law. This wildly untruthful attack on our character was clearly an attempt to distract the people that Mr. Levante has failed the taxpayers of Newton for the last four years," said Schlaffer, an entrepreneur and strength coach.

"This was not a public service announcement," said Dickson, a paramedic and father of two, "this was a politically motivated lie intended to discredit us and our positive vision for the Town of Newton."

This is not the first time Mr. Levante has blatantly lied to his constituents. Last month, he posted a video to the same page, claiming that the victims of the Parkland, FL shooting were "crisis actors." Earlier this month, he again drew controversy, calling TAPintoNewton, a respected and accredited local news source, "Fake News"

Newton will be holding its town council election on May 8th. Seven candidates, including Levante, Dickson, and Schlaffer, are contesting three seats.

Mayor Levante's Original Post

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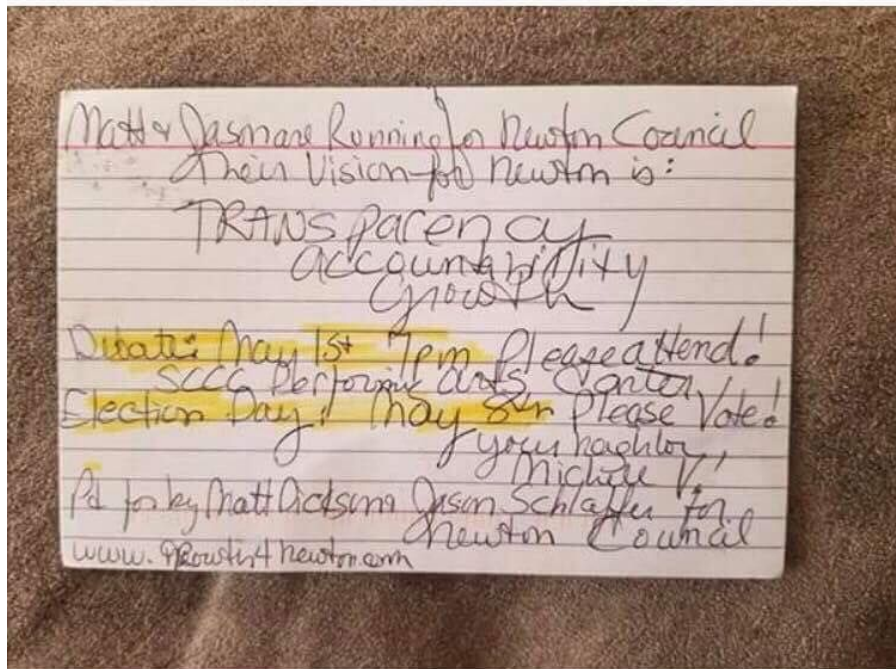
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I'm not trying to be petty or difficult, but there are rules that must be adhered to when campaigning.

Apparently someone is violating the law by putting these in mailboxes of people who have my signs up. Do it the right way and pay for the postage.

Please report to Chuck Fantasia at the Newton post office if you receive something like this in your mailbox or contact 1-800-ASK-USPS.



👍🙄 Maureen Snellen and 4 others



The Reverse Side of the Card

