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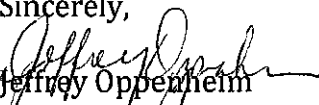
Dear Mr. Sampson,

As Mayor of the Village of Montebello I have significant concerns regarding the methodology you may be employing for the counting of the ward vote ballots. The Town of Ramapo should follow the most open Board of Elections processes whereby all votes are counted, all ballots are accounted for, and all results are differentiated with respect to the ballot machines, affidavit ballots, absentee ballots, and polling locations.

It is essential that this contentious, litigated and important matter be managed by you in the most transparent manner possible. Anything less may result in a populace that will question and challenge the integrity of the democratic process in the Town of Ramapo. This is your legal and moral responsibility. I implore you to fulfill your oath of office by providing detailed election data from which the citizens can have confidence. I am concerned that a less than transparent process will result in further litigation, a further loss in confidence in the electoral process in Ramapo, and will also directly impact the public's confidence in your integrity as an elected official.

Now is the time to make certain that the election counting is done in an open and honest manner. I hope you will heed my recommendations immediately and provide a response to the many concerned citizens in my village. I would also appreciate if you could provide us with an estimated date when these results will be announced.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Oppenheim
Mayor, Village of Montebello