

Democratic Candidates' Position

Kindly accept this letter as the Democratic candidates, Chuck Sullivan, Blanch Hogate, and myself, Bruce Bobbitt's response to Mr. Stoms request in *Today's Sunbeam*.

As a member of the Pilesgrove Township Committee, I ran on and was elected, based upon, among other things, my public promise to fight unnecessary growth in the Township of Pilesgrove. I am proud to say that my promise has been kept. Every opportunity I have had to legally challenge development projects in the Township, I have done so. Unfortunately, being the lone Democrat on the Pilesgrove Township Committee, I can say that the Committee position was not always unanimous.

If elected as your next Salem County Freeholder, I shall continue my promise to fight such developments. First, I assure you that your concerns about these projects are my concerns. Particularly, as a Sharptown resident, I am very mindful, and against, both the Richman's project as well as the project behind the Sunoco. Secondly, I have engaged in discussions with my running mates, Chuck Sullivan, your current freeholder and Blanch Hogate, a Salem City Councilwoman, and discussed with them the pending and anticipated projects in the Pilesgrove/Woodstown area. Chuck Sullivan is well aware of your concerns and has previously established himself as an opponent to growth that could adversely affect our community and County, and Blanch too is publicly in support of our cause, as she discussed with you at the Salem County Fair in August. This is why I am happy to be part of this Democratic team for Salem County Freeholder.

As an aside, this letter has been read by, endorsed by, and signed by all three freeholder candidates. Thank you for requesting and giving me the opportunity to be heard on this very important issue.

Thank you,
Bruce Bobbitt
Pilesgrove, NJ

Chuck Sullivan, Salem County Freeholder

Blanch Hogate, Salem City Councilwoman