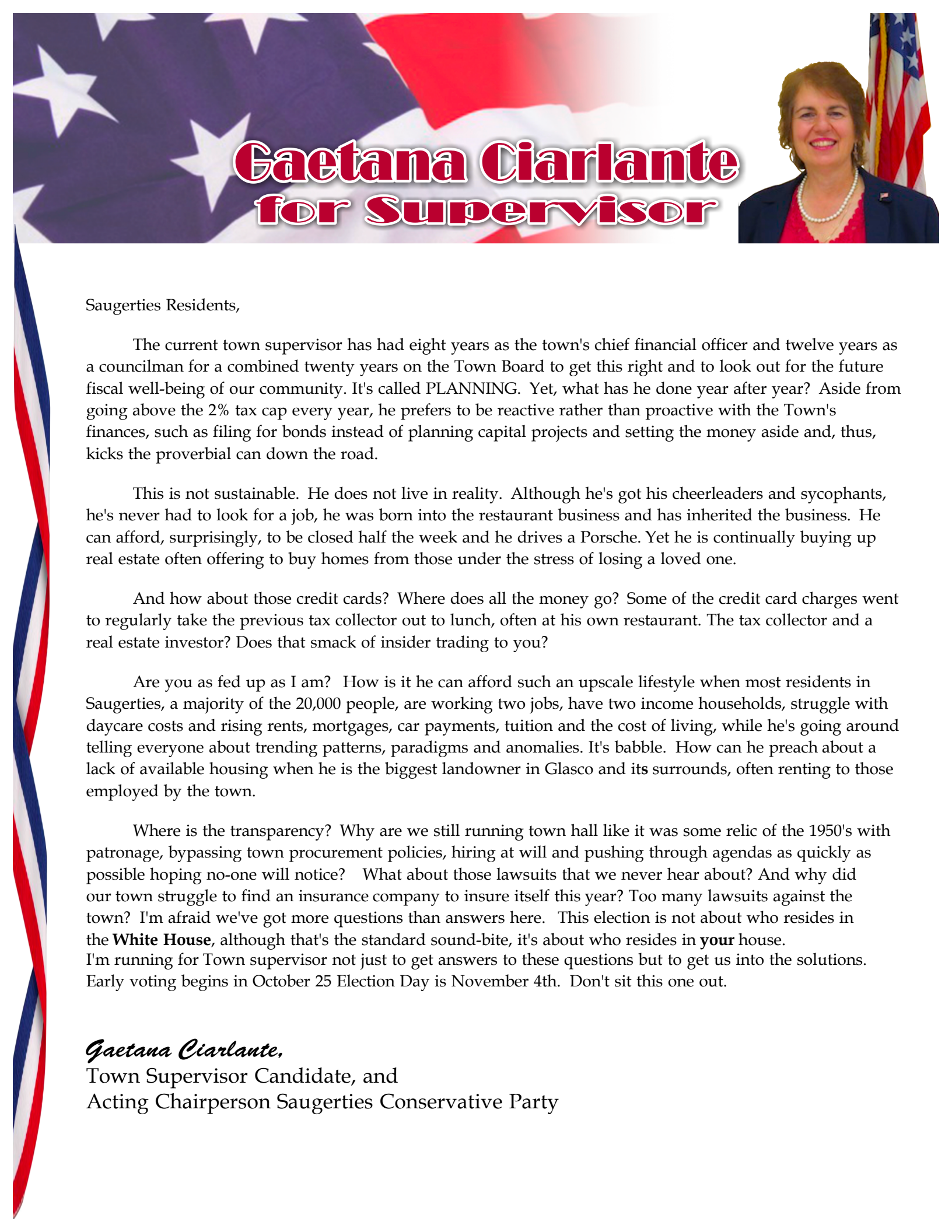




Gaetana Ciarlante for Supervisor



Saugerties Residents,

The current town supervisor has had eight years as the town's chief financial officer and twelve years as a councilman for a combined twenty years on the Town Board to get this right and to look out for the future fiscal well-being of our community. It's called PLANNING. Yet, what has he done year after year? Aside from going above the 2% tax cap every year, he prefers to be reactive rather than proactive with the Town's finances, such as filing for bonds instead of planning capital projects and setting the money aside and, thus, kicks the proverbial can down the road.

This is not sustainable. He does not live in reality. Although he's got his cheerleaders and sycophants, he's never had to look for a job, he was born into the restaurant business and has inherited the business. He can afford, surprisingly, to be closed half the week and he drives a Porsche. Yet he is continually buying up real estate often offering to buy homes from those under the stress of losing a loved one.

And how about those credit cards? Where does all the money go? Some of the credit card charges went to regularly take the previous tax collector out to lunch, often at his own restaurant. The tax collector and a real estate investor? Does that smack of insider trading to you?

Are you as fed up as I am? How is it he can afford such an upscale lifestyle when most residents in Saugerties, a majority of the 20,000 people, are working two jobs, have two income households, struggle with daycare costs and rising rents, mortgages, car payments, tuition and the cost of living, while he's going around telling everyone about trending patterns, paradigms and anomalies. It's babble. How can he preach about a lack of available housing when he is the biggest landowner in Glasco and its surrounds, often renting to those employed by the town.

Where is the transparency? Why are we still running town hall like it was some relic of the 1950's with patronage, bypassing town procurement policies, hiring at will and pushing through agendas as quickly as possible hoping no-one will notice? What about those lawsuits that we never hear about? And why did our town struggle to find an insurance company to insure itself this year? Too many lawsuits against the town? I'm afraid we've got more questions than answers here. This election is not about who resides in the **White House**, although that's the standard sound-bite, it's about who resides in **your** house. I'm running for Town supervisor not just to get answers to these questions but to get us into the solutions. Early voting begins in October 25 Election Day is November 4th. Don't sit this one out.

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