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# Why I Support Hillary Goldberg

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I am the first to admit it: I do not understand.

I do not understand the hostility directed at Teaneck Councilwoman Hillary Goldberg. I repeatedly hear that she is "difficult," but rarely hear substantive criticism of her record. **Since when is asking hard questions or challenging colleagues a liability in public office?**

I have known Hillary for several years. We have stood on opposite sides of local issues and worked together on others. I know firsthand that she can be formidable. **She is persistent, exacting and steadfast in her convictions, yet willing to listen, reconsider and change her mind. I have experienced this myself.**

Over the years, I have come to know Hillary as **honest**, **genuine** and **accountable**. Most notably, her **moral clarity** is unshakable.

**Hillary takes her responsibilities seriously.** She **scrutinizes municipal finances, questions spending** and **challenges development proposals she believes threaten our neighborhoods**. She is **willing to stand alone** when her convictions demand it.

Teaneck is a wonderful community facing serious challenges. **Our roads, public spaces and business districts show signs of neglect. Property taxes are high**, yet only roughly one-third of those revenues go to municipal government. These structural constraints make **responsible budgeting** and **thoughtful planning essential**, particularly as **decisions about development** and **infrastructure** will **shape our township for generations**.

**Hillary is not above criticism.** No elected official should be. Her record deserves scrutiny, but personal attacks are no substitute for substantive debate.

I recognize Hillary's strengths and imperfections. **My respect for her comes not from unquestioning agreement, but from years of observation and sometimes vigorous disagreement.**

**I did not vote for Hillary Goldberg in the last election. She has since earned my respect, my trust and, this time, my vote.** Maxine Angel, Let Your Voices Be Heard