

A Statement from Scott Feldman (former Glencoe President – 2005 to 2013; and Village Trustee– 1983 to 1991) and Paul Harlow (former Glencoe Village Manager– 2000 to 2013)

We would like to record our support for the full slate of candidates put forth by the Glencoe Caucus for election on April 4, and, in particular, **our support for the re-election of Glencoe's current Village President, Larry Levin, for a second term**

We understand that a Glencoe resident is seeking to be elected as a "write-in candidate" for Village President, and that she has actively campaigned for the position even though she chose not to submit herself for consideration by the Caucus. This selection process, conducted over many months, provides residents of the Village the opportunity to present their qualifications to the Caucus for consideration. Our Caucus system has served Glencoe well for over 60 years. It was created to provide a non-partisan, reasoned approach to finding, vetting and supporting qualified candidates for local office and to avoid the fractious and often ill-mannered politicization of campaigns we have seen in other communities (and, obviously, at "higher" levels of political life).

Over several months, your Glencoe neighbors who served on the Caucus, accepted and reviewed applications from candidates, questioned those candidates, and "vetted" the candidates by making inquiries around the Village. The review process was comprehensive, encompassing and sensitive to the future needs of the Village and the culture of "excellence in government". **We should continue to support that system.**

The write-in candidate for Village President, who served a four-year term on the Caucus (and was a member when Mr. Levin was slated for his first term), chose not even to submit her candidacy to this impartial process. That should not be acceptable, especially for a candidate who claims to base her candidacy on "transparency". Although we support a system where we should not have to publicly voice our opinions about our neighbors, our history of interactions with this write-in candidate makes us skeptical of her ability to appreciate the detailed process of government and the role of an elected official charged with representing the diverse and challenging interests of our community. This is most critical when it relates to the position of Village President. In two short years, your elected Caucus will once again vet candidates for elected positions in the Village, including Village Trustee. We suggest this resident consider submitting her qualifications to the Glencoe Caucus for consideration at that time.

President Levin has served our Village well during his first term and merits re-election. We urge all Glencoe residents to support Mr. Levin and the entire Caucus slate.

The spring election is an off-year election that is notable for its low turnout. When that happens, even a very small minority of voters can swing an election to a candidate not really supported by the residents of the Village. Let's not let that happen in Glencoe.

Please vote and support our Caucus Candidates.

/s/ Scott Feldman /s/ Paul Harlow