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Councilman Thomas McCarthy
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Re: Your Endorsement of former Councilman Michael Hollander – of late a confessed felon.

Dear Councilman McCarthy:

The *Smithtown News's* David Ambro wrote a news article dated September 30, 1999. It was entitled, ***“Incumbent Calls For Reform.”*** The incumbent was former Smithtown Councilman Michael (Topless Club) Hollander. At the end of Hollander’s speech before his running mate, Councilman Michael Fitzpatrick, and the rest of the Town Board, decrying all the “lies” that were told about him during the 1999 Republican Primary, you, McCarthy, jumped up and “offered a loud round of applause.” When the object of Hollander’s tirade left, you saw your chance to get brave and shot your mouth off saying, “Michael Hollander is the real Republican choice. I’ll do whatever I can do to help Michael get re-elected. He has the type of integrity and honesty we need on the Town Board.” (*Smithtown News*, September 30, 1999, page 3).

Councilman McCarthy, your definition of “integrity” and “honesty” leaves something to be desired. As you are aware, Councilman McCarthy, it wasn’t too long after the voters threw felon John Powell’s boy, Hollander, out on his ear that Suffolk District Attorney Thomas Spota put handcuffs on his wrists. Hollander pleaded guilty to a number of felonies. He was spared a trip upstate, a blessing which may not await others likely to follow in his footsteps. Don’t feel picked on. Not everyone has a strain of influenza named after him, and Karl Ehmer is looking for a new face to put on his canned hams.

Yours truly,

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