

Dear Hoboken411,

I'm respectfully writing this letter to formally request that on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 all 6<sup>th</sup> Ward residents vote for Angelo "Nino" Giacchi for the City of Hoboken 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Seat. Councilman Giacchi is running against Jennifer Giattino a Hoboken newcomer who has absolutely no political experience whatsoever and is a close personal friend of Mayor Dawn Zimmer. In fact Giattino is commonly referent as a "mini-Zimmer" who will not stand up to the Mayor in disagreement on any issues that Zimmer supports. In fact Giattino has the full political support of Mayor Zimmer and her slate of up-and-coming candidates for the May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 election. The problem with this support from Zimmer borders on if not overtly bypasses the line defining "conflict of interest" because it is clear that Jennifer Giattino is a "Zimmer Candidate" and NOT a "6<sup>th</sup> Ward Candidate". Giattino will never go against her friend and political ally even if the Mayors actions harm not only 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Residents but also the city of Hoboken residents as a whole. As much as I may not like some of Nino Giacchi's actions as a councilman I truly believe he still is the best candidate for the position in question and is a candidate that actually does his job correctly the majority of the time, without any hidden agendas, and has experience in his said position and will not simply be just another "Zimmer Puppet".

I also want to point out that Jennifer Giattino and her husband Joe are avid dog haters and Jennifer had already stated that she would target Hoboken dog owners if elected into the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Seat. This concerns me because I can already see Giattino drafting some type of "ridiculous anti-dog legislation", forgetting that dogs live in Hoboken too as do their dog owners whom do vote. The Giattino's have alienated numerous 6th Ward residents as well as several connecting ward residents all of who are dog owners because of their "confrontational manner and anti-dog sentiments". They believe that dogs should not be on the streets or Hoboken or in public parks where children play and that dogs are diseased and spread germs. As God is my witness this is true. I have not only heard this with my own ears while witnessing the Giattino's go "postal" on a guy walking his dog past their house about a year ago, I have also witnessed two additional separate instances with the Giattino's involving a young couple with two dogs and one female with a tiny dog going back as far as 2009. I myself had at least three separate run-ins with them since 2010 when I was out walking my dogs on a public street.

The most confrontational incident had taken place in mid 2010 when I was taking my one dog home from the Hoboken Animal Hospital after some minor surgery. I had passed the Giattino's house in the last afternoon and my dog had to stop and urinate because of the meds she was on. I had already passed their home and was about 100 feet away and just around the corner when I stopped to let my dog urinate. Now mind you, I have always been a responsible dog owner and my dog was already in the street when she was urinating when Jennifer and her husband Joe came darting around the corner screaming, "Did you just pass my house with your dog?". At this time Jennifer was pulling out a camera and trying to turn it on. Her husband Joe got almost in my face and was extremely agitated even going as far as clenching his fists and was flustered. I said "Yeah, what's the problem?". He replied, "Dogs are the problem, they have germs and don't pass my

house with your dog again do you hear me?". I said, "It's a public street and I'll pass as often as I want". At this time my concern was primarily for my dogs safety because this guy was so agitated I believed he would attempt to kick or punch my dog because he was focusing on her more than me and he was starting to breath heavy. Jennifer appeared to be taking pictures now. I said to them, to "Get out of my face and go home". Jennifer's Husband replied, "I have kids and I'm and ER Doctor and dogs have germs". Jennifer then kept yelling to her Husband to go home at this point and get inside before it gets violent being she saw that I was not going to simply sit there and let this man threaten me or my dog.

After thinking a moment and fearing for my dogs well being I left and brought her home to avoid her getting injured in the event things set off. As I got about a half a block away I passed one guy named Josh with a dog whom said to me, "I saw you had a run-in with the assholes from 7th street". I said, "Yeah and I had encountered them before in the neighborhood and 4th street park but this was very close to getting violent fast". He went on to tell me about his run-in a few days earlier as he walked home to 7th and Willow and had passed their home. His story was very much like mine with Jennifer and her husband running out with a camera and confronting him for passing their house. He said they even followed him to 7th and Willow yelling at him and taking pictures as well. I'm not going to lie to you, I was so heated after that last incident I went and dropped my dog off at home and came back to deal with Jennifer's husband and he refused to come outside. Over the last several days, Jennifer Giattino has been having "meet and greets" and what has been interesting has been the fact that the "meet and greets" take place at her home at 216 7th Street and the majority of people attending have been Zimmer supporters and Zimmer approved council candidates many of who are very outspoken against Hoboken411. Interestingly only a handful of 6th ward residents have attended these "meet and greets" none of which I know as dog owners.

We all know the false promises made by Mayor Zimmer during her campaign, which included; lowering property taxes 25%, fiscal responsibility, and open government / transparency to name a few. Yet property taxes have not gone down but property values have. Zimmer hired several new employees at "politically created titles" while simultaneously claiming there was no money for new hires and was in the process of laying off city employees. Concerning Zimmer's "open, honest, and transparent government policy", Zimmer recently implemented a "forced" confidentiality agreement barring all city employees from speaking out against their employer publically or face immediate termination. Not only is this policy a "blatant violation" of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of the Constitution, it violates Federal EEOC Guidelines, and in "clear" violation of Federal Law under the National Labor Relations Act under "protected activity" as seen recently in the case involving the NLRB vs. American Medical Response of Connecticut, Inc. This "forced" policy smoothly paves the way for bulk civil litigation against Hoboken should any city employee(s) speak out against their employer and be retaliated against and terminated. This brings into question, what does Zimmer have to hide and why the sudden confidentiality agreement if you are for transparency? Former Mayors

had things to hide and yet there was never such a policy put into place. Not to mention the fact that Zimmer had abandoned Hoboken during the December 2010 blizzard that crippled the city for days while she enjoyed a beautiful vacation in Vermont. Readily you can expect the same treatment from Jennifer Giattino because they have very much in common. It also seems that Giattino has a great deal in common with Hoboken Parking Czar Ian Sacs being both seem to believe that they can target city residents at the drop of a dime and get confrontational with them on a public street if they are in some form of disagreement.

Here are some of the things that the public and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Residents SHOULD know about Jennifer Giattino:

- Jennifer closely associates herself with the likes of Hoboken Councilman Ravi Bhalla and former Hoboken Political “shape shifter” Mike Lenz whom had attended her private 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Seat Announcement Party in her home located at 216 7<sup>th</sup> Street last February with Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer also in attendance at this private event. Interestingly, Ravi Bhalla has a history of shady “Pay To Play” deals and has already come under fire and exposed for not filing the required ELEC forms for the last couple of years. As for “shape shifter” Mike Lenz, his record speaks loudly for itself. Lenz had already sued the City of Hoboken when he apparently did not get his way in obtaining one of several high-ranking city jobs he had sought out for under former Mayor Dave Roberts as well as had threatened to run for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Seat against then candidate Chris Campos whom was supported by Roberts for the position unless Lenz received the city title he had wanted. In addition, anyone that had read the PolitickerNJ and Hoboken411 expose articles on Lenz could readily see for themselves that Lenz was and always has been clearly one individual whom was solely out for himself in order to see what he can gain and benefit from as opposed to what he can do for the people he represented. Lenz had his own one man show going on until it was finally over when the fat lady sang and Lenz was defeated by Tim Occhipinti for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Seat last November.
- Every “photo-op” Giattino gets with anyone linked to Hoboken Politics, including those that oppose her close friend Mayor Dawn Zimmer she takes. Giattino can be seen in photos with Perry Belfiore, Ravi Bhalla, Dawn Zimmer, Mike Lenz and was interestingly on stage last May when Mayor Dawn Zimmer had introduced then Governor Elect Chris Christie as Governor Jon Corzine where Zimmer even had to take a double take to see which Governor she was two feet away from onstage and introducing during Christies Town Hall meeting in Hoboken to discuss property taxes.
- On her campaign website she claims to be a local entrepreneur and local small business owner and President of Fun Well Done. Yet, there is no local business per-se, but rather a home based “couch corporation” very much like ones eBay store that sells overpriced crayons and paper to kids online much of which can be purchased at a local dollar store for a tenth of what Giattino sells the items for at

her “store”. In other words, if you have an eBay page, you’re your own CEO. How much of Giattino’s income from this business since 2007 actually goes into the local economy and how much of this income is taxed? Every other legitimate local business must pay taxes on their income so what does Giattino pay for this one employee company?

- Giattino also claims on her campaign website that as a local Real Estate Associate she “derives tremendous satisfaction from introducing prospective residents to Hoboken’s parks, schools, and community offerings”. Yet on the same website she states that she is “More than just another politician” and “committed to cleaning up our parks & streets”. If Giattino is so against the conditions of the Hoboken parks, which by her own words is in fact the case, then why in God’s name would she also promote the conditions of the parks as “satisfactory” to potential residents looking to buy or rent in Hoboken? She completely contradicts herself only one paragraph apart. Or is Giattino really just interested in making the Real Estate sales commission by promoting the parks to potential clients, the same parks she is so “adamantly against simultaneously” and is now using the “how bad our parks are” comments as a political smoke screen to benefit herself for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward seat in an attempt to demonize Nino Giacchi? Yet again on the same campaign website Giattino even goes as far as to blame the conditions of the Hoboken parks on 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman Nino Giacchi. Giattino states; “Due to the poor management of past budgets by previous administrations under which Mr. Giacchi has served, our tax dollars have not been utilized to their best potential. If we had been using our money wisely we would have had the funds to maintain our existing parks,” again she is caught “flip-flopping” on her own issues obviously forgetting what she previously said on her own website one paragraph away. The fact of the matter is the Hoboken parks under Nino Giacchi are better and cleaner now than they ever were before. Giattino never had to walk through broken glass, beer bottles, cans, trash, hypodermic needles, and drug paraphernalia in the parks like the rest of us did before they had been revamped under Dave Roberts and Nino Giacchi.
- By Giattino’s own words, she is “a champion of quality of life issues” yet for one to be a champion of “anything” you must actually defeat “something”. What exactly has Giattino defeated to earn her championship belt? Interestingly, in the same statement she says that now “it is time to put her hat in the ring”. If you have not even gotten into the ring yet then how could you “self-appoint yourself” as “champion”? Self appointment seems to be a huge factor in Giattino’s existence and like Dawn Zimmer, Giattino seems to be taking credit for programs or events that either do not exist or she was never linked to in the first place. This is a typical political phantom ploy to give credit where no credit is do, nor none exists. For example, Giattino claims that she is a huge supporter of Agriculture and was instrumental in “creating and bringing” the Uptown Farmers Market to Hoboken. Anyone that purchases a head of lettuce supports Agriculture. As for the Uptown Farmers Market, absolutely nowhere on their website or promotional materials or external links do they ever mention Jennifer Giattino’s name as

having “created and brought” the Uptown Farmers Market to Hoboken. The site goes on to state that a handful of “uptown Hoboken residents” with the sponsors of the Hoboken Quality of Life Coalition, State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Jersey Fresh, New Jersey Council of Farmers and Communities, and the New Jersey Highlands Council had in fact “created and brought” the market to Hoboken in 2009 NOT Jennifer Giattino.

- Giattino also claims to have created a local recycling program yet has failed to name the program in question, how it gets its funding, and where exactly is this program located at and is it accredited by the state? I thought the City of Hoboken handles recycling through the Environmental Services Office under the city’s sanitation contract? She claims to have created an after school care program in Calabro School which is not true, Calabro does not have any such programs and according to parents at Calabro Giattino certainly never created any such program. She also claims to have created LOTS which is another school program urging parents to bring sandwiches to the Hoboken Homeless Shelter. That is commendable but does not warrant the title of an accredited program. If I urge people to feed the homeless I’m certainly not going to take any credit for doing so that is just being a decent human being. Giattino also claims to have created the Hoboken Art in the Park Program, yet according to the City of Hoboken’s own website the program was created by the Hoboken Cultural Affairs Office and supported by the Hartshorn Portraiture and to use the program the child must pay between \$25 and \$35 dollars to do so. Yet there is absolutely no mention of Giattino as being the creator of this said program. Maybe she can contact Al Gore and get some credit for her part in creating the Internet as well?
- Giattino claims she is “determined to reign in reckless development to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods and Historic Landmarks”. Yet there has been a substantial amount of illegal and reckless development in her own ward over the last few years, which she has done absolutely nothing about. Giattino claims that she is dedicated to “Open Government” and more community awareness. Yet, she is supported by Dawn Zimmer, who has successfully raised the “Iron Curtain” on “open government” and in fact, currently has a citywide communications blackout from the public and press on all city activity. The only time there is no media blackout is when Zimmer is taking credit for something that either never took place or can be spun to politically benefit her.
- Giattino says she will reach out to 6th Ward residents to keep them informed and up-to-date on government programs that can benefit them, their families, & their businesses. Now it sounds like she is doing Juan Melli’s job, isn’t that the position of the Public Information Officer to make such programs known and available to not only the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward residents but to all city residents citywide? Giattino claims she will singlehandedly “fix the Sinatra Park Soccer Field to ensure safe recreational use”. The fact of the matter is that she cannot and will not do this singlehandedly because such a task is not only out of her overall jurisdiction it is not even a part of her overall job description. There are way too many variables to

even address with such a specific issue that Giattino simply cannot even comprehend. She claims she is opposed to any new taxes, but is “mum” on the additional \$25 recreational tax for after school programs brought forth by her friend Dawn Zimmer. Mind you this coming from a candidate that had “created” all these amazing after school programs nobody knows about. She also claims she will implement “new and innovative parking solutions”. Now Giattino sounds like she is applying for Ian Sacs “soon to be available” position after his assault and violent confrontation in front of City Hall. What is Giattino’s parking solution? She certainly is not going to have the corner cars removed being that program which takes away hundreds of parking spaces throughout Hoboken from city residents is Dawn Zimmer’s baby. So what exactly is Giattino ‘sparking solution? How will we all get a parking spot in Hoboken?

- In fact Jennifer Giattino did not even know when the May 10<sup>th</sup> Election was when she filed her ELEC Form and had put the date of the Election as May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011. You simply cannot take a candidate seriously that does not even know the date of the election they are running in.
- Giattino whom was a long-time supporter and volunteer of Dawn Zimmer, had even made a superhero costume for her son going as far as having him believe that Zimmer was a superhero and nicknamed the child “Zippy Zimmer”. Not surprisingly she also used the costume as a nice photo-op moment.
- Giattino claims that she is a “quality of life champion” and will target Hoboken Dog owners issuing fines and tickets and keep the streets clean. Yet during the 2011 St. Patrick’s Day Parade the last thing on Giattino’s mind was “quality of life” considering she was out and about on Washington Street “hobnobbing with Hoboken’s Political Elite” looking for a nice photo-op. She was not out on the streets yelling at or taking pictures of the rowdy out of towners that had come to Hoboken and drink publically, urinate in the street, vandalize property, defecate, fight, attacks cops and firemen, start fires, destroy cars, or sexually abuse women in public. It seems that only friendly dogs that cannot defend themselves get her goat and not the violent humans that do more harm then even a rabid dog. Not to mention the fact that she had never spoke out about the parades ramifications because it did not sit well with her friend Dawn Zimmer.
- According to Giattino’s own words in interviews she had done in the local media outlets recently, she has no political experience or agenda. But does have past experience that includes working the trading floor on Wall Street, ballet classes, yoga, walking around Hoboken all day with her kids, and catching a sun tan in Church Square Park in Hoboken which is one of the parks that she so despises and thinks is disgusting.

In closing I once again respectfully request that on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 you vote for Nino Giacchi for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Council. Hoboken has had enough already with “false promises and

lies” by potential political candidates and friends of Zimmer. We do not need a “mini-Zimmer”. I remain.

Respectfully Submitted,

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