

Peekskill Voters Have a Clear-Cut Choice on Nov. 7

To The Editor,

Good governance, good leadership, is effective only if it is catalytic, synergistic, and connects people to services, to products, and other people. An effective leader knows how to affect, create and foster connections, through a strong character and an approachable demeanor of cooperation, listening and sound judgment. They recognize that an authority and responsibility was granted to them and they respect and honor that.

Some feel Peekskill should be run as a business by a leader with business acumen. Managing a business is not the same as governing, but managing a city's economy is where business and governing coalesce. A city's economic focus should not be from its commodity, but for the commodity, the citizens. People are an irregular commodity, different, separate and unequal. A Mayor is the

representative leader of a municipality, its citizens, not its budget. Good governance embraces and manages the differences utilizing the strengths of different perspectives, attitudes, and approaches. It doesn't seek to divide, or combine, it seeks to delegate and coordinate, distinguish and cooperate.

The business of governing makes the whole greater than the sum of its parts. It brings people together, working and growing as one thriving community in which all are welcomed and served, whose leadership is an example to all city staff. The people of Peekskill have a clear-cut choice. They can choose business as usual, or governance for all. Vote Vanessa Agudelo, Ramon Fernandez, Colin Smith for Council, and Andre Rainey for Mayor on November 7.

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