

The regular election of candidates to political office is one of the most important characteristics of our representative democracy. In Riverdale, where most of the voters are owners of their apartments, the people we elect to represent us in Albany or in the various halls of City government must be expected to embody both the general demography and in our case, the specific concerns of co-op and condo owners. There are many that seek to diminish or control the legal ability of apartment owners to govern their chosen style of living, and unlike private home owners who seem to be championed at every turn the people we choose to represent us must be expected to stand up and fight, often in the face of adversity, for those fundamental issues that are most integral to co-operators' and condo owners' ways of life.

In this year's Democratic primary Riverdale is faced with choosing between two candidates for City Council, **Clifford Stanton** and **Andrew J. Cohen**. Anyone who has lived in the area for even a short while understands the full meaning and eventual impact of victory this particular primary election.

The **Association of Riverdale Cooperatives & Condominiums** is especially concerned that the ultimate election of an individual to the Council will bring with it the person who will carry forward the interests of the thousands of local apartment owners that we represent. To that end, **ARC** put five (5) key questions to the candidates that we believe may help you understand exactly where they stand on certain representative issues.

We are providing you herewith the questions we asked and the exact answers that each of the candidates provided. Both candidates fully understood and agreed that their responses would be communicated to you verbatim – there has been no editing of their replies, whatsoever.

Please peruse the [ARC – City Council Candidate Questions & Responses](#), consider the responses carefully, share it with your friends and neighbors, perhaps with the shareholders in your building, and feel free to follow up by speaking directly with Mr. Cohen or Mr. Stanton.

I trust that you join me in appreciating the importance of the upcoming primary election, and I ask that if you are a registered Democrat that you **vote on September 10**.