

# THE GLEN COVE INFORMER

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## GLEN COVE ELECTION 2011 - Candidates and the Issues



**PAUL MELI**  
Candidate for Mayor of Glen Cove

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Administration Yields to Republican Pressure  
No Council Benefits in 2012

In January of this year, we revealed that, when the mayor and city council voted to give taxpayer funded family health coverage to “full-time” employees, they actually bestowed such benefits upon our part-time city council members, a perk easily worth \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year to each of them, and even more to those who, when fully “vested”, would get such coverage for the rest of their lives. Adding insult to injury, those council members who chose to not take the coverage were entitled to a cash stipend.

We also made public that, while our city attorney’s law firm was being paid thousands upon thousands of dollars, the mayor and council also designated him an “employee” so that he could get retirement benefits along with the same family health coverage as a full time employee.

When I publically protested this blatant and deceitful abuse of power, and repeatedly demanded a freeze of the benefits until there was open and public debate, the mayor and council steadfastly refused. Indeed the mayor, without any regard to the hardships being experienced by the city’s residents, defended the practice as the way that things had always been done, and as being deserved by his hard-working, but admittedly “part-time”, city council. He labeled me a “loser” with “no solutions”.

Upon announcing our candidacy in June, my council team and I declared that, to set the tone for our administration, ease the burden on our taxpayers, cut the city’s expenses, and balance our budget, we would eliminate paid benefits for all part-time employees, including council members, and for retained consultants like our city attorney. How could any right-thinking public official do less? The mayor and council, however, continued to cling to these perks.

Well, the pressure that has been brought upon the mayor and council on this issue appears to have finally had its effect, especially after they projected yet another \$800,000 to \$1 million deficit for 2011. When asked at last weeks budget hearing, the mayor said that, beginning next year, if council members and the city attorney want to participate in the city’s insurance plan, they, and not the taxpayers, will have to pay for it. It seems that, contrary to the mayor’s earlier statements, we did offer a solution. It’s just too bad that it took political pressure, and the loss of yet more money, for the mayor and council to do what was always the only right thing to do.

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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Glen Cove Republican Club

**- Open Meeting -  
Wednesday,  
October 26th  
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

At ‘Page One’ Restaurant  
90 School Street in Glen Cove

**- All Welcome -**

## MAYORAL DEBATE

Join Us for a  
**‘MAYORAL DEBATE’**

Sponsored by the  
Glen Cove Record Pilot

Saturday, October 29  
at 4:00 PM

Wunsch Arts Center  
Forest Ave., Glen Cove

**\*\*REPUBLICAN\*\*  
and CONSERVATIVE PARTY  
CANDIDATES**

## GLEN COVE MAYOR

**Paul L. Meli**

## CITY COUNCIL

John Hanley  
Kristina Heuser  
Reggie Spinello  
Pam Panzenbeck  
Anthony Gallo, Jr.  
Filomena Ricciardi

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## REGGIE SPINELLO Candidate for Glen Cove City Council

### HONEST AND SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

Since the Mayor took office 6 years ago, he has placed ALL the blame for our financial problems on the prior administration. Let's do the arithmetic and see if he is right. Fol-

low me closely and read this article twice if you have to.

At the end of 2006....Ralph Suozzi's first year in office the deficit (cumulative amount each year that spending exceeds revenues) had grown from about 6 million to about 14 million dollars. In 2007 Mayor Suozzi received permission from the State Comptroller's office to borrow \$12.8 million

for deficit financing. The total long term debt of our city (money that is owed for more than 1 year) became \$56 million.

Since that time, the Mayor and City Council have raised taxes \$10 million dollars and sold our sewer system for what the Mayor termed "additional savings of \$4 million annually." That's \$14 million in annual revenue added to our budget.

Four years later, at the end of 2011 our long term debt will be ... \$56 million!

In summary, he increased the revenue by \$14 million and we still owe the same amount...

**HONEST AND SIMPLE ARITHMETIC.....**



## PAMELA PANZENBECK Candidate for Glen Cove City Council

### A LEADER, FOR A CHANGE!

The campaign for the Glen Cove mayoral election is in its homestretch. This year there is a "real buzz" and a "feeling of electricity" in the air.

Glen Cove residents, more than ever, are taking interest in the issues and in the candidates seeking the mayoral position and city council seats. We are aware of and informed about deficit budgets, bonded debt, excessive spending, and low bond ratings.

Now is the time! This is the year! We can make the easy choice and remain with the mayor and city council we have had for 6 years or we can make the wise choice to clean house and go with the opponents of the status quo.

Now, my fellow Glen Covers, we will elect "A Leader, for a Change!" I am fully prepared to be part of a successful new leadership for our City and it's residents.

**In the 2009 Glen Cove mayoral election, 5200 citizens voted out of a population of approximately 14,000 registered voters. That's only 37% of eligible voters. Come out this year and join with us for a better Glen Cove.**

**We have had 6 years of an administration that has taken advantage of the trust placed in them by the people who voted for them.**

**Turnover of management is essential . .....**

Election day: Tuesday, November 8.  
Be there! Help make a difference.

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