

Mandel responds to community

Highland Park/ I'm writing today to urge you to vote for Steve Mandel for Highland Park City Council.

As a four-term state representative in Springfield, I have worked closely with Steve on many issues critical to our community, including our successful effort to secure funding for public greenways. Then, and now, Steve is especially concerned about protecting the natural beauty and character of Highland Park, and he is an important voice on the city council for environmental and historic preservation.

In his three terms as a City Council member for us, Steve has shown himself to be extremely responsive to the needs of our community. He has focused serious effort on enhancing communications with residents to give them a voice in local government, stood up for the rights of local business owners, and extended his outreach by serving as City Council liaison to the Lakefront, Plan, Environmental and Traffic Commissions. He is a valuable and important addition to our city government.

Steve Mandel has the courage of his convictions, and can be counted on to speak out for the benefit of our community. That is why so many of us who supported his opponent, Mike Belsky, in the 2003 mayoral election, are equally fervent about Steve's re-election to the City Council, where he is and will remain a strong and effective representative for Highland Park citizens. Steve has worked very hard and deserves re-election.

I hope you will join me in supporting Steve Mandel on April 5.

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