

## **Mandel helps businesses thrive**

**Highland Park/** Steve Mandel has done an outstanding job as a member of the Highland Park City Council.

As a fellow Council member, I have seen first-hand Steve's leadership skills. On many issues, he is the first person in City government to see unique opportunities as well as the potential pitfalls and problems.

As a small-business owner, I can attest to Steve's work to make Highland Park a place where all businesses can thrive. His leadership in improving our downtown parking as well as his continued support of the Chamber of Commerce are strong reasons we need to support Steve in this race.

In 2003, Steve ran a good race against Mike Belsky for Mayor. I voted for Mike then, but I am voting for Steve April 5. An independent leader is rare commodity in government, and we can't afford to lose one like Steve Mandel.

**Mari Barnes**