A PERSONAL LETTER TO MY FELLOW NEW YORKERS

My Dear Fellow New Yorkers,

Election Day is five weeks away. Soon it will be time for you to go to your polling place to vote. So, between now and election day, you need to ask yourself, "Am I happy with the quality of life in New York City?"

Noted below is a list of problems confronting our city:

- 1. Skyrocketing rents and cost of living
- 2. Stagnant wages
- 3. Proliferation of bicycles
- 4. Massive traffic congestion
- 5. Deteriorating infra-structure
- 6. Unused real estate
- 7. A crumbling subway system
- 8. A burgeoning homeless population
- 9. Costly entertainment
- 10. Widespread exposure to second-hand smoke
- 11. Dwindling manufacturing base
- 12. Incessant noise pollution
- 13. Crushing personal taxes
- 14. Filthy streets
- 15. Failing public schools
- 16. Widening income gap

Can you, or anyone for that matter, seriously doubt that these problems don't exist? Of course not. No one can because to do so would be to deny reality, a reality that is steadily eroding the quality of life in the city.

I do not suggest that our current political leadership is unaware of these problems. They too know that these problems exist, and even use them as talking points when campaigning. Unfortunately, it's only talk, and talk alone does not solve problems.

According to the results of recent surveys of New York City voters, at least TWO MILLION voters in New York City are dissatisfied with the quality of life in the city. That's a lot of dissatisfied voters. Of course, you can argue that New Yorkers generally complain a lot and that gripping is part of the New York City culture, but that does not change the facts. The problems exist. I know it, you know it, and our elected officials know it.

This is why I entered this race: to provide the leadership needed to get things done so that we can begin to solve the problems. I offer a practical plan of action which, when implemented, will grow the middle class and make the city a better place in which to live for all of us.

To make that happen I need your vote.

So, help me win this race. A win for me will be a win for you and for the city.

On November 7th Vote for Phillip W. Weiss for Mayor of New York City.

Write my name on the ballot.

Sincerely,