

Brother and Sister Union Members:

What does School Board Member Gerry McCann think about labor unions and reasonably negotiated labor contracts? What follows is McCann's comment to Jersey Journal writer Augie Torres on Saturday, April 3, 2010, in regard to the tentative agreement reached between Jersey City and the POBA:

"YOU CAN'T BE AGAINST CITY TAXES AND THEN SUPPORT THE COPS CONTRACT". This was stated by McCann in his discussion with the reporter after he and his partners on the school board had voted down the tentative agreement which the teachers had reached with the City.

A little about former Mayor Gerald McCann: While McCann was mayor in the early 90's he laid off 50 police officers and demoted numerous supervisors, both sergeants and lieutenants. The motivation of Mayor McCann in bringing this financial hardship down upon our members was to "beat down" both labor unions who were seeking to negotiate terms of a fair and reasonable labor contract.

WELL HE'S BACK, after taking an eighteen month vacation in a federal facility in the mid 1990's, Mr. McCann has emerged as a member of the Jersey City School Board where he has led certain members of that board to vote down a labor contract which had been fairly negotiated and approved by the Jersey City Superintendent of schools.

McCann's main partner in this travesty was Board Member Terry Dehere. In fact one of McCann's staunchest supporters on the board, POBA member Sean Connors, was confronted at the meeting by a member of the teachers union, a union which had endorsed his candidacy, and he was asked about his abstaining from voting on the teacher's labor contract; **IN A SHOCKING EXAMPLE OF PLACING LOCAL POLITICS ABOVE HIS BROTHER AND SISTER OFFICERS, HE PROUDLY PROCLAIMED THAT HE HAD VOTED AGAINST HIS OWN LABOR CONTRACT.** Clearly POBA member Sean Connors has a first amendment right to express his views, alternatively we also have the same right.

There are over 300 POBA members registered to vote in Jersey City, we urge you and your families to come out on April 20, to vote the ANTI LABOR school board members OUT OF OFFICE. The polls are open on this day from 2:00pm to 9:00 pm. If McCann is removed from office he will no longer have a bully pulpit in where he can launch his anti labor agenda from.

The ANTI-McCann School Board Slate is as follows:

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| Sterling Waterman | 3A |
| Carol Lester | 5A |
| Angel Valentine | 8A |

The comments made in this letter are done so as private citizens and consistent with our first amendment rights of free speech. Re: In “Pickering v the Cleveland, Ohio Board of Education”, the United States Supreme Court Ruled that “public employees may not be constitutionally compelled to relinquish their first amendment rights that they would otherwise enjoy as citizens To comment on matters of public interest in regard to places where they work”.

Fraternally,

Juan Berrios, member POBA

Joseph Capuano, member POBA

James Cardinalli, member POBA

Timothy Crowley, member POBA

Bernard Flores, members PSOA

Anthony Iannicco, member POBA

Gino Kang, member POBA

John Kilroy, member POBA

Nick Kramer, member POBA

Brian McGovern, member POBA

Mark Razzolli, member, POBA

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