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MEMORANDUM

TO: Officers and Members of the Human Relations Commission

FROM: Freeholder Amy Handlin

DATE: July 25, 2002

RE: Keansburg

I am sure that all of you share my outrage and disgust at the racial slurs that were recently made by the Acting Chief of Police of Keansburg. Unfortunately, the continuing publicity about this incident and the ongoing debate about town officials' response are keeping alive the deep hurt and divisions it has caused.

As the official body that represents all of Monmouth County's many ethnic, racial and religious groups, I believe it is imperative for the Commission to issue a strong condemnation of Acting Chief Kennedy's comments. I am respectfully requesting that you act on this matter as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and for all your hard work on behalf of the residents of Monmouth County.

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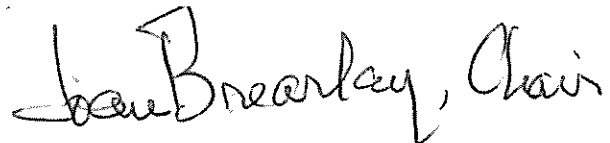
August 5, 2002

MCHRC RESPONDS TO KEANSBURG BIAS INCIDENT

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Joan Brearley, Chairperson
MCHRC

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IT'S YOUR TURN

8/10/02 two River Times Letters to the Editor

Chief's Conduct Abhorrent

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*Monmouth County Human
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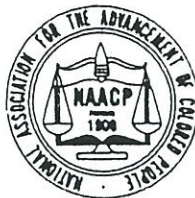
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14 January 2003

John and Carolyn Schwebel
The Equalizers
79 Hamilton Avenue
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Re: The Keansburg Case

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schwebel:


The Asbury Park-Neptune and the Greater Long Branch Area NAACPs thank you as representatives of both the Equalizers and the Monmouth County Human Relations Commission for your dedicated support during the many meetings at the Keansburg Council.

Not only was your presence heart-warming but your comments reinforced the NAACPs position before the Keansburg Council. Your sacrifice of time to appear at the many meetings, the press releases, the communications with other organizations and many, many suggestions to speak out are greatly appreciated.

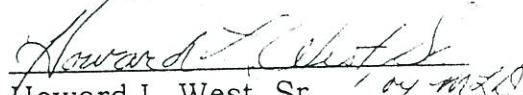
Your E-Mails covering information from various sources were also helpful and appreciated.

Now that the Acting Chief has retired this concludes the phase involving unacceptable behavior by the highest ranking law enforcement officer, the racial profiling and the threat to African Americans from egregious, hateful, racial speech.

Again, we thank you for your support.


Lorenzo W. Dangler
Pres., Greater Long Branch
NAACP

Sincerely,


Howard L. West, Sr.
Pres., Asbury Park-Neptune
NAACP