

Subj: hello from an old friend and protege

Hello John,

I worked for you as an intern and junior employees back in the 1960s in Rockland County, when you were developing the groundbreaking Controlled Growth Program that still influences planning and zoning policies in local government today. You were, and still are, my hero! You had me doing background work on so many of your progressive policies and programs, including all those graphs and charts you used at public meetings to illustrate the need for Controlled Growth; as well as your push to fully integrate our volunteer fire houses, and your exposure of corruption in local federally subsidized public housing programs. You remade the Town of Ramapo and Rockland County!

I notice that one important contribution of yours is missing from the terrific website about your career: some of the work you initiated served as forerunner of the economic development movement, that now plays an integral role in all state and local programs. After reorganizing the Town government and creating all the components of Controlled Growth, DEACOM, etc. you had me look into whether the Town could offer incentives to encourage business growth and stimulate employment. One of the benefits of the Public Works reorganization was to simplify the process for a business to locate and/or expand in our community.

These are the linchpins of economic development, and helped turn my attention away from law school and towards a business where the government and the private sector could work together for the benefit of the community. My own career has been in economic development, and includes 25 years as President of a national economic development group (the National Association of State Development Agencies) and ten years as a consultant, which has included the development of award winning programs in North Dakota, Washington State, and Prince William County, VA. Currently, I lead a business alliance that supports the military and works to facilitate a closer relationship between the business community and our local military bases and agencies (www.qbrbusinessalliance.com)

You can also see more of my work at www.milesfriedman.com or by Googling my name.

I think of you often, and all that I learned at your side, and often wonder how different my life might have been if I had stayed with you in Ramapo, rather than returning to DC after graduation to pursue my

graduate degree.

I enjoyed perusing your website, am still proud to have worked with you, and know that even this great website cannot hope to capture your brilliance and all your contributions to our country and community.

Best
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