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Important oath of office

In this age of "entitlements for special interest groups" I thought it fitting to remind both our elected council members and the public of the oath of office each one of the Clifton Council members solemnly swore to uphold.

Here is the oath: "I solemnly swear I will support the Constitution of the U.S. and Constitution of the state of N.J. I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the U.S. and in this State, under the authority of the people and I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of Clifton Council person according to the best of my ability so help me God.

The definition of "impartially" is unprejudiced, fair, equitable, evenhanded, unbiased. Unfortunately, over the last two years, time and time again the majority of this council has voted not in the best interests of all the resi-

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dents of Clifton but rather to fulfill campaign promises for their "friends" or "special interest groups" at the expense of the taxpayers of the city of Clifton. Nor does this oath give this council the authority to allow any group the right not to uphold the laws of the State of New Jersey.

It is time that we the people of Clifton start demanding this Council vote in the best interests of the entire city and not just special interest groups. The words from the Gettysburg Address ring loud and clear "that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." It is time the majority of the Clifton Council uphold this belief.

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