



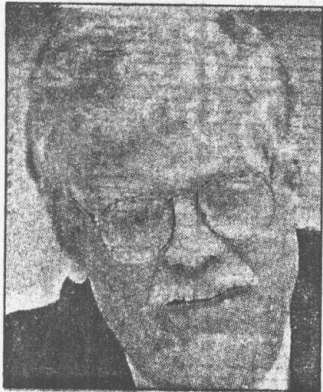
"I share the view that we as a community have an obligation to take care of our own."

Councilman Jerome X. O'Donovan (D-North Shore)



"There has to be an ongoing educational tool at a very young level so that children grow up without seeing these differences, but that everybody is the same."

Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly (D-North Shore)



"I believe that each of these proposals has to stand on its own. People in a neighborhood are entitled to ask questions. They are entitled to a full and fair hearing of any complaints they have about any of these proposals."

Assemblyman Eric Vitaliano (D-Mid-Island)



"It has been my policy to follow the recommendations of the community board on group homes."

Assemblyman Robert A. Straniere (R-South Shore)



"I support residential sites for those with developmental disabilities. My experience has been they actually make better neighbors than you would have otherwise by the luck of the draw."

State Sen. Vincent Gentile (D-Brooklyn/East Shore)



"The most concrete method you can pursue as a legislator is to vote budgetary support [for such programs] and I do consistently."

State Sen. John J. Marchi (R-Staten Island)

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* Rep. Vito Fossella could not be reached for comment