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# Apartment dwellers

To the Editor: Tom Friedman's article (Nov. 8) quotes Guilderland Town Supervisor Carl Walters as saying that apartment dwellers in Guilderland "....don't have any allegiance to the town ....".

Mr. Walter's inaccurate remark is unworthy of a newly elected public official whose responsibility is to represent all the residents of Guilderland, whether they live in apartments or private homes. The mere fact that the apartment dwellers did turn out in significant numbers in Tuesday's election clearly demonstrates that apartment dwellers are concerned and do care about their community.

As an apartment dweller who has resided in Guilderland for almost five years, I am insulted and angered by Mr. Walter's disparaging remarks which accuse those of us who live in apartments of non-allegiance to our town. Many apartment dwellers cannot afford to own their own homes and their choice of residence is necessitated by financial circumstances. Does this mean we shouldn't have the right to vote?

One would think Mr. Walters should be applauding the turnout of apartment dwellers as indicative of our commitment to the democratic process rather than denigrating our efforts to voice our interest in the future of Guilderland.

Apartment dwellers are not disenfranchised citizens. Our voices were

heard on Election Day and will continue to be heard in the years to come.

Shame on you, Mr. Walters.

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