

① Jimmy Joe Walcott

② Lou Katz

③ Jim Dugan - State Ch

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

CAMDEN COUNTY ANNUAL VICTORY DINNER

CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MAY 20, 1976

Bill Simon  
Ch. Bd. of  
Freeholders

I like Jimmy  
all kinds  
of people!

~~Mayor Angelo Errichetti~~

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Mayor Wills

(Airakatti)

Jim Joyce - county ch

④ Pete Williams <sup>1953</sup>

Vote for him  
twice

6 yrs in  
assembly

⑤ Jim Florio - 1st DIST

(Interstate + Commerce -

Select Comm  
on Aging

- Joe Sandone (former  
Freeholder)

⑥ Kathy Costa - 6th DIST

ACCORDING TO BOB STRAUSS AND BENNETT JOHNSTON,  
OUR PARTY NEEDED SOMEONE THIS EVENING WHO COULD  
DISCUSS ALL OF THE MAJOR ISSUES, SUMMARIZE OUR  
PLATFORM, OUTLINE THE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
WHICH WE FACE, AND ANALYZE OUR STRATEGY FOR VICTORY  
IN 1976--ALL IN TEN MINUTES, NATURALLY, THEY  
ASKED: "WHERE'S HUBERT?"

WELL, HERE I AM. READY TO BEAT THE CLOCK.

IN JUST EIGHT MONTHS, A DEMOCRAT WILL STAND  
ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL TO ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP  
OF OUR NATION.

ONCE AGAIN, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE A  
FRIEND IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND MAJORITY GOVERNMENT  
WILL HAVE BEEN RESTORED.

THIS PREDICTION IS NOT JUST A HOPE OR A  
DREAM.

I KNOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR JUDGMENT.

I HAVE FAITH IN THEIR BASIC COMMON SENSE AND  
DECENCY.

I KNOW THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE HAVE TO MAKE A  
CHOICE BETWEEN THE POLITICS OF COMPASSION AND THE  
POLITICS OF INDIFFERENCE, THEY WILL MAKE THE RIGHT  
CHOICE.

THIS YEAR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH  
THE BICENTENNIAL SPIRIT.

IN 1776, THE PEOPLE PROCLAIMED THEIR INDEPENDENCE  
AND THREW OUT THE BRITISH TORIES.

IN 1976, WE WILL ONCE AGAIN AFFIRM OUR  
INDEPENDENCE AND KICK OUT THE REPUBLICAN TORIES.

SEVEN SAD YEARS OF THE NIXON-FORD ADMINISTRATION  
HAVE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE  
INCAPABLE OF RUNNING THE COUNTRY IN THE INTEREST  
OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

OUR DUTY AS PATRIOTIC AMERICANS AND AS DEMOCRATS  
IS TO SEE TO IT THAT ALL REPUBLICANS ARE REQUIRED  
TO RUN ON AND NOT AWAY FROM THEIR RECORD.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET REPUBLICANS COVER-UP  
THE FACT THAT 57 MILLION AMERICANS WERE THROWN OUT  
OF WORK AND ONTO THE STREETS BY TWO RECESSIONS  
AND HERBERT HOOVER ECONOMICS.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET REPUBLICANS RUN AWAY  
FROM AMERICA'S WORKING FAMILIES WHO HAVE SEEN THEIR  
ENTIRE INCOME GAIN OF THE 1960'S WIPED OUT BY THE  
POLICIES OF THE WALL STREET BOYS THAT OCCUPY THE  
WHITE HOUSE CORRIDORS.

REPUBLICANS CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM NINETY-ONE  
VETOES WHICH SAY NO! NO! NO! TO THE HOPES AND  
ASPIRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

and the Republicans cannot hide the  
fact that ~~they did~~ they have  
occupied the <sup>5</sup> White House for 16 out of  
the last 24 years.

~~AND~~ THE REPUBLICANS CANNOT RUN AWAY FROM THEIR

PROMISE MADE IN THE HEATED DAYS OF 1968 THAT THEY

<sup>could</sup>  
WILL BRING LAW AND ORDER TO THE REPUBLIC. WE WILL

NEVER LET THEM FORGET THIS PROMISE BECAUSE THEY

BROUGHT LAWLESSNESS TO THE SACRED PRECINCTS OF THE

NATION'S HIGHEST OFFICE AND PERMITTED CRIME IN THE

STREETS TO REACH UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS.

THE ELECTION OF 1976 WILL MARK ONE OF THOSE  
HISTORIC MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICS  
WHEN THE PEOPLE DEMAND AN ACCOUNTING AND SAY, "ENOUGH."

ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO CLAIM ECONOMIC MIRACLES  
AFTER BRINGING US TO THE PRECIPICE OF ECONOMIC  
RUIN.

ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO ESPOUSE THE WORK ETHIC AND  
EXPAND THE WELFARE ROLLS.

ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO RENOUNCE DEFICITS AND THEN  
CAUSE THEM TO GROW EVEN LARGER.

ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO WORSHIP AT THE SHRINE OF  
FREE ENTERPRISE AND LET MONOPOLIES FLOURISH.

I SAY ENOUGH OF REPUBLICANS.

ENOUGH OF THOSE WHO WANT TO COVER-UP A RECORD  
OF DOUBT, DEFEAT AND DESPAIR.

WE ARE A PARTY UNITED IN PURPOSE, STRIVING  
TOWARDS THE DEFEAT OF THOSE WHO DENY AMERICA ITS  
VERY GREATNESS.

BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK: WHAT DO  
WE STAND FOR?

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE IN AS A PARTY?

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

IF WE BELIEVE IN WORK AND A PRODUCTIVE AMERICA,  
OUR GOVERNMENT MUST BE COMMITTED TO FULL EMPLOYMENT  
THAT ASSURES DECENT JOBS AT DECENT WAGES.

IF WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO  
A FULL LIFE, THEN WE NEED A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE  
SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO ALL.

IF WE BELIEVE IN OUR CITIES, WE MUST HAVE A  
HOUSING PROGRAM THAT REPLACES SLUMS WITH DECENT  
HOMES AND WE MUST MAKE HOME OWNERSHIP A REALITY FOR  
WORKING PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN.



IF WE BELIEVE IN ENDING RACISM AND PREJUDICE,  
THEN WE MUST SEE THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REACHES INTO  
EVERY ASPECT OF AMERICAN LIFE.

AND IF WE BELIEVE IN LEADERSHIP, WE MUST OFFER  
THE PEOPLE MEN AND WOMEN WHO BELIEVE THAT ONLY  
GOVERNMENT GUIDED BY A SENSE OF VISION AND FAIRNESS  
IS WORTHY OF OUR NATION.

THESE ARE SOME OF OUR GOALS.

OUR HOPES FOR VICTORY IN NOVEMBER CAN BE  
REALIZED IF WE WORK TOGETHER IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

UNITY WILL BRING US MORE THAN VICTORY.

IT WILL BRING US OPPORTUNITY. OPPORTUNITY TO  
GOVERN A NATION WITH COMPASSION AND JUSTICE.  
OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS NATION MOVING ONCE AGAIN IN  
THE SPIRIT OF ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, KENNEDY AND  
JOHNSON.

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