



Dear Friends,

My name is Gerald Colagiovanni. I Chair the Committee to elect Mike Thulen, Sr. as our next Ocean County Commissioner.

Before offering the many great reasons that you should vote for #8E for Mike (and also urge your family and friends to vote for Mike) allow me to offer my biography so you may fully know where I stand when I say *there is no better candidate for Ocean County Commissioner than Mike Thulen.*

Ocean County has been my home for 53-years, having lived in Mantoloking, Point Pleasant, Brick Township, Toms River, and Point Pleasant Beach. A product Brick's School System, I received a quality education prior to studies at Upsala College in East Orange NJ paid for in part by working summers on the beaches and boardwalks of our great barrier islands, and it is there that I transitioned into my first career as many in Ocean County do.

Upon graduation, I accepted a position at Jenkinson's Boardwalk as Director of Marketing and Communications where my representing Jenkinson's led to a lifelong engagement in civic leadership.

In addition to Jenkinson's, I have promoted Point Pleasant Beach and Ocean County on Point Pleasant Beach's Chamber of Commerce, Ocean County's Tourism Council, the Shore Region Tourism Council, Monmouth Ocean Development Council, the New Jersey Offshore Powerboat Association. United Way of Ocean County, Deborah Hospital, Companions in Courage, and ARC of Ocean County are among the many worthwhile charities and community organizations I support.

I have just celebrated my 20th year of service working for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and have served as spokesperson in the Public Affairs Department, Patron Services Compliance Supervisor, and currently, as liaison to the New Jersey State Police. My father – *John M. Colagiovanni* – proudly served our country in the United States Navy in WWII's South Pacific Theatre. Many uncles and cousins also served bravely, with honor, in Korea and Vietnam.

*It is for these aforementioned reasons that my friendship, my affection, my loyalty, and my endorsement for Mike Thulen is offered.*

My parents taught me to be wise in who I chose as friends and to associate myself with good people of substance and quality. Many people profess to be "Good, Honest and Honorable" then as you go through life you see how they profess themselves isn't who they truly are.

Eventually and unfortunately, these people show their true colors and expose themselves because they have no compass, no anchor. I disassociate myself with people who dishonor themselves and others and *am thankful for good people like Mike Thulen.*

In the many years of our friendship, I have known Mike Thulen to always be forthcoming, honest, true, honorable, loyal, civic-minded and one of the most charitable people I have ever met. *Mike Thulen Talks the Talk and Walks the Walk, he has never showed me anything different.*

Mike Thulen is a “roll up his sleeves guy” always eager and willing to lend a hand whether it is with a home project, a benefit, charity, anything to make his community better.

I have had the honor of watching Mike Thulen as a councilman in Brick Township spearheading policy that led to so many of the municipalities positive changes during his tenure; I am always moved when I see Mike interacting at the various special needs functions he attends with his fiancé’s daughter Angelina, especially Rolling Thunder bowling events.

Mike Thulen is passionate about causes large and small – Seniors needs; safety in our county, public transportation, health and welfare, special needs, veteran benefits and needs, infrastructure, and economic development – all of these issues command Mike’s attention.

Mike Thulen embodies all of the traits of the “Greatest Generation” and “Baby Boomers,”

Mike Thulen is the Right Candidate and Right Choice, at the Right Time for everything true and just in our country, State, and most importantly, Ocean County.

Mike Thulen is the *Right Man* at the *Right Time* to spearhead and fast track the facilitation of covid inoculations to all of our residents. Mike is the *Right Man* to assemble the *Right Team* to develop, orchestrate, implement, and put in motion recovery plans for the post covid businesses in our county that have suffered terrible financial losses during the pandemic.

*Mike will lobby to ensure businesses are operating at 100% capacity, get our residents jobs, and get Ocean County back to work.*

If you are looking to cast your vote for the person who will never let you down, fight for your needs, be your voice and personal champion to get Ocean County back on track then please look no further than my friend – *Ocean County’s best candidate for County Commissioner* – Mike Thulen, Sr. and VOTE #8E on June 8!

Sincerely,

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**Gerald Colagiovanni**

**Chairman, Michael Thulen Sr. for Commissioner**

