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WASHINGTON OFFICE

Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro
108-18 Queens Blvd.
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Dear Congresswoman Ferraro,

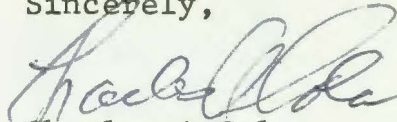
After reading several articles highlighting your qualifications for the Vice-Presidency, I was extremely pleased that Walter Mondale chose you as the best possible running-mate in November's election.

As former Republican Vice-Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I offer you my services in any way possible to ensure a Democratic win in November.

Please feel free to have a member of your staff contact me at any time. I can be reached at 914-965-4421 or 914-423-9754.

Hoping to be part of your successful effort to return dignity, pride and hope to all peoples of our country, I remain,

Sincerely,



Charles A Cola
Director

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July 6th, 1984

Hon. President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Reagan:

I, as a former Republican Vice Mayor of the City of Yonkers am deeply disturbed with the Republicans in the City of Yonkers and your administration. I was a loyal Republican all my life - the third generation of elected officials - served with the Mayor of the City of Yonkers for eight years as a Republican Conservative.

I was a Charter member of the Presidential Republican Task Force-I have supported you and your conservative positions on many issues, especially the causes against busing, flagrant spending of money for programs which were detrimental to our city and country in general. I have been disillusioned and disappointed in the local Republican Mayor, City, County and state Committee. I, therefore, resigned as a registered Republican and became a Democrat in April. I have done this, because Republican Mayor Martinelli who claims he is your friend and the Republican party of Yonkers have been supportive of the NAACP in the desegregation suit and in trying to force added low income housing in Yonkers. We now have 44% of Low Income Housing in Westchester County.

The Federal Government, of which you are the executive is supporting making funds available for additional housing because of the law suit by the NAACP. I feel it is horrendous and a slap in the face to a good city whose people are not racist but who are financially strapped as you may or may not be aware exist. I feel that you are just as at fault in your administration in proposing the housing and its funding for Yonkers, and not attempting to assist a City in distress.

I will go out and do anything in my power to defeat you by speaking out against busing and low income housing, particularly in Yonkers. It took a long time for me to write this letter but I believe the ultimate buck stops at the White House.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Cola

Cola to become a Democrat in '85

By Brian Tumulty
Staff Writer

Charles A. Cola, a former five-term Republican member of the Yonkers City Council who unsuccessfully ran for mayor last year as an independent, announced Monday that he has filed to become a Democrat. 2/84

The change will not take effect until 1985, but Cola said he is doing it now so that it won't look as if he is switching to run for a particular elected office.

However, the 49-year-old Cola conceded in an interview Monday afternoon that he would gladly accept a position on the 1985 Democratic ticket for City Council, especially if at-large Council Member Bernice Spreckman is the mayoral candidate.

"I know she's a prime candidate to run for mayor and I'd be happy to run with her," he said.

Mrs. Spreckman, who switched her registration from Republican to Democrat last year, received the title of vice mayor by winning more votes than the

other council member elected citywide, Democrat Frank McGovern.

Mrs. Spreckman reacted to Cola's conjecture about her mayoral candidacy by saying, "It's news to me because I don't even know what I'll be doing. Right now we're going through terrible financial times and I can't think about it."

A funeral director by profession, Cola has not worked at his job at the Riverside Memorial Chapel in New York City since last year. Cola says he does not intend to return. He is the full-time director of the North Yonkers Preservation and Development Corp.

According to Cola, he will soon get involved in the Democratic Party by volunteering to assist in the re-election of state Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, D-Greenburgh, whose district includes North Yonkers, and helping former Rep. Peter Peyser in getting the Democratic line for the congressional seat being vacated by Rep. Richard Ottinger, D-Mamaroneck.

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