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## In Our Opinion

# Balcer for City Council

After Yvonne Balcer spoke during a forum for candidates for an at-large council seat in Jersey City, one man in the audience remarked: "She does her homework."

By questioning intensively and doing a great amount of research, she has become well-qualified to represent the beleaguered taxpayer in the ranks of city government. She has earned The Jersey Journal's endorsement in the race for the council seat.

Balcer, a teacher in a Catholic school, has shown her capacity for exhaustive research and relentless questioning as a member of the public attending numerous City Council meetings during the past several years. Her interest in government was especially energized by her anger over the effects of property revaluation upon her as a Downtown homeowner.

She faces an uphill fight in a crowded field, which includes appointed incumbent Willie Flood, who has the support of Mayor Gerald McCann. Of the 20 candidates, several, including Flood, appear capable of being good council members.

Balcer has some opinions on state and national matters that differ from ours, but she looks to be the most qualified to hammer away at the vital issues of cutting taxes and controlling city spending. She emphasized at one forum the valid point that the administration and the council should be working right now to find ways to reduce spending for 1991. Her campaign emphasizes citizen involvement in cutting the city budget and careful city council scrutiny of development projects to make sure they provide proper value to the city.

She has shown very convincingly that she is quite willing to research the facts, take a stand and speak out loudly and clearly against policies she considers wrong.

Jersey City voters would do well to vote for Balcer on Tuesday, Nov. 6.