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Dear Rockaway Community,

Today, I received a telephone call from Rabbi Bamgarten alerting me to a situation involving two people, reportedly from the LaRouche organization, soliciting something concerning green energy generation. The individuals were seated at a table in Rockaway Borough engaging the public and providing literature advocating their position. Unbelievably, the table featured a sign which bore the language "Green Energy...More Efficient than Auschwitz." The sign also contained an image of windmill generators with blades in the shape of swastikas. An immediate referral was made by Chief McParland of our Police Department to the Rockaway Borough Police Department who engaged the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

Regardless of any action taken by law enforcement and, on behalf of Rockaway Township, I must go on record in stating that this display was repugnant and offensive by any standard. Using words and symbols directly related to one of the most terrible episodes in human history to support a solicitation is beyond insensitive. It is fundamentally wrong. This goes far beyond the obvious and proper concerns of our Jewish community and challenges all of us. I ask all citizens of Rockaway Township to join me in condemning this conduct."

Mayor Michael Puzio