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STOCKTON HUGHES CENTER HEAD SHARON SCHULMAN SEEKS POLITICAL CIVILITY

During the recent Presidential and Congressional elections there was one word not in the lexicon of the election verbiage – CIVILITY. Recently, **Sharon Schulman**, director of the William J. Hughes Center on Public Policy, at Richard Stockton College said she emphasized that word at an open forum, which attracted a bevy of public officials and experts to discuss the question of what to do about the nasty campaigning in the recent election. Schulman, who moderated the forum, attracted North Jersey **Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein**, EHT **Mayor James J. McCullough** and Atlantic County **Senator James Whelan**. Schulman told HM, the Hughes Center is acting on the civility issues: “Since the beginning of the American electoral process, conducting civil political campaigns has been a challenge and since the use of TV in 1964 and now the Internet, the tenor of campaigns has gotten even less civil.” And continued Schulman, “at the request of Whelan, the Hughes Center has been researching how countries around the globe handle the issue and we have written about the issues in the League of Municipalities magazine and then at a panel last week with legislators, campaign people and faculty, we had an in-depth discussion on how to improve CIVILITY. And for the panelists, the bottom line is controlling the money used for campaigns.” Concluded Schulman, “The Center will be publishing a research paper with recommendations shortly.” HM says “maybe there is some hope.”