

# Fresno council candidate's flier uses Nazi death camp image, clergy say

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Top, a detail of a flyer distributed by Fresno City Council candidate Mike Wells. His opponent, Council Member Clint Olivier, says the source of the background image is a picture of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp, below. Olivier and local clergy community held a news conference Monday, May 5, 2014.

## SPECIAL TO THE BEE

A campaign flier from District 7 Fresno City Council candidate Mike Wells is drawing fire from the Christian and Jewish communities for its use of a Holocaust image.

The mailer, sent to homes on Saturday, shows a rundown building surrounded by barbed wire with a wooden sign.

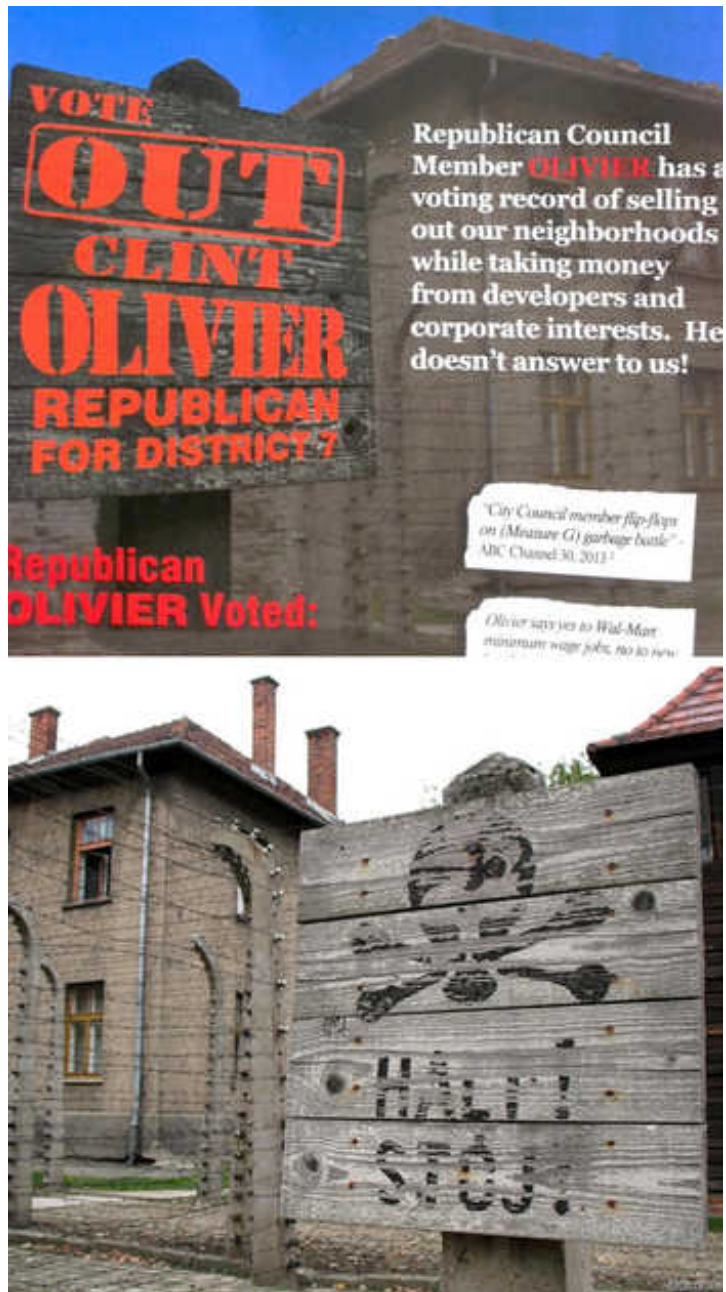
A closer look of the image reveals what looks like a building from the Auschwitz concentration camp, according to a couple religious leaders who joined City Council Member Clint Olivier at a Monday afternoon news conference to call for the removal of the mailers.

The fliers are still being distributed at Fresno's Democratic Party headquarters, said Olivier, who is running for reelection in District 7.

Rabbi Rick Winer of Temple Beth Israel, Pastor Jim Franklin of Cornerstone Church and Olivier called the image offensive to the entire community.

"This is not the kind of politics we want," Winer said. "I think, I hope, this was a stupid mistake. I hope it wasn't an intentional thing."

Wells could not be reached immediately for comment Monday.



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