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To: City Council
From: Lydia Pisano, Mayor
Date: April 28, 2017
Subject: Cornerstone Charter School Board Applications

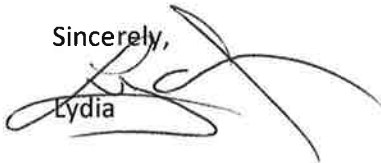
Please be advised that the Cornerstone Charter School Board rejected City Council's candidates for the School Board positions. Although they were very good candidates, the School Board felt that they needed more diversity on the Board.

The Board further stated, since the school's focus is on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, and also Life Sciences/Bio Med) consideration should be given to that criteria in the candidate selection process. The Board passed a motion to submit a short list of applicants, all of which were included in your original packet.

In order to give the Council the opportunity to further review this list of candidates, we will not be discussing this item at the May 2nd meeting. I will be contacting all of the candidates and advising them that we will be reviewing their applications again, and personally inviting them to the City Council meeting on May 16th, so that we can meet them.

These seats are important to the City as well as to Cornerstone Charter Academy, and we should exercise every opportunity to make the right choice. Since the School Board does not meet again until June, there is no need to rush this decision.

Sincerely,


Lydia