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## Memo

Date:September 23, 2024From:Dan Grimmer, City ClerkTo:Nome Common CouncilSubject:History of the Determination of Ineligibility for Rexodus Pomrenke

On August 26<sup>th</sup> Rexodus Pomrenke turned in a Declaration of Candidacy. The Declaration of Candidacy is attached in redacted form as Attachment A. All qualifications were reviewed by the City Clerk. All qualifications were able to be confirmed except for her voter registration status. When the City Clerk asked about her voter registration status, she was unable to produce a Voter ID Card or other evidence of being registered to vote. She signed the Declaration for Candidacy that she was registered. Thus, the City Clerk accepted the application as there was no current evidence that she was not in fact registered to vote.

On August 26<sup>th</sup> following the Declaration of Candidacy by Ms. Pomrenke, the City Clerk submitted a request to the division of elections requesting verification of Ms. Pomrenke being registered to vote with the State of Alaska and City of Nome.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> the City Clerk received confirmation back from the division of elections. Attachment B is the verification form sent back to the City Clerk which is marked as NR for Not Registered. If she was registered the returned form would have had her Voter Number, registration date and precinct listed.

On September 4<sup>th</sup> there was a Candidacy Challenge made to her declaration of candidacy.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> A certified letter was sent to her asking her to come in within the following week to schedule a time to defend her candidacy. The letter is included as Attachment C.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> a letter was sent to Ms. Pomrenke notifying her of the City Clerk's determination that she was found ineligible to run for office. It is included as Attachment D. The reasons given were her not coming into the office to defend her eligibility and her not meeting the registered voter requirement before the candidacy declaration period closed. A notice was posted on the front door of the Public Safety Building which is being used for City Hall operations.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> Ms. Pomrenke came to the City Hall offices to file an appeal in response to the City Clerk's determination that she was ineligible to run for City Council Seat C and to show that on 09/18/24 she had registered to vote. Ms. Pomrenke agreed to have the appeal heard at the 09/23/24 Nome Common Council Meeting. The appeal is pursuant to NCO § 7.15.090.

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Therefore, the City Clerk requests that the Nome Common Council determine whether or not to grant the appeal made by Ms. Pomrenke.

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