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Subject: Requested Changes to Police Hiring Methods

Dear Borough Assembly & Management:

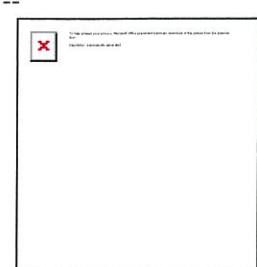
After listening to Chief Kerr's presentation at the assembly meeting I'm writing to request changes to the Police Department hiring policy. Given the circumstances of the recent officer's firing, during their polygraph and/or the psychological exam I think it would be reasonable for applicants to the police department to be asked such questions as:

1. Do you believe in white supremacy?
2. Do you believe that white people are inherently better than other people?
3. Do you believe that Alaska is the New White Homeland?
4. Do you believe that the Nazi Third Reich was the right way to run a government?

This is more than just a philosophical issue for me. As an ethnically Jewish person living full-time in Petersburg I need to believe this is a safe place for me to live and one day raise children. While no hiring process is perfect, it can always be made better. Questions such as these could have screened out the police officer the Borough recently had to fire before he was ever hired, and to that end I believe they are worth implementing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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