

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Debra Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal to require resignation before running for Mayor

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Please see an email from Cindi Lagoudakis below.

**From:** Cindi Lagoudakis <trembladakis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** Debra Thompson <dthompson@petersburgak.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposal to require resignation before running for Mayor

I wish to comment on the proposal to require an Assembly member to resign before running for mayor. This is a solution in search of a problem. Any qualified voter with one year of Borough residency may run for Assembly unless involved as an officer of a national or state political party, or if they serve as a Borough administrative officer.

Municipal code makes it clear that the only duties specific to the mayor are to chair assembly meetings and to certify ordinances and resolutions. The mayor may not make a motion and has no veto power. In terms of authority and as stated in code, the mayor is granted the same rights, privileges, powers, duties and responsibilities of every other Assembly member. As such, would the proposal mean the current mayor would now have to resign before running for office again?

This proposal would add confusion and also seem to thwart the will of the electorate who had previously voted for an Assembly member. It could also create some serious vacancies in the make up of the Assembly if more than one member chooses to run for the position of mayor.

I urge the Assembly not to move this proposal forward.

Cindi Lagoudakis