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**To:** Assembly@petersburgak.gov

**Subject:** Letter of Interest – Economic Development Council (Public Member At-Large)

Dear Members of the Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Petersburg Economic Development Council as the Assembly's Appointed Public Member At-Large.

I have been a resident of Petersburg for the past 24 years and have remained actively involved in the community throughout that time. I currently serve on the boards of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and the Petersburg Community Foundation, where I work alongside other community leaders to support local businesses, nonprofits, and long-term community sustainability.

Public service is an important part of my commitment to Petersburg. Through my service on local boards, I have gained a strong appreciation for collaboration, transparency, and responsible decision-making. I take seriously the responsibility of representing the public interest and am committed to contributing positively to the long-term well-being of our community.

My educational background is in Biology; however, my professional career has been focused in the financial sector. I bring more than 24 years of financial experience, including over three years as Controller of Petersburg Medical Center and 21 years of banking experience with First Bank. Through these roles, I have developed strong skills in financial management, budgeting, strategic planning, business planning etc. — experience I believe would be valuable to the work of the Economic Development Council.

I strongly believe that Petersburg has great potential as a community and that thoughtful, strategic economic development plays a critical role in supporting a stable and prosperous future. I am passionate about contributing my experience, perspective, and time to help ensure economic development efforts serve as a driving force to move Petersburg forward.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to serve and contribute to the continued growth and vitality of our community.

Sincerely,

**Rocio Tejera Elejabeitia**

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