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Subject: Concerning assembly actions

Assembly,

For the past few years I have felt as if there is an assembly vs. public struggle happening in Petersburg. The appointment of Scott Newman to assembly after a concise defeat in the mayors race did nothing but confirm that to me. To appointment Mr. Newman to the seat after taking 444 votes in the mayors race over the runner up that had 521 votes is a slap in the face to the public.

All the assembly had to go on was the actual numbers. All arguments about who campaigned better, who would have won a Marsh vs Newman race are speculative and therefore a meaningless.

I voted on record, not campaign promises or pretty words. Over the past year there has been several assembly members that have ignored or gone around advisory boards. Several members that have voted raise the public's rates and taxes on one hand, while at the same time voting to use public funds in ways that will benefit their personal businesses. The public has one civil and quiet way to fight that, vote. The public voted loudly and with purpose. For the assembly to subvert the obvious will of the people and appoint Mr. Newman as a concession prize is shameful.

At this point I ask who does the assembly represent? Themselves? Each other? I certainly do not feel represented at this time.

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