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Mayor Holder and City Councilors:

I previously submitted by name for your consideration, but today I am writing to urge you to appoint Nancy Branscombe to fill the current vacancy on City Council. If a by-election were to be held, as a resident of Ward 6 I would cast my vote for Nancy. She is the best choice for many reasons, including the following:

- Nancy was the Ward 6 Councilor immediately prior to Phil Squire. She served two terms and chose not to run for a third term. During her tenure Nancy did an outstanding job on City Council. She was a committed, compassionate and effective leader.
- Nancy lives in Ward 6. Residency in the ward was an issue in both the 2014 and 2018 municipal elections. It is important that you appoint someone who has a thorough understanding of neighbourhood concerns, especially in this situation where the term of office is for just one year. That is too short of a time for a new representative, particularly one who doesn't live in the ward, to meet residents, learn about local issues and be an effective spokesperson.
- Nancy knows her constituents, the various neighbourhoods and community associations. She also knows how city hall works and will be an effective representative for Ward 6 from day one.
- Nancy's prior experience with city-wide matters will be an asset on Council. She has expertise and historical knowledge on important issues such as the budget and housing.

I request that this letter be placed on Council's agenda.

Sincerely,



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