



City of Wilmington

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Dear James,

I am writing in my capacity as President of City Council, regarding the City of Wilmington Charter provisions governing the at-large seats on Council.

Section 2-101 of the Charter, titled "The election of councilmen; vacancies," provides that "not more than three (3) candidates for councilmen-at-large shall be nominated pursuant to law by any party or other political body." The public and several members of Council, including myself, have raised questions about whether your recent change in party affiliation has resulted in a configuration that is inconsistent with the Charter's structure and its' longstanding intent to preserve minority-party representation among the at-large seats.

In light of concerns from the community and Councilmembers, we respectfully request that you take steps to restore alignment with the Charter by returning your party affiliation to Republican party status for the remainder of the current term, no later than Monday, February 16, 2026.

Our shared goal is to resolve this issue thoughtfully and cooperatively, while maintaining public confidence in Council's adherence to the Charter. Should the matter remain unresolved after that date, we will consider next steps, including declaring your seat vacant.

We sincerely hope this matter can be addressed in a way that avoids further action and reflects our mutual commitment to the integrity of Council and the governing framework of the City.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernest M. Congo, II". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II
Council President
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