

Dear Mayor Perrotte,

I encourage the City Council to put the referendum for a 4 year term for the mayor on the November, 2020 ballot.

The current 2 year term involves significant time and money commitment to campaign, which for a then current office holder, would be a distraction from carrying out the City's business. A new mayor needs time on the job to be effective in their duties and under the current 2 year term, would have just "learned the ropes". The current 2 year term inhibits participation as it makes it more likely that only those candidates with the time and resources would consider or be able to run.

Sincerely,
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