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Ward 5 Vacancy - Applications and Scorecards for August 25, 2022

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Mikki - Since last Friday, several people have raised concern to me that Kathleen Taylor is not qualified for appointment to the Ward 5 seat and I am passing this on to you.

Here is evidence that has been shared with me:

- 1) Washoe County property transfer records showing ownership of her residence transferred in March, 2022;
- 2) Washoe County voter registration information that showed last week that she was registered to vote in Ward 1. This week, her registration information is not publicly available. I did not see either of these public database results. Others who did, shared this information with me.

I don't know what the residency requirement to hold a Council seat is. I may have known at one time, but cannot recall. It is not specified in charter but like other election matters, may be in NRS. As I can tell, it may be one year as outlined in: **NRS 266.215**. If it is a year, she sent me an email message on June 30 about another matter, stating that she recently moved to downtown. This detail supports the other information that she has not lived in Ward 5 for a year.

I also want to let you know that another applicant said that they witnessed your office turning down the person who was ahead of them in line to apply for the appointment because their driver's license did not match the physical address that they provided.

I am providing this concern to you as you sent out the email outlining the process and accepted applications. In a campaign cycle, there is plenty of time for election competitors to suss out eligibility concerns as these. But with an appointment, I think that the burden falls to officials to ensure eligibility and administer the appointment process equitably. Obviously if she is ineligible it is a disappointing outcome for another applicant who did not make it through to the final three selection.

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