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Memo

Date: 02/19/14

To: Julie Cozzi, Interim Borough Manager

CC: Michelle Webb, Interim Borough Clerk

From: Brooks Chandler, Borough Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooks Chandler".

RE: Elections Ordinance

We have prepared a draft ordinance moving the election provisions of the Borough code to their own Title from Chapter 2.68. We have included ideas from Mayor Scott (colored in green) and ideas from citizens (colored in red). The yellow highlighted change is a universally recommended proposal. Suggested changes we made are in purple although some technical changes have not been specifically highlighted. We avoided turning this into a comprehensive review of current code provisions but did eliminate a reference to preclearance requirements in light of the 2013 United States Supreme Court decision invalidating the preclearance process of the Voting Rights Act.

There were several points raised by citizens without specific proposed language which should be reviewed. The draft accompanying this memorandum is not ready for introduction. Some of the ideas included are alternatives or conflict. Policy decisions regarding a final recommended draft should be made before the ordinance is introduced.

The best way to "track" the new organization with Chapter 2.68 is to review the draft prepared by Mark Earnest which retained both the former 2.68 numbering and the new Title 11 numbering.

If you or the Assembly have any questions regarding the draft ordinance please let me know.