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I write to you today in objection of this amendment. I take it as a disrespect to me and the citizens of Allentown. Each elected member of the office is voted in by the people and although often it is not the candidate we personally voted for it was the one the majority of those who voted did. That being said each person who holds a seat runs a campaign on what they vow to do and then take a vow to uphold those promise and do what is best for the people. Now candidates are saying to our voices don't matter and they don't owe us the respect to complete the task they have decided to take on.

This is what I hear, the candidate dated us and then promised to love us until death do us part, and now they are seeking an annulment because it was a drunk night of passion and they just want to move on.

How fair is this to the people. Now, what happens to all the work and needs to the seat that was promised. Often we see when candidates bein there raced it is just that race, that's why it's called running for office so where will the time be for the position or seat they currently hold? When a candidate seeks a seat they currently hold it is not as difficult because they are campaigning for the seat they are in which keeps them on focus because the task at hand is still the same and even then often the elected officials stary to far and forget about the duties they hold.

I sincerely urge you not to change this bill but if you do it needs more clarity.

Elected officials can only run for office for a seat they currently hold or until their term has expired or has resigned from their seat. No elected official can run for office until 1 full year of resignation from a preciously upheld elected seat.

Such as the resign to run law,

Supporters of resign-to-run laws argue that a politician running for one office while holding another might neglect the duties of their current office since they spend much of their time campaigning for the new office. They also believe that in a race between someone who currently holds another office and someone who doesn't, the person who holds another office can unfairly use their

incumbency as leverage in the campaign, for example by funneling official resources into the campaign or by using their office as a fallback in case they lose the race.

An officeholder who wants to run for higher office may time their run to complete their tasks in their current office. An example of this is Rodney Glassman, a 2010 candidate for U.S.

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completed.[1]<[https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FResign-to-run law%23cite note-1&data=04%7C01%7CMichael.Hanlon%40allentownpa.gov%7C8d89627613b94d64a90708d88bccdb1e%7C1b6e3ffc79834623ac728e476fef6b0d%7C0%7C0%7C637413059257229148%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Ff3udGaBWeAP5eqr49ShVYFDySbzn4fNS4p7LIKNP0%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FResign-to-run+law%23cite+note-1&data=04%7C01%7CMichael.Hanlon%40allentownpa.gov%7C8d89627613b94d64a90708d88bccdb1e%7C1b6e3ffc79834623ac728e476fef6b0d%7C0%7C0%7C637413059257229148%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Ff3udGaBWeAP5eqr49ShVYFDySbzn4fNS4p7LIKNP0%3D&reserved=0)>

Opponents say that resign-to-run laws are likely to harm people who have public service as a job since these people might not be in a good enough financial

position to resign from their current office if they want to run for another office. People who want to hold a particular office might also be dissuaded from running for lower offices beforehand, as holding lower offices would block them from running for their desired office and serve as a hindrance instead of a stepping stone.

Our city has serious issues and we will get nowhere if we keep changing the rules to benefit a certain few. Many blamed our previous Mayor for the cloud, well what's the excuse now ....we have more than a cloud we have severe thunderstorms with a chance of a tsunami!

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So why do we have a Home Rule Charter if it's basically tossed to the side or we alter it to serve the needs of the elected.

Allentown Home Rule Charter

#### SECTION 209 PROHIBITIONS

C. No Council member shall hold any compensated appointive City office or City employment until one year after his or her resignation or one year after the expiration of the term for which the member was elected to the Council

Seems very clear on the intent of this provision. Ce-Ce Gerlach and Joshua Siegel should resign from there current position on City Council, since both

announced their intent on running for Mayor. This would also apply to anyone else on Council with the intent to run for another elected position.

Oh wait that's right, on November 23rd, City Council plans on voting on Bill 72, excluding any elected officials from this very rule. Wow that is quite convenient.

Seriously this is a slap in the face to all those who voted, hell this is a slap in the face to all the residents of Allentown period. Residents voted on the Home Rule Charter in 1996, and took effect on the first Monday of 1997. In 2019 two amendments to the HRC were on the ballot for residents, so why not Bill 72.

Do the right thing and stand by the Home Rule Charter, VOTE NO!