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Subject: Village of New Concord Mayor Jennifer Lyle Resignation Statement

This is Jennifer Lyle, Mayor of the Village of New Concord, with a message to the people of New Concord.

This is not easy to share. After much thought and reflection, I've made one of the most difficult decisions of my life -- to step down as mayor, effective immediately.

Serving this community was one of the greatest honors of my life. I proudly represented New Concord for nearly six years as mayor, and for six years before that as a member of village council. Every day, I did my best to meet the role's responsibilities with dedication and care. I gave my heart and soul to the mayor's work.

I intended to complete the final two years of my term, so this is not the ending I would choose. But in recent months, the working relationship with the elected council members (not the two appointed members) has become increasingly strained. For the sake of the village — and for my own well-being — I am stepping aside.

I am proud of the positive changes that my administration, with council, have brought to the village. From the opening of Sheetz to the installation of a grant-funded tertiary filtration system for our wastewater plant, from a public vote to permit restaurants to sell drinks, to grant-funded upgrades to our beloved community swimming pool, and from grant-funded pickleball courts to the new Teddington Square private development. I hope that our two newest grant-funded initiatives -- a village comprehensive plan and a walking/biking plan -- will bring even more benefits in the near future.

This village is strong because of you — the people who call it home. I remain deeply committed to and proud of New Concord. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your mayor.

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