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Morris Plains Democrats Endorse Verga for Mayor



Morris Plains, NJ — The Morris Plains Democratic Committee is proud to announce its endorsement of Nancy Verga for Mayor of Morris Plains in the 2026 election cycle.

Now serving her third term on the Morris Plains Borough Council, Verga has championed public safety initiatives, operational efficiencies, business development, and sustainability.

“I’m running for mayor because I believe Morris Plains deserves leadership that listens to residents, plans responsibly for the future, and always puts the community first,” Verga said. “As a councilmember, I’ve worked hard to represent the interests of our residents, and I’m ready to build on that work to ensure Morris Plains continues to thrive.”

Verga, who has lived in Morris Plains with her husband, John, for 28 years and raised their four children here, was first elected to the Borough Council in 2019. She was reelected twice and served as Council President in 2024.

A record of achievement

Verga’s strong record of achievement in public service positions her for the mayor role. Among her accomplishments:

Fiscal Responsibility - Won grants to purchase open space, improve playgrounds and buildings, fund new crosswalks and sidewalks, safety equipment and sustainability initiatives. As Chair of the Council’s Finance Committee, she has supported aggressive debt reduction to protect the Borough’s long-term financial health.

Public Safety - While chairing the Public Safety Committee for three consecutive years, Verga advocated for the creation of a traffic safety unit and helped establish a school resource officer through a shared service with the Morris Plains School District.

Economic Development - Initiated the Council's Business Development Committee, which led to the Borough's first outdoor dining ordinance and helped pave the way for the first microbrewery in Morris Plains as well as the creation of the nonprofit Downtown Morris Plains.

Improving Service - Tapped her professional experience in strategic communications to spearhead the overhaul of the Borough website, improve the weekly email newsletter, and launch online payments for taxes and municipal fees.

Sustainability - Recruited residents to form a Green Team Advisory Board, which secured a Sustainable Jersey grant to develop a Community Energy Plan and a Local Government Energy Audit grant from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to identify opportunities to reduce energy costs.

Substance Abuse Awareness - As a former chair and member of the Morris Plains Municipal Alliance, Verga launched programs to reduce substance abuse among residents of all ages. She was recognized as Morris County Volunteer of the Year for her work.

Verga will run as a team with Lee Connor and Rosaria DeNova, who announced their run for Council last week.

"I look forward to meeting with voters across the Borough in the coming months to listen to their concerns and discuss a shared vision for the community's future," Verga said.

Residents interested in learning more about the campaign or getting involved can contact the campaign at VergaforMayor@gmail.com.

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