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## **Nancy Verga nominated for Morris Plains mayor by borough's Democratic Committee**

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**MORRIS PLAINS** - Councilwoman Nancy Verga has been endorsed by the Morris Plains Democratic Committee for mayor in the 2026 election cycle.

The current mayor is Democrat Jason Karr. According to the committee, both Verga and Karr interviewed for the committee's nomination.

After the interviews, the five-person development committee voted anonymously for Verga to be recommended to the seven person executive committee for nomination. She will run with the slogan "Morris County Democratic Committee, Inc."

The **Morris NewsBee** is reached out to Karr, who declined to comment.



The mayor serves for a four-year term.

The Democratic Committee made the announcement in a press release on Wednesday, March 11. Now serving the first year of her third three-year term on the Borough Council, Verga has been involved with 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, as recently as November of 2025, and served as Council President in 2024.

The Morris Plains Democratic Committee touted Verga’s record in public service positions her for the mayor role. The committee noted her work as the chair of the Borough Council's Finance Committee, specifically her efforts to reduce debt.

Also mentioned by the committee was Verga's work to create a traffic safety unit and establish a school resource officer in Morris Plains School District.

Verga's work in economic development was also noted by the committee, specifically her work with the Borough Council's Business Development Committee and Downtown Morris Plains.

Other areas of work mentioned by the committee included improvements to the borough's website, efforts to get a sustainability grant and work dealing with substance abuse.

Verga will run as a team with Lee Connor and Rosaria DeNova, who announced their run for Borough 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](mailto:VergaforMayor@gmail.com).

Alice Collopy, who is on the executive committee of the Morris Plains Republican Club, said that the club will make their announcements on candidates after the filing deadline of 4 p.m. on Monday, March 23.