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TO THE EDITOR: After 25 years of living in Morris Plains, I've come to appreciate that what makes our town special isn't just our neighborhoods, schools, parks, or downtown. It's the sense of community we share and the feeling that our local government listens to residents and reflects the people it serves.

Over the years, I've watched Morris Plains grow and change, and I've come to believe that strong communities sometimes need fresh leadership. Not because the past doesn't matter, but because the future does.

I believe this election is one of those moments.

That's why I'm supporting Nancy Verga for mayor. Her longstanding involvement in the community and commitment to public service reflect a genuine investment in Morris Plains and the people who call it home.

Our town deserves a leader who brings fresh energy and new ideas while remaining committed to listening to residents. Nancy recognizes the importance of preserving the character of our downtown, prioritizing safe streets and neighborhoods, and planning thoughtfully for Morris Plains' future.

I don't take my vote lightly, and I encourage my neighbors to join me on Nov. 3 in voting for Nancy Verga for mayor.

Sometimes, the best way to preserve what we love about our town is to embrace thoughtful change.

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