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Preamble:

The purpose of the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee is to support the Democratic Party and its candidates, further good government, encourage grass roots participation in the Democratic Party, recruit Democratic candidates, have an open process for endorsing Democratic candidates in Primary Elections, and to fulfill its duties under Title 19 of the New Jersey Revised Code.

The Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee conducts a ballot placement and designation process and conveys its recommendations for ballot placement and designation to the Chair of the Mercer County Democratic Committee. The County Chair makes the final determination as to which candidates will receive the party endorsement, have his or her name appear with the party slogan, and appear in the favorable county line column position on the ballot.

The Princeton Community Democratic Organization ("PCDO") is the Democratic voluntary membership organization within the municipality and supports the efforts of the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee. Historically, the PCDO was the one Democratic organization that brought Democrats from both the borough and the township together to engage members and endorse candidates. The Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee recognizes the historical role and on-going importance of the PCDO to recruit and support Democratic candidates.

Therefore, the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee adopts these Rules by which it will conduct its process of recommending ballot placement and designation for municipal candidates:

1. Candidates for municipal office must inform the Chair by email or in writing at least 14 days prior to the ballot placement and designation meeting that they wish to be considered.
2. The Chair will appoint a committee of three to six members of the Municipal Committee at least 14 days prior to the ballot placement and designation meeting. This committee will research each candidate and briefly report on each at the ballot placement meeting.
3. The Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee will hold its ballot placement and designation meeting for municipal candidates after the PCDO's annual endorsement meeting for municipal offices.
4. The Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee will encourage all candidates seeking its support to also participate in the PCDO's endorsement process.

5. At its ballot placement and designation meeting, the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee will receive, read, and give consideration to the results of the PCDO annual endorsement meeting.
6. It is the goal of the Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee to recommend to the Mercer County Democratic Committee Chair that at least as many municipal candidates be placed in the column with the slogan "Regular Democratic Organization" as there are municipal offices to fill in the election.