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Robert Aikens, President
Binghamton-Oneonta Building and Construction Trades Council
11 Griswold Street
Binghamton, NY 13904

Dear Mr. Aikens and Officers of the Binghamton-Oneonta Building and Construction Trades Council,

I am writing to you regarding your endorsement of Cheryl Chapman, candidate for re-election as Village of Endicott Trustee on behalf of the team at [NoBurnBroome](#).

If you are not already aware, we believe you should know that on July 9, 2020, the Broome County Democratic Committee (BCDC) requested the resignation of Cheryl Chapman (D) and Endicott Mayor Linda Jackson (R). The BCDC explained the issue that led to their action in the following post on their website.

July 9, 2020: Broome County Democratic

<https://www.facebook.com/BroomeDemocrats/posts/10157569815904492>

"My name is Bridget Kane, Chair of the Broome County Democratic Committee. Last night, July 8th, 2020, there was a special meeting of the BCDC Executive Committee to discuss the recent events regarding the Deputy Mayor of the Village of Endicott and the very inappropriate Facebook repost of a meme stating "White Lives Matter!!!! Bet you wont [sic] repost."

After discussion, the following motion was passed by the BCDC Executive Committee:

A Motion that the Committee make a strong statement condemning the behavior of Cheryl Chapman, Deputy Mayor, Village of Endicott and Linda Jackson, Mayor, Village of Endicott, and calling for their resignations.

The recent actions of the elected leadership of the Village of Endicott are not only racist but a dereliction of duty that both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor were sworn to uphold.

The Broome County Democratic Party takes a dim view of such behavior. We stand firmly behind our Party Platform, which says, in part, that "we will push for a societal transformation to make it clear that black lives matter and that there is no place for racism in our country."

The preceding excerpt makes it perfectly clear - there is no place for racism in our country and the Broome County Democratic Committee stands 100% behind this belief. We cannot condone anyone's actions, a member of the Democratic Party or not, that go against the principle that Black Lives Matter.

As a result of the above, The Broome County Democratic Committee is formally requesting the immediate resignation of Cheryl Chapman, Deputy Mayor of the Village of Endicott and Linda Jackson, Mayor of the Village of Endicott.

The following is some of the press coverage on this announcement:

June 30. Article by Ashley Biviano, [Press & Sun-Bulletin](#), Binghamton.

July 9. [WBNG-12 News](#), Binghamton.

July 10. Article by Ashley Biviano, [Press & Sun-Bulletin](#), Binghamton.

July 12. Article by [Associated Press, Observer Dispatch](#), Utica.

July 19. [Op-Ed from Endicott resident Rita Foran](#), Press & Sun Bulletin, Binghamton.

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Many Village of Endicott residents were outraged and shamed by the actions of Cheryl Chapman and Mayor Jackson, as racism has no place in our Village of Endicott government.

On the other hand, many were proud of the integrity of the statement and action of the Broome Democratic Party.

We hope that you will re-evaluate your endorsement. Members in NoBurnBroome have party affiliations that span the political spectrum (Republican, Democrat, Green, Independent), and they have asked me to convey this request.

With kind regards,

Ellen Tiberi

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Attached is a PDF copy of this letter.