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YNGSTROM COUNCIL SEAT ILLEGALLY FILLED, HORGAN and OKESON CHALLENGE PROCESS

RED BANK, NEW JERSEY February 23, 2022 -- Recently registered Democrat Angela Mirandi was named to the Red Bank Borough Council on February 9, 2022 in an improper and illegal process according to a lawsuit filed by Councilwoman and Democratic Municipal Committeeperson Kathy Horgan and Democratic Municipal Committee Secretary Kate Okeson.

Horgan and Okeson's suit alleges that the Red Bank Municipal Chair, Edward Zipprich, circumvented the nominating process as outlined in state statute for the selection of candidates to fill the seat vacated by former Councilman Erik Yngstrom. They seek Mirandi's removal from office so that the vacancy can be filled by voters as part of a valid process.

The Municipal Vacancies Law provides that the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was the nominee shall, no later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, present to the governing body the names of three nominees to fill the vacancy. The complaint alleges that several Municipal Committee Members were not contacted for a meeting or vote, and no meeting or vote was recorded by the appointed secretary.

"It is time we follow the rules in Red Bank. It is improper for the citizens of Red Bank to have an unelected appointee on the Borough Council that was not nominated as part of a proper process before the Democratic municipal committee," said Horgan. "As an elected representative, I will stand up to protect the sanctity of the vacancy process, and any actions that were taken preventing me or others from fulfilling our legal duties were negligent on the Chairman's part."