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*Hi All: Apologies for the resend. I was informed (very kindly) that this letter would not make the City Council agenda if they weren't on the recipients list. At first I was ok with that, but I changed my mind in the hope that this letter encourages more citizens to defend our city's workers.*

**Dear Mayor Ballantyne:**

I will not be voting for you for the next election unless:

1. **A new contract is negotiated for SMEA workers soon.** Your administration has had two years to negotiate a fair contract for SMEA workers. If your administration is a capable team that is both humane and fiscally-minded, you should be able to wrap it up by October 1, 2024.
2. **The Somerville civil service list for firefighters is respected.** The consideration of bringing in lateral hires from other cities is simply strange; I don't follow the logic of this decision which leads me to distrust the capability of your team's decision-making.

Your delay on these items is no longer just impacting your reputation—it's declining trust in all city leadership. My hope is that the above items are your #1 priority and they are resolved quickly. Our city can't abide further harm.

In case these items are not resolved:

**Dear City Council:**

1. I am urging all city leaders to start considering running for mayor.
2. I am urging all city organizations to unite to publically back other candidates for a strong home-grown approach.

Looking forward to seeing change,  
Jenn Harrington  
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