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Council Members

I wish to express my deep irritation and concern over the continued use of the consent agenda for important appointments, particularly those to New Community Authorities. These appointments are meant to serve our community, and they should be open, transparent, and inclusive of public input. This is not what the consent agenda is for.

As they are public appointments, they should have a documented and accessible application process, allowing any interested resident the opportunity to apply and be considered. This ensures that we select individuals who represent a broad range of perspectives from our community—not just those who are favored by a few.

By approving these appointments through the consent agenda, the council effectively silences public discussion and bypasses a critical opportunity for transparency. This process should not be treated as a rubber stamp. Instead, these appointments deserve to be discussed openly and voted on individually, allowing the community to fully understand and participate in the decision-making process.

I urge you to reconsider the use of the consent agenda for these appointments and to commit to a process that upholds accountability, fairness, and inclusiveness. It is your job to ensure that Delaware's growth is guided by those who genuinely represent and serve our community's best interests, rather than by the narrow interests of a few.

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