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January 12, 2018

Sergeant Paul Yarznbowicz, Vice-President
Harrison PBA Local #22A
318 Harrison Avenue
Harrison, NJ 07029

Re: January 2, 2018 letter to Mayor - Police Chief Position

Dear Sergeant Yarznbowicz:

This will acknowledge receipt of your January 2, 2018 letter to Mayor Fife copied to the undersigned. This letter recommends that the Town promote a certain Police Lieutenant to the permanent position of Chief of Police as soon as said position becomes vacant.

As you are aware, the New Jersey Civil Service Act, N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1, et seq. , with rules and regulations codified at N.J.A.C. 4A:1-1.1, et seq., as well as N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, et seq., empowers the appointing authority to permanently appoint any one of the top three interested eligibles ("rule of three") from a promotional list for the position of Chief of Police. The Appointing Authority has absolute discretion in this regard, and is entrusted to make the decision that is in the best interests of the Town of Harrison and its residents.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I take exception to your attempt to influence this process. The Mayor and Council has never, and would never, attempt to influence how sworn police officers perform their duties, and we expect the same in return.

Accordingly, any communications regarding the selection of a Chief of Police will be disregarded.

Be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

James P. Doran

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cc: Mayor and Council
Paul J. Zarbetski, Town Clerk/Attorney