

**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Philip Santoro <philipsantoro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 6:46 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term limits should be voted on

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Term limits need to be voted on my the public.

Philip Santoro  
411 Bellevue Ave  
Yonkers, NY 10703

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**From:** bclewis2@optimum.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 6:33 PM  
**To:** Teresa Ricciardi  
**Subject:** Re: RE: Term Limits

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Concetta (Connie) Lewis, 74 Roundhill Dr., Yonkers 10710

----- Original Message -----

**From:** teresa.ricciardi@yonkersny.gov  
**To:** bclewis2@optimum.net; CITYCLERK@YonkersNY.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 7:27 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Term Limits

Please provide your name and address

**From:** bclewis2@optimum.net <bclewis2@optimum.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 7:54 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@YonkersNY.gov>  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting but would like to voice my opinion.

Politics aside, no one should hold office for four terms (16 years). This in no way reflects on my feelings regarding the current administration. We all tend to become stale and even a little complacent in our jobs the longer we are in them. Change is good and brings with it new ideas and opinions.

In addition, if a change of this magnitude were considered, the residents of Yonkers should decide. City Council should in no way decide to extend their own terms which is definitely a conflict of interest and unacceptable.

That being said, I am absolutely against extending the term of office for City Council Members and Mayor. Thank you.

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**From:** bclewis2@optimum.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 3:06 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term Limit Extensions - Hearing

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Inasmuch as I am unable to attend the public hearing in person, kindly enter my comments below:

I am OPPOSED to any extension of term limits for City of Yonkers Mayor, Council and any other offices! This is not a referendum on Mayor Spano's performance in any way. I am actually very pleased with his leadership, but believe Term Limits are necessary to bring new concepts and ideas to government. I wish we had them at the County, State and Federal levels.

The current extended Mayoral term was the result of a public vote. The idea of allowing that responsibility with the City Council is tantamount to allowing the "monkeys to guard the bananas", no disrespect intended.

Submitted respectfully,

Robert Lewis  
74 Roundhill Dr.  
Yonkers, NY 10710

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**From:** Ruth Montgomery <br.montgomery@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 4:05 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Comments on Term Limit Extension for Public Hearing, Nov. 21

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I am opposed to the approach that is being taken to extend term limits from 3 terms to 4 terms. The rushed and last-minute drive to do so, with a single hearing and minimal notice is totally undemocratic. The Council vote should not be a vote about the performance of the current term-limited incumbents, which is what the current effort is clearly about. Mayor Spano and the others have been term limited at 3 terms since the start of their third term. The wait to handle an extension of term limits until now, is simply an undemocratic tactic to make an end run around the public.

In principle, I am opposed to term limits at the local level. I think term limits remove responsibility from the voters where it should lie. If someone is good, vote them in again, but if they have overstayed their welcome, vote them out. But any effort to extend term limits or remove them, should be done well in advance of the election deadlines in the political calendar, with far more opportunities for public input than the current effort provides.

B. Ruth Montgomery  
7 Fairfield Pl  
Yonkers, NY 10705

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**From:** Mary Ann WATKINS <gracefulwatkins457@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022 10:05 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Cc:** Corazon Pineda Isaac  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

Thank you for always keeping the resident informed of the ever revolving changes that affect the residents of Yonkers.

I am opposed and very much against the "new Local Law that would allow the increase in terms limits for elected officials from 3 terms (12 Years) to 4 terms (16 years). "

I don't believe we as the residents have been properly informed to the pros and cons with increased term limits, and it appears to be a last minute proposal and hasn't allowed time for the constituents to be consulted and give their feedback. In my opinion this proposal is being rushed through unnecessarily

Blessings,

Rev. Mary Ann Watkins  
God gets all the Glory!

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**From:** jessica Merritt <jmerritt0228@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:08 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term limits

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Dear City of Yonkers City Council Members:

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We ask that each member of the Yonkers City Council who supports the amendment immediately abandon any efforts to "force through" a vote on this revision without broad-based community participation. The attempt to rush an increase through immediately in the aftermath of an election and during the holiday season when residents are less likely to be engaged and less likely to be able to participate is offensive to the ideals of a representative democracy. We write to demand that this issue instead be brought up for a referendum at the next election so that the voice of the people can be heard.

It is no secret why the Council did not elect to bring this issue to a referendum in the first place. There were two prior referenda associated with this issue -- in 1994 and 2001 -- the voters resoundingly rejected an increase in term limits. Notwithstanding the clear will of the people, all but two members of the City Council voted to extend the term limits from two terms to three in 2018. Now the Council is poised to attempt this again and hoping to push the increase through under a "cover of darkness" and lack of transparency that contributes to distrust in our local elected officials and the democratic processes.

We will not let that happen. We believe we speak for the overwhelming majority of Yonkers residents who do not want to see a term limit increase take effect, and we are determined to spread the word and make sure that the community shows up in force to demand transparency and accountability from this Council.

We look forward to seeing you at the Rules Committee meeting this Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30. As we understand the public will not be able to comment, let this letter serve as the comment we would make. We will not allow our collective will to be subverted, and we will not stand down until this anti-democratic effort is defeated.

Sincerely,

Jessica Merritt

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Nicholas Kocaj <kocajn3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:35 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Unlawful Legislation

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**From:** madenniston thedennistongroup.com <madenniston@thedennistongroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 12:53 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** In Favor Of Term Limits

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I am in favor of term limits for all of our elected representatives any changes should be put to the voters and not carried out by the elected officials themselves

MaryAnne Denniston  
25 Parkview Avenue  
Yonkers, NY 10708  
914-337-4295  
madenniston@thedennistongroup.com

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**From:** Annie McArdle <pigeon17us@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 6:30 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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No more back door politics. Bring it to a public vote! Nepotism is rampant in Yonkers !!

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**From:** Janice <eyedocewing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 6:07 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Outrageous

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TERM limits are critical to fair and honest elections and politicians.

It was voted NOT TO ALLOW MORE THAN TWO TERMS. WE THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DEFY THE VOTERS.

JANICE EWING

Sent from my iPad

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JANICE EWING  
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**From:** Frank Giacoio <fgiacoio@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 5:46 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No Term Limits Extension

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Hello,

Regarding the proposal to extend term limits, the people of Yonkers have already decided on term limits of 2 consecutive terms, please do not extend any terms.

Regards, Frank Giacoio  
181 Pembroke Drive  
Yonkers, NY 10710  
Cell 914-413-1680  
Home 914-793-5392  
fgiacoio@yahoo.com

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**From:** janieruiz6@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jane Ruiz <janieruiz6@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 5:11 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Dear Yonkers City Clerk,

I'm writing because I'm deeply concerned that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents, without any community input. Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors. This is a direct threat to our democracy.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Sincerely,  
Jane Ruiz  
13 Knowles St Yonkers, NY 10705-1173  
janieruiz6@icloud.com

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**From:** Jacqueline Tucker <jackizoom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 5:00 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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Good afternoon.

I have been a Yonkers resident for 33 years.

This email is to express my interest in voting on term limits.

Thank you!

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**From:** Luis Rivera <djmadielr@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:41 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term limits.

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I believe we the people should ring term limits to the ballot box and not just be passed by the City Council.  
We need to vote on term limits!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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LUIZ RIVERA  
djmadielr@msn.com

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**From:** Connie Braun  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:22 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** term limits

FYI

**From:** Carla Lange <[csqlange@verizon.net](mailto:csqlange@verizon.net)>  
**Date:** Friday, November 18, 2022 at 8:22 AM  
**To:** Merante for Yonkers - Info <[info@meranteforyonkers.com](mailto:info@meranteforyonkers.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Yonkers City Council Wants To Extend Term Limits For Themselves And The Mayor

Please be advised that I am unable to attend this meeting, however, I am totally against this and would appreciate your registering my objections.

Best regards,  
Carla Lange

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:19 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term limits

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**From:** Howard Huth <hehuth868@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
**Subject:** Term limits

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Anthony:

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to a family emergency. However, you should know that I am vehemently against an extension / change in term limits. I have heard from some of my neighbors and no one if for this proposed change. If the council can change this at will, then why not make the limit 100 years, since 16 years from now the can change it again. 16 years is no limit!

I hope you have a good turnout, but fear that your choice venue may discourage attendance.

Sincerely,

Howard HUTH

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:19 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term limits

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**From:** Philippe <pmg310@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 12:45 PM  
**To:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT <COUNCILPRESIDENT@YonkersNY.gov>; Shanae V. Williams <ShanaeV.Williams@yonkersny.gov>; Corazon Pineda Isaac <corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov>; Tasha Diaz <Tasha.Diaz@yonkersny.gov>; John Rubbo <John.Rubbo@yonkersny.gov>; Mike Breen <mike.breen@yonkersny.gov>; Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
**Subject:** Term limits

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I am writing in opposition to extending term limits for City of Yonkers elected officials by legislative action alone.

The current 12-year limit, enacted by legislative action alone, is also the limit for Westchester County Legislators – six two-year terms. [The Westchester County Executive is limited to eight years – two four-year terms.]

Term limits were approved by the voters of the City of Yonkers once directly and once indirectly when a referendum to abolish them was defeated by a nearly 2 to 1 margin in 2001.

A terms limit of four four-year terms is not a term limit at all – it makes a mockery of the term.

The voters of Yonkers deserve to be consulted on whether a meaningful term limits law should be effectively abolished.

If the Council insists on seeking a change in the current law, the matter should be put to referendum and the voters of Yonkers should decide whether to keep or abolish the 12-year term limit.

Philippe Gille  
19 Fairfield Place  
Yonkers, NY 10705

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term Limits

**From:** Karerlyn Sangster <kssangster@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 8:18 PM  
**To:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT <COUNCILPRESIDENT@YonkersNY.gov>; Lakisha Collins-Bellamy <Lakisha.Collins-Bellamy@YonkersNY.gov>; Shanae V. Williams <ShanaeV.Williams@yonkersny.gov>; Corazon Pineda Isaac <corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov>; Tasha Diaz <Tasha.Diaz@yonkersny.gov>; John Rubbo <John.Rubbo@yonkersny.gov>; Mike Breen <mike.breen@yonkersny.gov>; Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Term Limits

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Good evening,

As a member of RCCY, I was informed about the City Council proposing to increase term limits for Yonkers elected officials. This proposal doesn't sit well with me. Personally, I feel the current term limits that are in place for Yonkers should remain the same.

New candidates should be given the opportunity to run in an election and not worry about the elected official that has been sitting in their position for years and years without change.

Since the City Council has proposed to increase the terms elected officials can hold on to, the public, the residents of Yonkers should have a say and vote on this.

My ask to you all is to allow voters to speak on this and let our votes be heard.

Thank you,  
River Communities Coalition of Yonkers  
Karerlyn Sangster-Member  
1085 Warburton Ave Apt 519  
Yonkers, NY 10701

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term Extension

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**From:** Jared Torres <jared.c.torres@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 7:33 PM  
**To:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT <COUNCILPRESIDENT@YonkersNY.gov>; Lakisha Collins-Bellamy <Lakisha.Collins-Bellamy@YonkersNY.gov>; Shanae V. Williams <ShanaeV.Williams@yonkersny.gov>; Corazon Pineda Isaac <corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov>; Tasha Diaz <Tasha.Diaz@yonkersny.gov>; John Rubbo <John.Rubbo@yonkersny.gov>; Mike Breen <mike.breen@yonkersny.gov>; Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
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Please do not extend the possible term service from three to four.

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:17 PM  
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**From:** Hazel Kuffer <hazelhatzie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 7:25 PM  
**To:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT <COUNCILPRESIDENT@YonkersNY.gov>; Lakisha Collins-Bellamy <Lakisha.Collins-Bellamy@YonkersNY.gov>; Shanae V. Williams <ShanaeV.Williams@yonkersny.gov>; Corazon Pineda Isaac <corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov>; Tasha Diaz <Tasha.Diaz@yonkersny.gov>; John Rubbo <John.Rubbo@yonkersny.gov>; Mike Breen <mike.breen@yonkersny.gov>; Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
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To all,

As a Yonkers resident, I would like to make it known that increasing term limits is NOT what I, or many of my friends, consider of interest. Once can't just vote in something that is self-serving.

It is about the people, your constituents, not your job security, after all, correct?

Best regards,  
Judith Kuffer

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term Limits

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Dear Council Members:

The proposed expansion of term limits from three to four years is a decision that should be left to voters, not the City Council alone. Yonkers residents have historically opposed such expansion, only to be ignored. Do not allow this proposal to move forward without offering your constituents the opportunity to make their voices heard by voting.

Sincerely,

Diane Rosen

1085 Warburton Ave. Apt 705

Yonkers, NY 10701

Phone: 914 423-8176

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**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 10:52 AM  
**To:** Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
**Subject:** Term limits

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I am against the council voting to extend its own term limits and that of the mayor. It should be put to a referendum.

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**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:15 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term Limits - Let the Voter's Decide

FYI

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**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT <COUNCILPRESIDENT@YonkersNY.gov>; Lakisha Collins-Bellamy <Lakisha.Collins-Bellamy@YonkersNY.gov>; Shanae V. Williams <ShanaeV.Williams@yonkersny.gov>; Corazon Pineda Isaac <corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov>; Tasha Diaz <Tasha.Diaz@yonkersny.gov>; John Rubbo <John.Rubbo@yonkersny.gov>; Mike Breen <mike.breen@yonkersny.gov>; Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
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Good Morning,

Recently, during the course of RCCY's September 7th meeting, our membership discussed the potential for a proposal to increase the terms Yonkers elected officials may hold a particular office.

Understanding that our current term limit system bars no one from running for any of the different offices (e.g. Councilmember, Council President, Mayor), the overwhelming consensus of RCCY's membership was that there should be no expansion to the term limits currently in effect in Yonkers.

Now that the City Council has advanced a proposal to increase the terms elected officials can hold a particular office, I write to state that I believe that any modification to the current term limits of local elected officials in Yonkers should be voted on by the entire electorate as was done in 1994 and 2001.

Simply put the City Council should not move forward with the term limit proposal that is before you at this time.

Respectfully,

Mike Hertz  
River Communities Coalition of Yonkers  
1 David Lane #8F  
Yonkers, NY 10701

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**From:** lpineda1826@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Isora Pineda <lpineda1826@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:13 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Sincerely,  
Isora Pineda  
66 Mansion Ave Yonkers, NY 10704-1159  
lpineda1826@gmail.com

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**From:** Mildred Ruckel <ruck9543@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 3:50 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** term limits

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No way!!! Let the voters decide. Put it on the ballot. If I could drive at night, I would be there Truth is if you extend term limits, you can get a pension that will cost Yonkers taxpayers.. Do the right thing LEAVE IT AS IS!

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

**From:** Connie Braun on behalf of Anthony Merante  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:16 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** FW: Term Limits

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originally received  
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**From:** Mark Parolisi <mark.parolisi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 4:11 PM  
**To:** Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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Council Member,

Please find below a copy of the letter I have sent to the city council regarding term limits extension.

*Against  
File Copy*

I write as a home-owner in the sixth district of Yonkers who has proudly supported Mayor Mike Spano and others on this City Council over many primary and general elections these recent years. However, that support may be soon coming to an end.

I was honored to have supported Lakisha Collins-Bellamy in 2021, but her decision to propose the extension of term limits for the mayor, herself, and the rest of the council, immediately after the 2022 election was a brazen and shameless tactic to eschew the will of their voters. If the mayor and others wished to run for a fourth term, that referendum could have been added to the 2022 ballot. But, it appears everyone knew that proposition would fail, as it had in years prior. So, in their craven attempt to advance their own careers, they have, for a second time, decided they know better than their constituents for how long they should serve.

I will be visiting family out-of-state on Monday 21 November 2022, and therefore unable to attend the public session at the Riverfront Library. But please take this letter as my strong opposition to changing our city's charter. Despite what our current elected officials may think, our vote does matter. And it will matter all the more come the primary and general elections in 2023 if this scheme is approved. I am not alone in this, but rather one of the many now-energized citizens who will be knocking on every door in Yonkers next year until our knuckles bleed in order to say clearly to city hall that our vote is our voice and we will be heard.

Thank you,  
Mark Parolisi

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**From:** talisha.ramlall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sonia Ramlall  
<talisha.ramlall@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 9:15 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Dear Yonkers City Clerk,

I'm writing because I'm deeply concerned that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents, without any community input. Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors. This is a direct threat to our democracy.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Sincerely,  
Sonia Ramlall  
CARYL Ave Yonkers, NY 10705  
talisha.ramlall@gmail.com

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** cmalcaraz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Clara Alcaraz  
<cmalcaraz@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 9:55 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Regardless, I also don't think that term limits should be extended. People forget that this isn't a "for life job" this is to keep the community flourishing. Extending term limits limits the amount of people put in positions to learn, build each other up and allow the next generation to be heard.

Sincerely,  
Clara Alcaraz  
429 Kimball Ave Yonkers, NY 10704-2336  
cmalcaraz@yahoo.com

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** brian.aguilar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian Aguilar Avila  
<brian.aguilar@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 6:24 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Dear Yonkers City Clerk,

I'm writing because I'm deeply concerned that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents, without any community input. Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors. This is a direct threat to our democracy, and to add insult to injury this is the second time this is occurring.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Sincerely,

Brian Aguilar Avila

796 Bronx River Rd Apt B64 Yonkers, NY 10708-7940 brian.aguilar@live.com

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** soniaclark52@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sonia Clark <soniaclark52@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 3:11 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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I'm writing because I'm deeply concerned that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents, without any community input. Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors. This is a direct threat to our democracy.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Sincerely,  
Sonia Clark  
14 Coyle Pl Apt 2A Yonkers, NY 10705-4311 soniaclark52@gmail.com

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YONKERS, NY 10705

**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** cster914@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Caroline Stern <cster914@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 3:55 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Dear Yonkers City Clerk,

I'm writing because I'm deeply concerned that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents, without any community input. Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors. This is a direct threat to our democracy.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Stern  
62 Beechwood Ter Yonkers, NY 10705-1703 cster914@gmail.com

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** JonGWeg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jon Wegienek  
<JonGWeg@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 6:06 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Dear Yonkers City Clerk,

I'm deeply concerned that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents without any community input. Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote. To do otherwise is undemocratic and a betrayal of the public trust.

Sincerely,  
Jon Wegienek  
1853 Central Park Ave Yonkers, NY 10710-2948 JonGWeg@aol.com

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Gabe Garcia <gabe6garcia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:54 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Vote yes on term limits

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Being a Mayor for 16 years is a bit much its time to wrap it up

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** rogernelsondrew@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rog Drew  
<rogernelsondrew@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:53 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** No term limit extensions without a public vote!

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Dear Yonkers City Clerk,

I'm disgusted that seven public officials are about to make a decision for 200,000 Yonkers residents, without any community input.

Term limit extensions should not be made behind closed doors!!

This is incredibly anti-democratic.

If Yonkers Council Members want to extend term limits, they should bring this to a public vote.

Sincerely,  
Rog Drew  
64 Bruce Ave Yonkers, NY 10705-3853  
rogernelsondrew@gmail.com

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** bclewis2@optimum.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 7:54 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting but would like to voice my opinion.

Politics aside, no one should hold office for four terms (16 years). This in no way reflects on my feelings regarding the current administration. We all tend to become stale and even a little complacent in our jobs the longer we are in them. Change is good and brings with it new ideas and opinions.

In addition, if a change of this magnitude were considered, the residents of Yonkers should decide. City Council should in no way decide to extend their own terms which is definitely a conflict of interest and unacceptable.

That being said, I am absolutely against extending the term of office for City Council Members and Mayor. Thank you.

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Owen Condon <owengc33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term Limits Feedback

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To whom it may concern,

I believe that it's without merit to explore reforming term limits solely because the Mayor wants to run for another term. It begs the question why this was never discussed publicly by the council until the Mayor began exploring another term. The council should be a body independent of the Mayor, not one that looks to change laws based on what his political calculus may be.

If term limits are to be explored, they should wait until *\*after\** the next round of city elections. This is a major change to city government, and prospective candidates should run on whether they think there should be term limits or not, and the voters of our city can decide. What is unacceptable would be a unanimous 6-0 decision by the council prior to the next election, using anecdotal feedback to justify a decision that had been made behind closed doors.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Owen Condon  
Council District 1  
107 Ravine Ave, Yonkers

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** dmolas1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT; Lakisha Collins-Bellamy; Shanae V. Williams; Corazon Pineda Isaac; Tasha Diaz; John Rubbo; Mike Breen; Anthony Merante  
**Cc:** CITY CLERK; Vincent Spano; rccynews@aol.com  
**Subject:** Yonkers City Council Member Proposal to Increase Terms of Office

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Good morning, Yonkers Council President and All Yonkers Council Members,  
I hope this E-mail finds you all very well.

I am writing to **request that you please do NOT vote to increase the City Council Member terms of office from 3 terms to 4 terms.**

**City Council consecutive terms of 12 years (the present 3 terms) is sufficient.**

**I am OPPOSED to any increase of City Council Member terms of office.**

**I understand there is also great opposition across the City of Yonkers to any increase in City Council Member terms of office.**

Thank you very much for your consideration of this very important matter.

With best regards,

**Diane**

**Diane M. Molas, RDR, CRI, CLR, CT LSR, NJ CCR, and Notary Public  
Riverview Club Condominium  
1155 Warburton Avenue  
#12-L  
Yonkers, NY 10701  
Cellular: 267-977-2909  
E-mail: [dmolas1@aol.com](mailto:dmolas1@aol.com)  
NCRA "Ethics First" Participant**

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

**From:** jjrawluk <jjrawluk@optonline.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 11:49 AM  
**To:** Teresa Ricciardi  
**Subject:** RE: Term limits ...its very unconstitutional to try and change the laws to benefit someone the laws are there for a reason...it isn't right to try and change the law....term limits need to be enforced when your term is up that's it goodbye ..you can't ha

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My name is John Rawluk

36 wakefield avenue Yonkers new york 10704

I still think term limits should be enforced instead of changing them otherwise it leaves the door open for corruption..the term limits can't be changed just to support one party ..I don't care if your a Democrat or Republican once your term is up its goodbye

And hopefully the next guy or lady does a good job..

And another reason for term limits is because if you don't have them then it becomes a dictatorship and we don't want that we are all Americans that's why we are a free country...

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

----- Original message -----

**From:** Teresa Ricciardi <teresa.ricciardi@yonkersny.gov>

**Date:** 11/21/22 7:23 AM (GMT-05:00)

**To:** jjrawluk <jjrawluk@optonline.net>, CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@YonkersNY.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Term limits ...its very unconstitutional to try and change the laws to benefit someone the laws are there for a reason...it isn't right to try and change the law....term limits need to be enforced when your term is up that's it goodbye ..you can't ha

Please provide your name and address

**From:** jjrawluk <jjrawluk@optonline.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 11:39 AM

**To:** CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@YonkersNY.gov>

**Subject:** Term limits ...its very unconstitutional to try and change the laws to benefit someone the laws are there for a reason...it isn't right to try and change the law....term limits need to be enforced when your term is up that's it goodbye ..you can't hav...

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Prince Robinson <prince4yonkers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 10:32 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term limits

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I hope all is well. I think the majority of us would agree that Mayor Mike Spano has been overall the greatest Mayor Yonkers, NY ever had. No matter how great a Mayor is the people of the city do not want to feel as if there is a dictator!

Extending term limits ONCE AGAIN is a horrible idea. What if there was a different Mayor , one who had intentions of being a dictator, one who used fear to gain votes. Once the power is in certain hands it's not always easy to regain power.

THAT IS WHAT ALL OF YOU WHO ARE VOTING YES ARE VOTING FOR!

Thank you in advance for reading my comment on the matter.

Prince Robinson-

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Melissa Frazier <mfrazier@sarahlawrence.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 12:05 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term limits in Yonkers

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I am entirely opposed to the 7-member City Council making the decision to extend their term limits, along with Mayor Mike Spano's, on their own.

The question of term limits has come to Yonkers voters twice in recent history, in 1994 and 2001, and we the citizens of this city have resoundingly voted it down twice. In 2018, all but two members of the City Council nonetheless voted to extend your own terms from two terms to three. This action was profoundly anti-democratic in 2018; it is still worse now, especially as your timing (immediately following the election and as we move into the holidays) makes it clear that you are hoping that you are hoping that your actions will go unnoticed.

The decision on your terms limits is not one that the seven members of our City Council should make: it is a decision for all of us.

Melissa Frazier  
Yonkers resident

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Melissa Frazier  
Professor, Russian Language and Literature  
914.395.2295

Sarah Lawrence College  
1 Mead Way  
Bronxville, NY 10708  
sarahlawrence.edu

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Jess Doolan <jessica.doolan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Against term limit extension

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Hello City Clerk,

I am a homeowner in Yonkers and would like to express my **very strong disapproval of the City Council's vote for another term limit extension**. In order to be fair and democratic, this issue should be voted on by the residents of Yonkers, not the City Council alone who may have different motivations.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Best regards,

Jessica Doolan  
16 Amsterdam Ave, Yonkers, NY 10708

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*Jessica Doolan*

617.797.3786  
[Jessica.Doolan@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.Doolan@gmail.com)

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Rukaj, Tina <TRukaj@TishmanSpeyer.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 1:23 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** My Vote on Term Limits

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Good afternoon,

I cannot be at the public hearing tonight but I would like my vote noted. I vote no to term limit extensions. I am a Yonkers resident and I demand a truly democratic process to determine the will of the people of Yonkers on this issue.

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** anna maria capuano <annamaria324@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 1:25 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Term Limits

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As a Yonkers resident I would like to vote on the term limits.

Anna Maria Capuano  
Smart Avenue  
Yonkers, NY 10704

Sent from my iPhone

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

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**From:** Iris Hiskey Arno <hisk37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 1:43 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** The residents of Yonkers should decide on mayoral term limits

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Good Afternoon,

I'm writing today to express my opinion that the Yonkers City Council should not vote to extend term limits for the mayor of Yonkers. In 1994 and 2001, citizens voted to keep two four-year term limits. It was extended to three four-year terms in 2018. If there is a desire to extend this to four terms, the decision should be put to a vote and the people of Yonkers should decide. We say we live in a democracy--let's act like it and not put the decision in the hands of seven people!

Thank you  
Iris Hiskey Arno

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## Teresa Ricciardi

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**From:** declan Dorrian <deccayed@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 4:47 PM  
**To:** Teresa Ricciardi  
**Subject:** Re: Term limits

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Yes. I red side at 206 Devoe ave.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 21, 2022, at 7:22 AM, Teresa Ricciardi <teresa.ricciardi@yonkersny.gov> wrote:

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> Please provide your address

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: declan Dorrian <deccayed@gmail.com>

> Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 11:31 AM

> To: CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@YonkersNY.gov>

> Subject: Term limits

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> Dear sir,

> As a resident and taxpayer in Yonkers , I feel it's my duty to message the coy to express my concerns regarding the councilors disregard for the electorate in the case of repealing term limits .

> Rumors have been swirling all summer about this- so much so that during public meetings, both the mayor and councilor Rubbo were asked about this and their response was that:1, Mayor Spano said if the subject matter came up , he wouldn't run.

> 2, Rubbo said that he would vote against it Seems like the opposite has occurred.

> While this whole thing seems barely legal it screams of unethical actions on the councils parts ( voting themselves for eligibility for more terms etc. ) What happened during the vote is perplexing to say the least. Obvious was the fact that some of the council hadn't seen the proposal before the meeting and were reading it as they took the vote - when they realized they either misunderstood the proposal or meant voted incorrectly- one changed their mind , thus leaving the motion in limbo (3/3) which , and correct me - should have left the motion defeated , end of story. So what happened , why wasn't this closed out ?

## **Teresa Ricciardi**

**From:** Christine Doerr <gardenlady302@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 7:43 AM  
**To:** Teresa Ricciardi  
**Cc:** Anthony Merante  
**Subject:** Re: Extension of Term Limits for 16 Years!!

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302 Roberts Avenue - Yonkers, NY 10703-1633

Warm Regards,  
Christine Doerr

> On Nov 21, 2022, at 7:22 AM, Teresa Ricciardi <teresa.ricciardi@yonkersny.gov> wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Christine Doerr <gardenlady302@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 9:14 AM

> To: CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@YonkersNY.gov>

> Cc: Anthony Merante <Anthony.Merante@yonkersny.gov>

> Subject: Extension of Term Limits for 16 Years!!

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> Dear Sir,

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> There are no words to express my outrage and disgust at this blatant exercise of Democrat power-grabbing. One party rule seems to be the new mantra of this City Council and the people of Yonkers must not stand for it. Democrats tout Democracy yet they are afraid of it and prefer to stay in power for as long as possible. This blatant and absurd grab for power (term limit extension for 16 years) is ludicrous and not at all an example of democracy. Why was this not part of the recent mid-term ballot? Now, after mid-terms, we try to shove this down people throats during a time of holiday shopping hoping no one will pay attention? Shades of Ridge Hill! Will this eventually wind up in the Federal Courthouse in White Plains much the same as the Ridge Hill debacle and all associated with it?

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> I could be in favor of another term for Mike Spano but only if he promises to fulfill that 4 years and not fly off to take Latimer's place or fly off to Albany. You want 4 more years; you stay for 4 years. Period, end of story. Jury is out on the City Council however. Thank God for the Republicans who are there namely, Anthony Merante and Mike Breen. If I've forgotten anyone else I apologize.

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> This entire 4 X 4 "let's shove it down their throats scenario" must not be allowed to stand and must be voted on by the entire City of Yonkers (or) amended by a much saner proposal for a ballot initiative. These back room, late-night deals a la Ridge Hill must not happen again. That is not Democracy in a Democrat-run City for sure.

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> I will be watching and listening for how this finally turns out.

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> Warm Regards,

> Chris

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**Teresa Ricciardi**

**From:** Joseph Dalli <joseph\_dalli@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 2:56 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Fw: Second term limits extension.

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Please include the below correspondence to the City Council President, and members, as part of the record for today's public hearing, and tomorrow's hearing.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Thank you,

Joseph

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**From:** Joseph Dalli  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** councilpresident@yonkersny.gov <councilpresident@yonkersny.gov>; shanaev.williams@yonkersny.gov <shanaev.williams@yonkersny.gov>; corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov <corazon.pineda.isaac@yonkersny.gov>; tasha.diaz@yonkersny.gov <tasha.diaz@yonkersny.gov>; john.rubbo@yonkersny.gov <john.rubbo@yonkersny.gov>; mike.breen@yonkersny.gov <mike.breen@yonkersny.gov>; anthony.merante@yonkersny.gov <anthony.merante@yonkersny.gov>  
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**Subject:** Second term limits extension.

In history, the leaders that come to mind, who have perpetually extended their term limits, are China's Xi Jinping, Russia's Vladimir Putin and from what we can see – Yonkers' Mike Spano.

Such leaders generally did so through Political Corruption, a concept that your Council chambers are very much familiar with. Just 12 years ago, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York charged and indicted your fellow Councilmember and a facilitator, both were found guilty! Mayor



Spano and his brother Nick, were also investigated for corruption ties, with the disgraced Senator Spano subsequently serving jail time for tax evasion. Ironically that same facilitator, after serving time in Jail - has found himself within your midst again, working closely with the Spano administration and even hosting some of your fundraisers – right Ms. Bellamy?

Corrupt leaders tend to also provide and then hold certain advantageous situations for political ransom.

The Spano Administration has in fact put many of your family members on the City's Payroll – Mr. Breen – Congratulations on your Son-in-law's promotion in the Police Department last week, and I believe two of your children have also been employed by the Spano administration. Ms. Diaz so has your daughter? And Ms. Bellamy, you yourself are employed by a City's Housing Authority correct, funded by federal HUD funds? Two of you have allegedly, and as reported by the media, have also been promised positions, shall this go through! Mr. Rubbo aside from having your brother employed by the Spano administration, you have also allegedly been promised Deputy Mayor or the equivalent; and Ms. Bellamy a local judgeship being vacated in January. Is this true?

Let's be honest, if you truly believed that Yonkers' residents would benefit from a review of the term limits, you would allow us - the residents of Yonkers - to decide for ourselves – via referendum again! But we all know what this is for – you're doing it at the behest of the Spano administration - but at what cost?

All I ask is that you don't embarrass us – the Residents of Yonkers, with another federal political corruption case, and to let the people decide on term limits for themselves, via referendum! 'WE THE PEOPLE' have already affirmed an 8-year term limit twice - in 1996 and 2021. Considering that you arbitrarily already extended your terms and that of Mayor Spano in 2016, this will be the second time that you arbitrarily voted to overthrow the People's will! Why, and again at what cost?

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