

To: Breeze News Desk [breezenews@gmail.com](mailto:breezenews@gmail.com)

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Thank you for publishing your recent article disclosing the results of the recent Harrisonburg Election, I appreciate your dedication to keeping JMU updated on the Harrisonburg local elections.

My name is Eliza Snipes and I am a media representative for the City of Harrisonburg.

The recent election was a couple weeks ago, just as your article mentions. However, the City of Harrisonburg is concerned by the lack of candidates our city has to select for local elections.

***In the November General and Special elections, there was only [one candidate for each local position, two positions had no candidate filed.](#)***

Looking forward, we are trying to proactively mitigate this issue. I am hoping you can cover a **new political campaign grant** that the City of Harrisonburg is introducing to help new serious candidates run for office with ease.

Inspired by a [study completed by Pew Research](#) that states that 85% of americans agree that the cost of campaigning keeps good people from running for office. The \$3,000 grant is to lessen the financial burdens of a political campaign and get more candidates a chance at office.

The deadline to apply to the grant is January 31st at 11:59pm.

In our eyes, a lack of choices is a lack of democracy, and we are trying to encourage more citizens to run for local office. For more information on this issue, you may peruse [the backgrounder on this topic.](#)

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,

Eliza Snipes

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To: Richard H. Hronik [rhronik@dnronline.com](mailto:rhronik@dnronline.com)

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