

Olga Negron: “grace, dignity, brilliance, moderated tenacity, and deep concern for the welfare of our city”

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It is a travesty that Olga was not elected president of the Bethlehem City Council. A worse travesty that Adam Waldron, who has proven himself to be ineffective and self-serving, did win re-election, thanks to cronyism rather than his ability to guide good governance. I sat beside a newcomer to Bethlehem at the last council meeting I attended and watched the proceedings with embarrassment, through her eyes. She was astonished at the dismissive, arrogant, and rude comments from Waldron. Olga would have been great, for so many reasons. Her grace, dignity, brilliance, moderated tenacity, and deep concern for the welfare of our city more than qualified her for this post. A missed opportunity, to be certain.

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