

Welcome candidate for City Council Carol Chamberlain Ritter

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(3rd in a series of posts on candidates for election)

Nicole Radzievich, “Ritter announces bid for Bethlehem City Council.”
[Morning Call, February 1, 2019.](#)

Gadfly does not have Carol Ritter’s actual press release yet, but the *Morning Call* article looks like it’s close to a transcription:

Democrat Carol Chamberlain Ritter, a small business consultant, announced this week that she will run for a four-year term on Bethlehem City Council.

She said in a release that she would help the city prepare for the future while respecting its past.

“We need to do a better job of supporting our small businesses and creating the right environment for them to thrive,” Ritter said in a release.

She said she will run on five leadership principles: inspiring others, embracing change, active listening, small business and community building.

She serves on the board of directors for the Bethlehem Food Co-op, which will be opening a grocery store in downtown Bethlehem, and Lehigh Valley Reads, a United Way coalition with a goal that every child in the Lehigh Valley will be proficient in reading by third grade. She had also served as a member of the Northampton Area School Board and president of the Pennsylvania PTA.



In addition, of interest is that Ritter ran for the Council seat vacated by Eric Evans that Paige Van Wirt has, and she is an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

See also Ritter's "[Carol Talks: Grow Ur Biz](#)" web site.

A reminder that the other new candidate for Council thus far is Grace Crampsie Smith. Incumbents running are J. William Reynolds, Michael Colon, and Paige Van Wirt. Incumbent Shawn Martell is not running.