

Dear Ms. Amitrano, Town Clerk:

I write today to formally resign from my position as a member of the Coventry Town Council, effective immediately. Adhering to Coventry's Home Rule Charter section 3.05, titled "*Vacancy*", I submit my resignation from my position as the district 5 Town Council representative.

It has become increasingly apparent that Councilman Leblanc and I are not being treated fairly by the Town Council Leadership, consisting of President Lima, and Vice President Verducci, along with the Town Solicitor, Stephen Angell of Angel Law LLC. The leadership has continuously refused to adhere to the rules and procedures of the Town Council, disregarding the fair and just process laid out in the Town's Home Rule Charter.

Specifically, I am deeply concerned by the persistent failure to place critical items on the Town Council agenda. These requests have been ignored in blatant violation of the rules and regulations that govern our work. Among the items disregarded are those addressing clear violations of Home Rule Charter Article III, Section 3.08, where President Lima has taken on administrative duties by reviewing and remitting unredacted invoices from the Solicitor. This is not only a breach of protocol but also a direct violation of Section 10.14, item E, which mandates that all bills, invoices, and payrolls be reviewed by the Finance Director for audit before payment. Currently, the Finance Director is only reviewing redacted invoices, undermining the transparency and accountability that our residents deserve.

Further, Article III, Section 3.04 of the Home Rule Charter states that any Council member who violates express provisions of the Charter may forfeit their office. The actions of the Town Council leadership, as well as the Solicitor's office, leave me with little choice but to conclude that these provisions have been violated, and the Town is being led in a manner contrary to its principles.

On March 20th, I requested the addition of an agenda item to address these violations and retain the legal services of conflict counsel due to Mr. Angell's clear conflict of interest. This request was also ignored. The lack of transparency and accountability has become intolerable.

On March 2nd, I sent an email to Solicitor Angell requesting all his unredacted billing invoices, particularly considering the \$352,064 over-budgeting in the legal department. The proposed FY2026 legal budget has ballooned to \$680,000, and yet these concerns are dismissed by both the Council leadership and the Solicitor.