

December 5, 2016

Mr. George Locke, Borough Manager
Jenkintown Borough
700 Summit Avenue
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Dear Mr. Locke:

In response to your announcement of council vacancies, I have enclosed my resumé and ask that you submit my credentials for one of the open seats.



I have been a resident of Jenkintown since September of 2002 and a homeowner since 2003. My work experience, though concentrated mostly as a creative professional, includes sixteen years as publisher and editor of *Roadside Magazine*. While *Roadside* began as a simple paean to the great American diner, it would soon delve into development and preservation issues in traditional urban environments.

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My involvement in municipal issues largely began while as a resident of Worcester, Massachusetts, where I became part of or lead several efforts to preserve vital parts of the city's downtown and to promote sustainability and livability. While there, I established contacts with many leading community figures, adding my voice to a coordinated effort to save the city's Main Street, its historic neighborhoods, and to preserve its magnificent Union Station, which finally reopened in 1999.

In 2001, I wrote and published an extensive exploration of the city of Pittsburgh in the midst of its transition from a struggling rust belt industrial center into a high tech and innovation Mecca. For our efforts, Pittsburgh's City Council declared a day in February, 2001 as "Roadside Magazine Day."

For me, joining Borough Council represents a great opportunity to enter public service in an official capacity, and to apply more than twenty years of experience covering and participating in efforts to preserve and revitalize historic towns.

I look forward to your response.

Most sincerely,

Randy Garbin