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SCAN ME

Bodnar files to run for City Council

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Steve Bodnar announced his candidacy for City Council, filing his petitions Aug. 13 with City Clerk Erin Burke.

Bodnar serves on the Zoning Board and Municipal Taxation and Revenue Advisory Committee. He was a career prosecutor prior to retiring from practicing law in the public and private sectors.

His childhood summers were spent in Cape May, where he worked throughout high school and college. He has been a homeowner for 16 years.

"I have worked and lived in Cape May almost my entire life. Cape May has been a constant for me, even when my job took me elsewhere. It is a great community with a rich history," Bodnar said. "I support the construction of the police station and other capital projects that are in the planning stage. Nonetheless, we cannot



Jack Fichter/CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE
Steve Bodnar presents his petitions to run for City Council to City Clerk Erin Burke on Aug. 13 outside City Hall.

let these projects or other forces jeopardize Cape May's unique character, which makes our commu-

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ter half of the 20th century — disproportionately affecting the African American community.

population dwindled to just over 5%. This downward trend continued into the 21st century, with the population dropping further to 76 people, 2.7% of 2,768 residents by 2020. This significant reduction reflected

the cumulative impact of urban renewal, economic shifts, migration for better opportunities and changes in property ownership within the African American community in Cape May."

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Written by John Gallagher, Co-Founder of Maverick Partners Wealth

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