

# Deborah Riley Candidate Ward 6 Councillor

Deborah Riley, of Squantum, announces her candidacy for Ward 6 city councillor. Collecting more than enough signatures to qualify, her name will appear on the ballot for the general election on Nov. 7.

The following is Riley's campaign announcement press release:

Riley says her main reason for running is to give the voters a choice when it comes to electing their ward councillor. The incumbent was unopposed in 2021 and would have been unopposed again this year.

"I will bring new energy, renewed commitment, and citizen-focused advocacy for the residents of Ward 6," she said. "I will take the time to read and understand the complex issues that face our community and will provide a balanced and equitable voice in the council chamber." Riley says she is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in and doesn't just "go along to get along."

A first-time political candidate, she has lived in Squantum for over 20 years and has called Quincy her



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home for over 30. She is a devoted wife and mother and has been a volunteer for the Squantum School PTO; Star of the Sea Church; St. Ann's Church; Quincy Youth Hockey; and Quincy Rotary Club. She initiated an annual "Promposal" fundraiser for graduating seniors struggling to afford to attend their prom. Deborah also serves as a counselor at the annual "Credit for Life" fair, which is a financial education program for students in high school.

Riley is a local real estate agent and has a background in technology, having previously worked at Fidelity Investments for 10 years as a quality assurance engineer. She is a proud UMass Lowell graduate with a bache-

lor's degree in business and believes her background makes her a strong choice to serve as Ward 6 councillor.

Among her top concerns is the issue of communication. "As I am walking around and talking to residents, I keep hearing about the lack of communication," said Riley. "Whether it's traffic signs, cell towers, road repairs or weather and other emergencies, we have not received reliable and timely communications in recent years." If elected, Riley says she will work to establish consistent communication with residents and seek opportunities for meeting and discussing matters that affect all Ward 6 neighborhoods.

Riley's campaign platform includes the support of a residential tax credit for owner occupants as well as the construction of 55 plus housing, which she says will provide relief for seniors and free up housing inventory for new home buyers. She fully supports efforts to build a new Squantum School, and strongly encourages a neighborhood meeting for input into the

project. Protecting the coastline and open space are also priorities for Riley, who says it is imperative that our natural resources remain available to all and free from pollution and contamination. She would push for expanded ferry service from Squantum Point Park providing year-round and more frequent trips to Boston for frustrated Quincy commuters.

And with respect to what is probably the most controversial issue in Ward 6, Riley is critical of Boston's handling of plans for Long Island, specifically that the option for water transportation has not been adequately explored.

"Successful treatment of substance use disorder is complex and heartbreaking," says Riley. "Those that are suffering today can't wait years for a bridge and campus to be constructed. The needs of those in crisis are immediate."

Riley wishes to remind residents that the last day to register to vote is Oct. 28.

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