

Candidate Profiles - WARD 6 COUNCILLOR - Nov. 7

Deborah A. Riley

Name: Deborah Riley

Age: 58

Address: 9 Landgrane St.

Occupation: Realtor

Education: Bachelor of Science, UMass Lowell, majoring in Business with a concentration in Information Systems.

Municipal/Government/Relevant Experience: This is my first candidacy for public office but I have been self-employed for 16 years and prior to that held a technology job at Fidelity Investments for 10 years.

QUESTION: The most important issue or issues that I will address if elected is (are):

We need our City Council to engage in transparent, effective decision making that delivers tangible benefits to our citizens and ensures that every dollar is spent efficiently and effectively. Specifically, I support a residential property tax credit for owner occupants which reduces the tax burden on our residents while promoting owner occupancy. I would require adherence to the 10% affordable mandate in new construction and ex-



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pand assistance for first time home buyers and low-to-moderate income renters. As a Realtor, I believe that protecting private property rights is a top priority and therefore, I have deep concerns about land-takings, friendly or otherwise which have become more common in recent years.

Our residents need improved transit options including reliable, permanent, year-round ferry service from Squantum Point Park. We need zoning reform that doesn't overburden the volunteer zoning board and concerned residents with excessive continuances. I propose a "3 strikes" rule whereby no single project would be able to appear on the zoning board agenda

more than three times. I also believe that if we adhere to the parking and "green space" requirements then relief from other ordinances would be met with far less resistance. We need a 24/7 urgent care facility within the city limits and I support ferry service to Long Island as the quickest and most cost effective option for getting help to those who so desperately need it.

QUESTION: Voters should elect me to the office I seek because

I am offering voters a choice for Ward 6 in the 2023 election. I will bring renewed energy, a fresh voice, and an open mind to the city council. I commit to representing the residents of North Quincy, Marina Bay and Squantum, each a community of their own with differing needs and concerns. I will improve communication to residents with timely and relevant information that affects our neighborhoods. I will be a visible and accessible representative for the community I look forward to having the opportunity to help bring some of these priorities before the city council.