

Endorsement Email from my City Council Colleague Lenny Gentile

From City Councilor Marc Laredo

Dear Friends,

Below is an email from Lenny Gentile, my colleague on the City Council, that I am forwarding to you.

Best,

Marc

To my friends and fellow Newton residents,

I've had the honor of representing you as an elected official for 41 years, including as Chair of our School Committee and in different leadership roles on our City Council, including as Chair of the Finance Committee. Newton has been through many changes during those 41 years, and I've worked with many different colleagues as we faced many challenges and opportunities to continue making Newton such a special place for all of us.

I've always thought the most essential quality for an elected official is to be independent and regularly seek out and listen to our residents. The most effective elected officials have the humility to know that they don't have all of the answers and that our job—our most important role—is to represent what voters want, not pursue our personal agendas. Change can be very good for us, but we need to avoid being needlessly divisive.

That's why the election next week is so important. On November 2, we have the opportunity to add an excellent School Committee member, and we can also re-elect three strong incumbents (all first-term) on the City Council and elect five challengers. We have had far too much division and confrontation on the City Council.

We need to have solid Councilors who think independently and know how to regularly listen to voters and collaborate with other Councilors to make things happen. We do not need more ideological polarization and fighting; we need a

local government that can do the things that all residents want to be done.

Please join me in voting for the following candidates—we really need these people in elected office. I've only listed my candidates if their race is contested.

School Committee Ward 6 (all Newton residents can vote): Paul Levy

City Council At-Large (all Newton residents can vote for each of these candidates regardless of where they live):

- **Ward 1 John Oliver (incumbent)**
- **Ward 3 Pam Wright (incumbent)**
- **Ward 5 Rena Getz**
- **Ward 6 Lisa Gordon**

City Council Ward (only residents of each of these wards can vote for the candidate from that ward):

- **Ward 1 Kevin Riffe**
- **Ward 3 Julia Malakie (incumbent)**
- **Ward 5 Deb Waller**
- **Ward 6 Barry Bergman**

Thank you for your support over the past 41 years, and I will continue to work hard to represent you.

Lenny Gentile

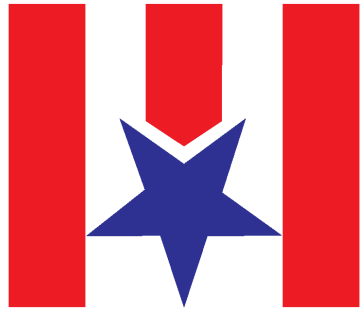
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