

## PRECINCT 2

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBER

For 3 Yrs.

Vote for not more than Twelve

\* RACHEL J. BERGER

33 Stella Road

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I am a 29-year resident of Belmont and value the high quality of life provided by living here. We need to continue to invest in our infrastructure, public services and schools. Our goals should emphasize prioritization and planning. I strongly support development of vacant properties to provide new sources of income and reduce neighborhood blight. As a candidate for re-election, I ask for your support to allow me to continue this important work.

\* M. PATRICIA BRUSCH

52 Radcliffe Road

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Renovating or replacing capital assets needs to continue; 4 projects are left, all are needy. Belmont High, Police Station, Library and DPW buildings are in need of major work. I serve on the Capital Projects Committee that is exploring how to tackle these projects while keeping the taxes affordable for citizens. A phased comprehensive plan with short-term solutions while the Belmont High project proceeds is one option.

\* RONALD H. GEIGER

27 Stella Road

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Belmont's challenge is to maintain quality services that the taxpayers can afford. To do this we must become more efficient while at the same time increasing tax revenue; doing so includes supporting commercial development consist with our town values. We must prioritize capital town projects including the high school, library, police station and DPW yard. Maintaining the excellent quality of the education in our schools is more important than ever.

\* ELIZABETH M. McGUIRE

70 Lawrence Lane

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No reply received.

\* ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN

81 Wellesley Road

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Belmont faces its largest capital project ever with the planned new and/or renovated High School Building Project. I am privileged to be a member of the High School Building Committee, Belmont Warrant (Finance) Committee and a Town Meeting Member. As a practicing attorney, member of prior building committees, and with my Warrant Committee fiscal experience, I hope to balance the interests of all constituents to make this a successful project.

\* DANIEL D. NOLAN

1015 Concord Avenue

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It's important for our town to judiciously navigate the "big four" capital budget projects. Town meeting members have a role in this process as both partners to and scrutinizers of the various

town departments and committees. I'm also focused on supporting the Conservation Commission to help preserve the 25% of our town that is conservation land and otherwise defined open space. CPA funding is one way to assist.

\* JOHN S. ROBOTHAM

19 Scott Road

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We should focus on maintaining and improving the residential nature of our town. A small drop in homeowner property values would wipe out any imagined gains from proposed commercial ventures. The new high school will consume our capital budget, but it has to be the #1 priority. Meanwhile we need to prevent debacles like the liquor license giveaway, and make sure all our residents feel welcome and secure.

\* JULIA H. WEEKS

585 Concord Avenue

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The future of Belmont is challenged by the need to invest in our schools and infrastructure without incurring excessive debt that further oppresses taxpayers. Town government must prioritize capital projects like the high school, police station, DPW yard and library, and seek creative ways to reduce the taxpayer burden like private fundraising and phased construction. Only then can voters make informed decisions on how and which projects can go forward.

\* GANG ZHAO

75 Marsh Street

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We need a broader base of tax revenue, be it commercial, business or special assessment for high-density residential development. Otherwise it is very hard to fund the growth in school enrollment. We also need to manage the high school expansion project effectively.

THOMAS J. LOWERY

123 Winter Street

This is my second year running for Town Meeting. I am 10+ year town resident with children in Belmont schools. Tax increases, school and town infrastructure needs concern me. I would like to see new sources of funding. By making a few adjustments to our zoning laws we can have strategically placed small boutique hotel(s) and high-end office space to increase our revenue base without increasing property taxes.

DEVAN MICHAEL O'TOOLE

62 Beatrice Circle

As I am currently a senior at Belmont High School, I aim to provide a youth perspective on issues facing our community, especially on education and road conditions. By providing a fresh, new voice to persistent problems around Belmont, I will work to ensure that the incredible learning environment our schools provide will be maintained for future Belmont youth and that road conditions will be improved to provide safer commutes.

AMY TROTSKY

10 Clairemont Road

I have four key objectives for Belmont. First, to keep our schools ranked among the best in the

state. Second, to preserve neighborhood rights and our beautiful Belmont neighborhoods. Third, to develop underutilized commercial land to improve our tax base. Last, to conserve our existing green space. As a financial analyst, I am well suited to be a Town Meeting member to help accomplish these goals with sound fiscal management.

DAVID ZIPKIN

137 Claflin Street

We moved to Belmont because of its strong community and schools. My primary concern is that we as a town continue to provide high-quality education, but I am mindful of the ever-increasing tax burden on our residents and I will search for ways to increase commercial tax revenues. I believe that through careful analysis and planning we can move forward with the educational investments and infrastructure projects Belmont needs.