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HAVERHILL
MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS
***** **GUIDE** *****



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Precint/Ward?



What Do I Need To
Know/Bring
On Election Day?



Other Frequently
Asked Questions



"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."

— Susan B. Anthony



WHO'S ON YOUR BALLOT?

MAYOR

Melinda E. Barrett
Brandon Furey Burns

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

Timothy J. Jordan
Colin Francis LePage
John A. Michitson
Thomas J. Sullivan
Michael Morales

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

Penelope Guerrero
Josiah Eugene Morrow
Davis V. Nguyen
Toni A. Sapienza-Donais
Fred Allen Simmons
Daniel P. Spheekas

CITY COUNCIL

Ward 1	Ralph Thomas Basiliere	
Ward 2	Daniel R. Diodati	Veronica Aurora Rodriguez
Ward 3	Devan M. Ferreira	
Ward 4	Melissa J. Lewandowski	Guy Everett Cooper
Ward 5	Shaun Patrick Toohey	
Ward 6	Michael S. McGonagle	Oliver Aguilo
Ward 7	Catherine Price Rogers	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ward 1	Mirca Zoraida Rivera	
Ward 2	Robert Richard Brown III	
Ward 3	Maura Leona Patricia Ryan-Ciardiello	David Alan Shultz
Ward 4	Amanda Jo Basiliere	
Ward 5	Jill Taylor Story	
Ward 6	Yonnie Collins	
Ward 7	Thomas Wayne Grannemann	

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Interviews



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Decisions Start at Home.

Local officials like the Mayor, City Council, and School Committee make choices that shape Haverhill’s schools, roads, housing, and neighborhood safety.

Every Vote Counts.

Turnout in city elections is often low, which means just a handful of votes can decide who represents your neighborhood. Your voice carries extra weight here.

It’s About Your Tax Dollars.

Haverhill’s budget determines how your property taxes are spent — from fixing sidewalks and funding schools to supporting public safety and community programs.

You Shape the City’s Future.

Whether it’s downtown development, traffic improvements, or the schools your kids attend, local elections decide the direction Haverhill takes.

Local Leaders Listen to Local Voters.

The people elected in Haverhill live here too. They’re your neighbors, and your vote helps ensure they reflect your priorities.

Community Starts With Participation.

Voting strengthens our city’s sense of unity, accountability, and pride. When Haverhill shows up, we all win.



HAVERHILL CITY GOVERNMENT

WHO DOES WHAT



Shaping Our Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

What They Do:

Oversee public schools, set education policy, approve budgets, and hire the Superintendent.

Why It Matters:

School Committee members shape the direction of public education from curriculum choices and teacher resources to safety policies and school budgets. Their decisions influence class sizes, extracurricular opportunities, and the overall quality of learning in your community. What they decide today impacts the students and workforce of tomorrow.



Representing Your Neighborhood

CITY COUNCILOR

What They Do:

Create and vote on local laws, approve city budgets, and address issues like roads, housing, and public safety.

Why It Matters:

City Councilors decide how your local tax dollars are spent and what priorities get attention such as roads, parks, housing, or public safety. They are the closest link between residents and city government, making decisions that affect everything from neighborhood development to how responsive city services are. A strong council means your community's voice is heard.



Leading the City Forward

MAYOR

What They Do:

Manages city departments, enforces laws, and oversees the budget. Sets the city's priorities and represents the community.

Why It Matters:

The Mayor sets the city's vision and ensures local government works effectively for residents. Their leadership influences everything from how well streets are maintained and police are funded to how business grows and neighborhoods thrive. A Mayor's policies and priorities shape your city's identity, quality of life, and future direction.



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**Haverhill/Riverside
Resident 50 years**

- Lifelong Ward 4 resident
- Attorney at law
- Former prosecutor
- Leader in Community Service

**IF RE-ELECTED I WILL
CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE**

- Preserving open space and natural resources
- Public Safety
- Increase activities and services for kids
- Geriatric support at hospital
- Increase public park amenities
- Grow commercial base to reduce residential tax impact
- Road safety improvements

CITY COUNCIL WARD 4



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Learn More

- Working with HHS, Whittier Tech, NECC, Industry & Non-Profits to provide career exploration & training for all students, in addition to traditional academic education
- Paving the way to attract modern businesses and provide up-to-date building maintenance to stabilize residential taxes
- Long-time commitment to strong Police and Fire Departments
- Support youth activities and mental health services
- Co-Led initiative to develop data-driven methods to better assess proposed new housing impact on city services and infrastructure
- Continuing to work on lowering broadband and TV costs

EXPERIENCE YOU NEED: 12 TERM CITY COUNCILOR, 5 TERM CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND PROJECT LEADER FOR THE MITRE CORPORATION

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Michitson Is Innovative & Resilient

Any Haverhill teenager who wants to pursue vocational training must have that opportunity. Far too many students are turned down.

The immediate need is to establish career training alternatives for the 200-300 middle school students that are rejected by Whittier Tech each year due to limited space and funding.

I've been working with a consortium comprised of HHS, Whittier Tech, NECC, MakeIT Haverhill, HP3, YMCA, HCTV, Industry, Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, and Government agencies to provide additional career training options for students.

This is a challenging endeavor with complicated logistics; new policies; revised funding allocations, and built-in flexibility for future changes.

Even if a new joint Whittier Vo-Tech and NECC campus is approved, it will take 5 years to become a reality and fall short of growth needed.

Let's support upward mobility today and give our teenagers a chance for a better life.

Michitson Pushes for More Seats at Planned Whittier Tech, Says it Aids 'Upward Mobility'

- WHAV NEWS STAFF

Haverhill Looks to Better Match Students' Education Options with Job Training

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For over 25 years, **Colin LePage** has proudly called Haverhill home. Since being elected to the **Haverhill City Council in 2009**, Colin has earned a reputation as a **dedicated public servant, budget watchdog, and community advocate**—someone who listens, asks tough questions, and fights for fiscal accountability.

"I believe in doing the homework, being accessible, and finding solutions that make a difference," says Colin. "Haverhill deserves a voice that's transparent, responsible, and focused on what's best for the people—not politics."

Colin's commitment to accountability has delivered **real savings and real results** for Haverhill residents:

- Championed the **curbside single-stream recycling program**, saving the city over \$2 million in waste disposal costs.
- **Uncovered and redirected \$2 million in unaccounted funds** to improve public safety, education, and reduce taxpayer burden.
- Supported **increased staffing** for firefighters, police officers, and mental health crisis counselors.
- Advocated for **youth health education**, leading to the hiring of three new middle school health teachers.

As a **Councilor At-Large** and **former Vice President of the City Council**, Colin has always put residents before politics—digging into city budgets, ensuring transparency, and redirecting every wasted dollar back into the community.

Beyond City Hall, Colin is an active volunteer and long-time homeowner who understands the issues that matter most to Haverhill families—safe streets, quality schools, and efficient city services. His leadership is rooted in action, accountability, and a genuine care for the city's future.

Looking ahead, Colin remains focused on building a stronger Haverhill by:

- **Maintaining fiscal discipline** and ensuring responsible use of taxpayer funds.
- **Investing in infrastructure and technology** to support growth and safety.
- **Supporting local businesses** and attracting sustainable economic opportunities.
- **Strengthening education and youth programs** to prepare the next generation.
- **Building responsibly**—meeting housing needs without overdevelopment.

"Haverhill is my home and my passion," Colin says. "Every decision I make is guided by what strengthens this community today and for the next generation."

RE-ELECT COLIN LEPAGE

A Councilor Who Listens, Leads, and Delivers for Haverhill.

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“Community service —that’s what we are supposed to do. Everybody helping each other. The whole world would be better off if everyone helped each other.”

—John T. Sullivan 1923-1985



My Dad’s words are more important today than ever before, as Haverhill faces unprecedented challenges and new opportunities over the next years. My parents taught me the importance of community, and I learned that lesson well and have been a community servant my entire life. With your support I hope to continue my work to make Haverhill a better place to live, learn, work and play. Please consider casting a vote for Tom Sullivan for City Councilor-at-Large on Tuesday, November 4th. Thank you!

ELECT TOM SULLIVAN COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

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I respectfully ask for your support for Haverhill City Councilor-at-Large on Election Day, Tuesday November 4th.

I am honored and humbled to be a leader in local government and in the community. A lifelong Hillie, I have always strived to make Haverhill a better place for all our citizens. I am the father of two grown daughters, both of whom attended Haverhill Public Schools and Haverhill High. I, too, am a graduate of Haverhill High Class of '79. And went on to learn three degrees at Suffolk University—a bachelor's in government and a master's in public administration, and then a Juris Doctorate degree from Suffolk Law School. And I am a newly minted and very proud Grampa Sully to baby William Wyatt, my first grandchild.

I worked at the Massachusetts State House for twenty years, where I learned the ins and outs of the legislative process and how state government works (and sometimes doesn't work well). Since I was elected to City Council in 2012, I have utilized my skills, knowledge, and my common sense, and have tried to make the best decisions possible here in the city that I love. As President of the City Council, I strive to lead my colleagues in an honorable and respectful manner when we meet in formal session and make important decisions.

I am a community activist, having been a part of many non-profit organizations and community groups, including and especially the VFW Santa Parade, which was started back in 1964 by my Dad and a group of dedicated Veterans from Lorraine Post 29 VFW. I am also a passionate advocate and leader in improving all our public parks and recreational facilities. Most importantly, I understand the financial pressures local citizens are facing due to the rising costs of everything, and am committed to finding alternative sources of revenue to relieve the pressure, especially annual property tax increases.

Please vote for TOM SULLIVAN for HAVERHILL CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

Tuesday, November 4th-ELECTION DAY

TOM SULLIVAN for Haverhill City Councilor-at-Large

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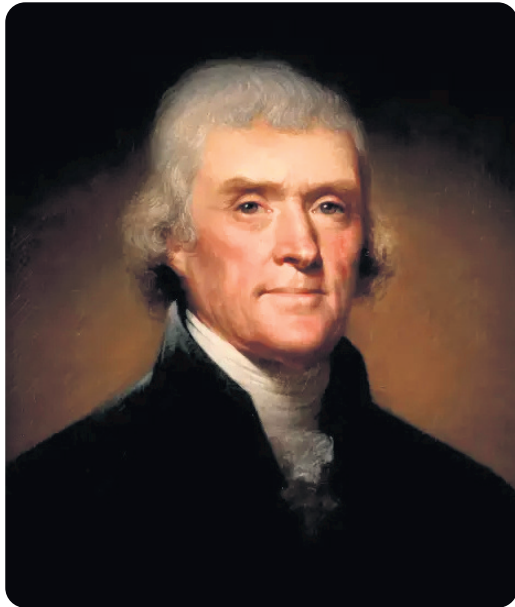
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Local Leaders Make Decisions

- School budgets
- Public safety and fire services
- Roads, zoning, and development
- Parks, events, and youth programs

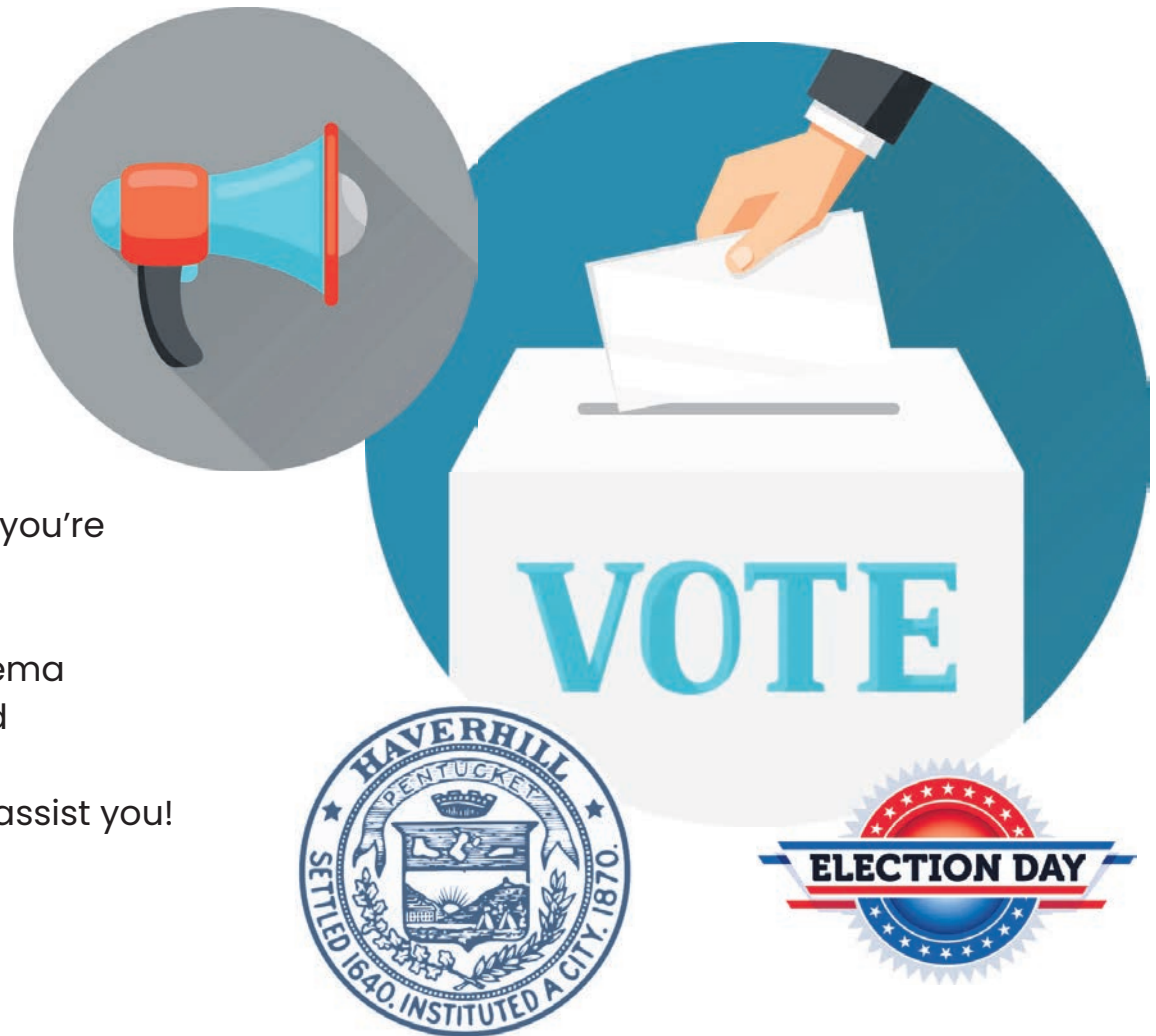
Know Before You Go

- Bring a valid ID or proof of address if you're voting for the first time.
- Double-check your polling place at www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema
- Lines move fastest mid-morning and early afternoon.
- Need help? Poll workers are there to assist you!



"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

— Thomas Jefferson



Quick Resources

- City Clerk's Office: (978) 374-2312
- Haverhill Election Office: City Hall, Room 118, 4 Summer St.
- Massachusetts Voter Portal: www.sec.state.ma.us
- Absentee Ballot Info: www.haverhillma.gov/elections

Get Involved Beyond the Ballot

- Attend City Council or School Committee meetings
- Volunteer at the polls
- Join your neighborhood association
- Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to vote

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It's About Being Involved!

This is an important job of which every member of the School Committee needs to be an active and participating member. It affects our kids, teachers, and our city.

Please Vote by Tuesday, November 4th

DAVE SHULTZ

Haverhill School Committee
WARD 3



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VOTE Jill Story

on or before November 4th



Jill is a parent and educator with years of classroom teaching experience, an advanced degree in education, and proven leadership. She is passionate about making sure all students have what they need to thrive and succeed.

- ★ Optimally fund schools
- ★ Attract & retain staff
- ★ Use data to inform policies



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Jill
STORY

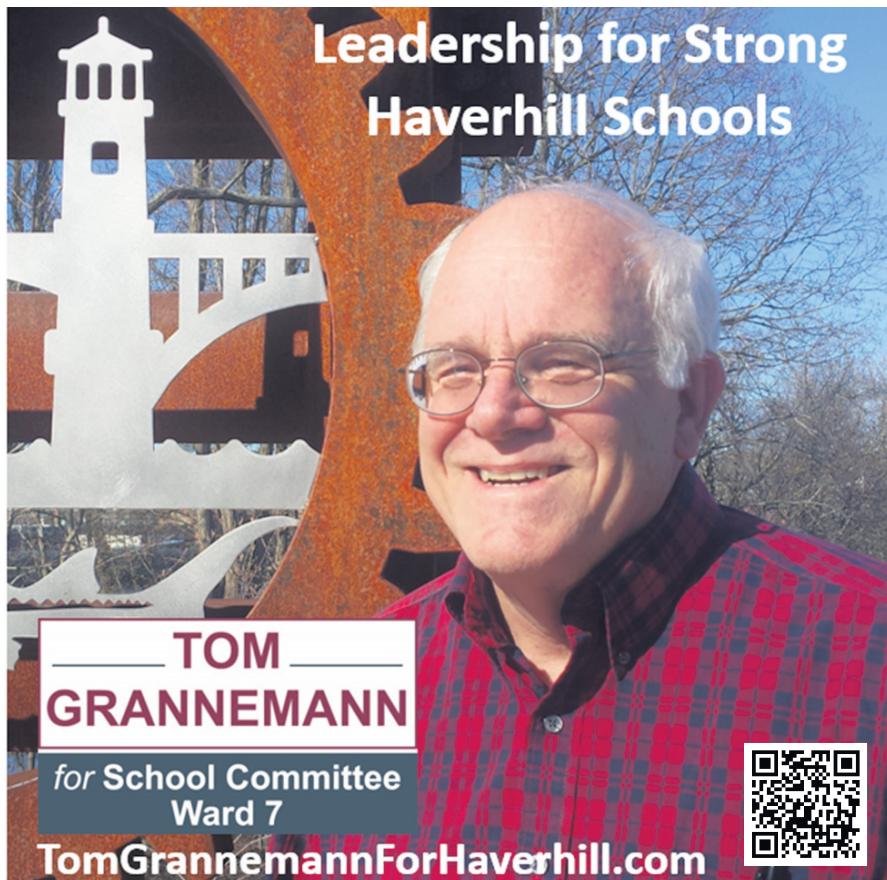
HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Leadership for Strong Haverhill Schools



TOM GRANNEMANN

for School Committee
Ward 7

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RE-ELECT

DEVAN FERREIRA

FOR WARD 3
CITY COUNCIL

I believe real progress starts with an engaged and informed community—let's keep building a city where everyone belongs, thrives and has a voice for the future we all share.

Leadership with Heart



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JOSIAH MORROW

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AT-LARGE



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Josiah Morrow is a candidate for School Committee at-large. As a Haverhill homeowner looking forward to raising a family in our city, Josiah is running to help assure the best possible opportunities for Haverhill schools and students. In his professional work, Josiah manages staffing and recruitment operations working primarily with local businesses—negotiating contracts and formulating budgets every day—experience he will bring to the table to make sure these processes work fairly and effectively for all stakeholders.

Josiah has also been deeply involved in our community for years, including municipal experience serving on the Downtown Parking Commission; leadership roles with the Garrison House Association, Haverhill League of Women Voters, and the First Presbyterian Church; and volunteerism with the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce and the Haverhill Garden Club. He is a graduate of UMass Lowell, with a bachelor's degree concentrated in economics.

Among Josiah's top priorities to enhance the work of the school committee are improving the fluency of contract negotiations and effectively managing the school department budget, both of which he would work to achieve by applying his relevant professional skills to these processes. Additionally, Josiah will focus on the improvement of local childhood literacy rates, an issue which has been a priority of his for some time, including his organizing of the local "Literary Zoo" event to encourage a childhood love of reading.

Given Josiah's vast experience with community involvement and organizations, he would also prioritize expanding Haverhill schools' connections to innovative programs with local businesses and non-profits, and community awareness of the projects and initiatives taking place throughout the school system.



VOTE JOSIAH MORROW FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT-LARGE. #2 ON BALLOT

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DAVIS V.
NGUYEN

SCHOOL
COMMITTEE
AT LARGE

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MEET
DAVIS

PARENT, AND LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER

Father of a Pentucket Lake first grader
Managing Partner, CSA Tax & Advisory
Former Accounting Professor, NSCC
Treasurer, Second Chance for Sight Foundation
Active PTO Member

B.S. in Business Administration
UMass Lowell, 2013

M.S. in Accounting
SNHU, 2015

MY PRIORITIES

✓ ENRICHMENT FOR ALL

✓ CAREER & TECH PATHWAYS

✓ RAISE ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Paid for by CTE Davis Nguyen

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Good evening, my name is Davis Nguyen, and I'm running for School Committee At-Large.

I'm a proud parent of a first grader, Laylah, who attends Pentucket Lake. I own a local accounting firm (CSA Tax & Advisory) and currently serve as Treasurer on the boards of both Second Chance for Sight Foundation and Marigold Montessori.

I'm running because I believe every student deserves more than just a diploma, they deserve options. Whether that's college, trade school, or a direct path to a meaningful career, we must prepare our students for life after graduation. A high graduation rate alone isn't enough if too many of our students are left without real opportunity.

I also strongly support school choice. Parents know their children best and should have the ability to choose the academic path that fits their child's goals—not be boxed into a one-size-fits-all system.

We must also ask ourselves: Why aren't students enjoying school especially in high school? Understanding this is key to re-engaging them. When students are disengaged, everyone loses. A more dynamic, relevant curriculum can reignite their interest and set them up for long-term success.

In addition, I believe we need to emphasize responsibility and structure, starting with something as basic and essential as punctuality. Being on time teaches discipline, respect for others, and time management skills that are critical in both academic and professional settings. Tardiness not only disrupts learning but also sends the wrong message about accountability. By consistently enforcing expectations and offering guidance, educators can help students build lifelong habits for success.

With my financial background and nonprofit leadership experience, I bring a practical, community-focused voice to the table. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Best Regards,
Davis Nguyen, EA



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LIFE LONG HILLIE | YOUTH ADVOCATE | COMMUNITY LEADER | FIRST TIME CANDIDATE

Academic Engagement & Improved Literacy Outcomes

Encourage students & teachers to incorporate thoughtful, creative activities to foster an equitable school community.

Preserving Art & Enrichment Programs Oppose federal freezes that jeopardize school funding.

Transparent and Engaged Governance

Prioritize open, responsive leadership, and proactive planning including a commitment to maintain a safe & supportive environment for students and teachers.

Contracts & Funding Address the urgency of negotiations with collaborative solutions to improve retention.



PENELOPE GUERRERO
CANDIDATE for SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT-LARGE



Penelope Guerrero (Penny)
STOP, Student Council, Spanish Club, Peer Helper, HYC, GLEC... To all my friends good luck in the future & always remember "The world stands aside for those who know where they're going" Kathia-qui NS --- don't

I'm proud to be a product of the Haverhill school system. I benefited from after-school enrichment programs that prepared me for future opportunities. That is why I'm committed to preserving these programs and focused on academic excellence, equitable resources, and strong community partnerships. I'm running to make this the standard for every student in Haverhill.

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**40 Years of Educational
Experience in Haverhill**

Toni
Sapienza-Donais



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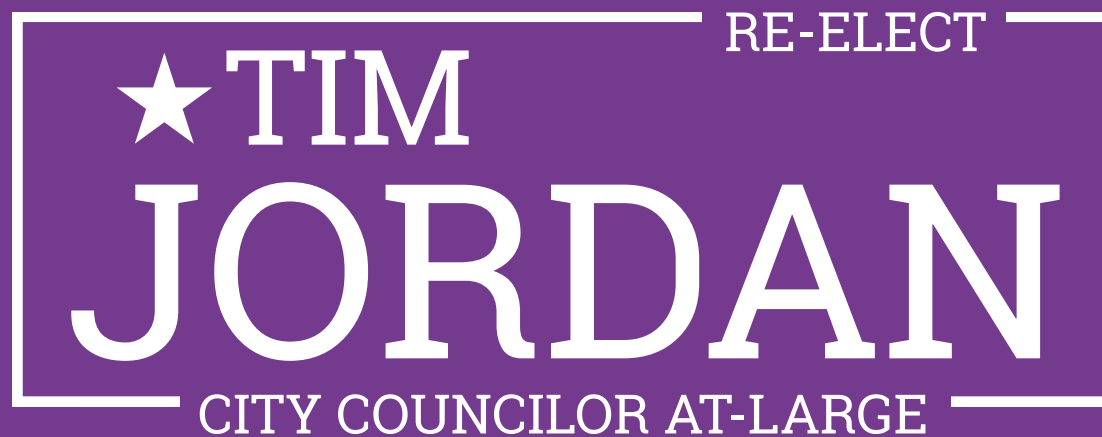
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SPHEEKAS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AT-LARGE

- Fighting for Fair Funding and Safe Schools
- Putting Students and Teachers First
- Committed to Open, Honest Leadership



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Tim Jordan City Councilor At-Large

Jordan Financial & Insurance Services

- 29-year Financial Advisor and Business Owner
- Voted Best Financial Planner, Haverhill Gazette 2025
- Sponsor of Haverhill Farmers Market music series

Haverhill City Council

- Member since 2018
- Past president and current vice president

Team Haverhill

- Last remaining active original member – 20 years
- Principal fundraiser
- Emcee of annual River Ruckus festival
- Organizer of Thursday Night Live concert series

Haverhill Rotary Club

- Past President
- 25-year member

Cogswell Club

- Founder of a local philanthropic group that has donated over \$210,000 to Haverhill nonprofit organizations

Greater Haverhill Foundation

- Executive Board member

Haverhill Bank

- Board Member

Sacred Hearts Parish

- Finance Committee
- Chair and 30-year member

Emmaus, Inc.

- Top fundraiser, Cycle for Shelter
- Spring Gala auctioneer



**Re-elect
Tim Jordan
on Tuesday,
November 4th.**

Scan to learn more about Tim
and his campaign.



Grateful For The Opportunity To Serve



I am grateful for the opportunity to have served students, parents, educators, and taxpayers on the Haverhill School Committee for nearly eight years. After two four-year terms, I am not seeking reelection.

Ours is an urban district with real challenges and real strengths. I have seen dedicated educators and staff, hard-working administrators, determined families, and motivated students who want safe, supportive, high-quality schools. Because of them, I leave optimistic.

We have momentum in key areas, early literacy, student attendance, school climate, and responsible budgeting, and we have the administration and staff to keep it moving. Progress in public education is rarely quick, but steady, transparent work pays off.

“ I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve our students and city...”

Any progress we have made belongs to the community: those who prepared lessons, mentored colleagues and students, kept buildings running, asked hard questions, volunteered time, and donated funds and materials. I am proud to have been one voice at the table.

A new chapter begins in January with at least six new School Committee members. You will bring energy and ideas at a pivotal time. My advice is simple: visit schools and attend events; listen first and often to the principals, staff, and students who are in our buildings every day; and show respect for our community by showing up, preparing, and doing the work.

To our educators and staff: thank you for your skill and commitment. To families and community partners: thank you for your advocacy and patience. To students: you are the reason this work matters, and your effort gives all of us purpose.

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve our students and city, attending every meeting during my time on the Committee. That consistency reflects how seriously I took the trust you placed in me and how much I believe in the value of public service at the local level.



I will continue to support our schools as a resident and taxpayer. Thank you for your trust and for the chance to serve. I am confident the district's best work is ahead, and I look forward to seeing our students continue to make us proud.

Rich Rosa

Haverhill School Committee

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★TIM
JORDAN
CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

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Tim Jordan makes Haverhill a better place...

Strengthening City Infrastructure

Balances affordability concerns with infrastructure investment to ensure that services keep up with new development and growth

Supporting Youth

Serves on City's Youth Services/ Mental Health Committee to support our students and their mental health, ensuring they have the resources they need

Preserving Open Space

Protects our public lands and outdoor spaces, keeping natural resources like the Merrimack River and city parks clean and safe

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