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LYNNE LEBLANC ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR WARD 2 CITY COUNCILOR AT LARGE
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Lynne LeBlanc, a fifteen-year resident of Newtonville, announced today that she is entering the race for Ward 2 At Large City Councilor.



LeBlanc decided to get into the race out of a concern for Newton's future. "As a first-rung suburb of Boston, Newton faces significant challenges as well as opportunities. The growth of Newton is inevitable but we must ask whether that growth will be at the expense of our city's unique character with its distinct thirteen villages. There are those who would like to see Newton urbanize into something else, but I would like to see us maintain a commitment to our moniker, 'the Garden City.'"

Another impetus for LeBlanc's entry into the race is a commitment to transparency and accountability. "There is an impression among many that too often decisions are being made to benefit not the greater good, but rather to serve the interests of a select group of influential residents and insiders—particularly related to development. New faces, new voices, and new City Councilors from all walks of life can keep our city from being entrenched in 'business-as-usual' politics."

LeBlanc began her outreach effort to Newton voters several months ago and has encountered a strong reception to her campaign. "Newton residents want their voices no matter which neighborhood they come from or even if they don't know 'the right people.' They want their streets and sidewalks cleared of snow in a timely manner. They want their children and grandchildren to get a good education. They want to know that their tax dollars are being spent wisely."

LeBlanc will spend the next few weeks and months continuing her listening tour. "Every resident of Newton deserves to be heard and respected and have his or her rights considered and balanced against expediency and unexamined motives. I look forward to speaking with residents to learn about their concerns, and, even more importantly, listening to their ideas for solutions to the myriad challenges facing Newton."

LeBlanc moved from Boston to Newton in 1999 and her two children are graduates of Newton Public Schools. Upon moving to Newton she served in 2000 as a PTO co-president at Horace Mann Elementary School, and continued in Day Middle School as Programming Chair, and served, from 2010-14, as PTSO co-president at Newton North High School. LeBlanc also serves on the Board of OurNewton.org. Professionally, she works as an adjunct lecturer in the Classics Department at University of Massachusetts, Boston. She holds a MA in Classics from Boston College.

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