

**Candidate for Ward Councillor
Cathyann Harris**

Ward 8

1. Please tell us about yourself and why you are running for office.

I am running for re-election because I believe that public service is rooted in listening, collaboration, and action. My commitment to Waltham has always been guided by a simple principle — to make decisions that strengthen our neighborhoods, support our families, and sustain the quality of life that makes our city thrive.

Every day, I strive to be accessible, transparent, and accountable to the residents I serve. Whether it's addressing neighborhood safety, improving our roads and sidewalks, or supporting small businesses, I approach each issue with the same focus: what will make life better for the people of Waltham today and for generations to come.

I believe strong leadership means working across differences to find solutions that reflect our shared values— fairness, respect, and community. I'm proud to serve on committees that ensure thoughtful development, sound financial stewardship, and forward-looking policies that protect our environment and enhance public spaces.

Waltham is a city rich in history, diversity, and innovation. My goal is to continue building bridges between residents, local organizations and City Departments so that every voice is heard and every neighborhood feels supported. Together, we can maintain Waltham's momentum while keeping our community connected, sustainable, and inclusive.

It is an honor to represent Ward 8 and to run for re-election is an even greater honor. I believe I bring the willingness to serve a city that I deeply care about. I remain committed to being a responsive and effective advocate for Ward 8 and the City of Waltham — one who leads with integrity, listens with compassion, and always puts community first.

2. What are the two most important issues in Waltham, and how will you address those issues if you are elected to City Council?

As a Ward Councilor, there are more than just 2 important issues to take care of and on my FB Page I highlight the my full agenda.

Two of the top issues to address in Ward 8

Creation of Much Needed Greenspaces at FITCH and KATOUJIAN Park

Support Comprehensive Zoning Reform and affordable housing creation in our City

Continue to support Comprehensive Responsible Rat Management working with Health Dept