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Party: RTM has no party affiliation

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Q: Please provide a brief biography of yourself for the voters.

A: I've lived in Old Greenwich since 2019 with my wife and two boys, who attend Old Greenwich School and are active in town sports and other activities. I work in product and strategy at Mastercard, where I've learned to approach problems from multiple angles and consider diverse needs. I've found these skills useful while voting on town issues in my two terms on the RTM. Service is central to our family; my wife serves on the board of a charity for the homeless. I'm committed to respectful, thoughtful governance in a time of growing political division.

Q: What are one or two pressing challenges of the upcoming term and how would you approach them?

A: An ongoing challenge is the town budget—we continue to underfund our schools and infrastructure. While the RTM has limited control over the budget itself, I'll be addressing this directly with my vote for the Board of Estimate and Taxation on election day. Beyond that, most RTM matters involve the essential but less visible work of keeping the town running smoothly. I approach each item with an open mind, listen carefully, and vote in a way that I believe best serves both my constituents and the long-term interests of the town.

Q: In April, the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) voted to reduce the Greenwich Public Schools budget by approximately \$4 million. This reduction allowed GPS to increase its budget year over year by 3% (vs 5%). [Minutes of the FY 2025-2026 Budget Decision Day Three (3) Meeting of the BET held April 4, 2025]. What is your position on this decision?

A: The \$4M cut was deeply misguided. Introduced without warning on Decision Day—bypassing months of planning—it was rammed through on a party-line vote. The savings amount to just ~\$180 per household, yet the impact on student programs, teachers, and school start times is significant. This decision reflects poorly on the current Republican BET slate, many of whom were challenged and replaced in the recent primary. While the new Republican slate includes promising voices, several incumbents who supported the cut remain. Greenwich deserves better. The Democratic slate is exceptionally qualified and committed to responsible governance. Give them the chance to lead.

Q: Number of Terms on RTM (Incumbents only)

A: 2

Q: Current Committee Assignments (Incumbents only)

A: Appointments, regular member