

Planning Board

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Incumbent

Nancy Ronchetti Corcoran

Precinct 5

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Community Activities

Clerk, Lexington Planning Board Member, former Chair and Vice Chair

LWVLexington Board Member, Bulletin Editor and former Convener

Current Precinct 5 Town Meeting Member

Precinct 5 Officer, Town Meeting Members Association (TMMA)

Former TMMA Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk

Co-Chair, TMMA Community Outreach Committee

Mock Town Meeting school classroom sessions volunteer

300th Town Celebrations Committee member

Member, 20/20 Vision Committee's Sub-Committee on Demographic Change*

League Question for Planning Board candidates:

As a member of the Planning Board what can you do to expand Lexington's commercial base in order to relieve some of the pressure on residential tax payers?

As a current member of the Lexington Planning Board ("Board"), I believe a clear and balanced planning approach is essential when reviewing and evaluating proposed residential and commercial projects before the Board. I will fairly evaluate any project proposal expanding Lexington's commercial tax base, including Smart Growth initiatives, to lessen the pressure on residential taxpayers and look forward to the recommendations of the Board's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Sub-Committee. The future of Lexington is important to all us.

New Candidate

Robert D. Peters

Precinct: 7

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Community Activities

Lexington Town Meeting Member 2005-2011

Member, Board of Commissioners, Lexington Housing Authority, 2007-present

Co-President, Drummer Boy Homes Association 2010-present

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I support redevelopment of Lexington's commercial areas in order to increase our commercial property base. I think that there are relatively few areas which are appropriate for conversion to commercial zoning, but I would give consideration to such proposals if they were to come before the Planning Board. Throughout town, there are many small, single story commercial properties where we should consider the potential for use as mixed use developments. There is little charm to some of these strip mall like locations, and residences with nearby amenities is a great option for those looking to down size and stay in Lexington.

The motel in Lexington Center has been gone for about ten years now, and it's hard to miss it. The condominium development on that site brought a residential component to downtown that I think is a welcome addition, and was developed by the Town allowing residential uses in the center after it not being permitted for many years. We should encourage similar opportunities at other sites in town where appropriate.

We value diversity in Lexington, and I think that economic diversity is also important for building the community that we want to have. Not every one who wants to live here can afford the housing stock that the builders are, by and large constructing. I will encourage residential construction that includes a variety of pricing options, some of which ought to be above the limits required to be included on the Subsidized Housing Index, but are below the predominant market rates in Lexington. To do this, will require us to accept some additional density where appropriate.

The work of the Planning Board is very challenging and decisions made will affect the Town long into the future. If elected, I look forward to continuing the conversation about how the achieve the Lexington that we want.