



Gail Matson Candidate for re-election for Ward 8

I am a Concord resident for 30 years and a mother of two. I graduated from Saint Anselm College. I have worked in the insurance industry for 33 years, the last 18 employed by the NH Insurance Department.

I am running for a fourth term as councilor for Ward 8. I am looking to capitalize on the growth and successes we have accomplished for the city. We have had many fruitful public/private partnerships that enrich our community. The community center, the skate house at White's park and the purchase of trees at Rollins Park to replace the blighted pines illustrate what makes Concord such a wonderful place to live.

I was recently asked why I am running again. I am committed to helping my constituents with their issues, and improving both my ward and the city for current citizens and future generations. The Main Street revitalization, Concord's part in defeating Northern Pass, the Greenway Trail and Terrill Park have long term beneficial impacts and are great examples of what we as a city can accomplish when we work together. I am pleased to have supported these initiatives which have resulted in continued interest by companies in creating new business opportunities in Concord. These new business opportunities will further our economic growth, and diversify our tax base to ease the burden on individual taxpayers.

As chair of Concord's Northern Pass Subcommittee, I testified at the NH SEC hearings against the Northern Pass Project. The NH Supreme Court recently upheld the SEC's decision to deny the application for the Northern Pass project.

Listening to concerned citizens I voted no on the development proposal for the NH Employment Securities Building. I believe the right project will come along in the future and the property will be added to the tax rolls.

I humbly ask for your vote on November 5th 2019. If elected I will listen and respond to my constituents needs, and work towards the continued betterment of the city as a safe and vibrant place to live, work and play.