



Gail Matson Candidate for re-election for Ward 8

I am a native of Maine, and a graduate of Saint Anselm College. I am a single working parent with two children in college. I have lived in Concord for nearly 30 years.

I worked for a major insurance company for over 16 years before transitioning to the state of NH Insurance Department. I have been an employee of the Insurance Department for nearly 17 years. I am familiar with how both public and private sectors operate.

I am running for a third term as councilor for Ward 8. I am organized, experienced, and have a dedicated work ethic. I am financially conservative and socially accepting. During my two previous terms I've been privileged to have been part of a council that is united in a desire to improve the city on multiple fronts via long and short range goals, while providing quality services and increasing a diversified tax base.

During my tenure, long and short range financial decisions have resulted in a balanced budget for multiple years and a continued excellent bond rating for the city. I responded to constituents concerns resulting in the refusal of Federal money to repave Loudon road, which entailed a three lane restriction unwanted by the majority of the citizens of Concord. My goal is to capitalize on Concord's financial stability to continue to improve the infrastructure of the city, and provide quality services required by our citizens.

The revitalization of Main St has resulted in an increase of new businesses and attention from events coordinators interested in bringing new events to Concord. I intend to build on this momentum to further invigorate our city with a sustained influx of diverse new businesses and new jobs, which will ultimately increase the tax base and reduce the burden on individual tax payers.

I serve as chair on the Northern Pass subcommittee. As a result of gathering information and listening to constituents concerns regarding the permanent and negative impacts of Northern Pass on residents and the city as a whole; the council voted to request burial of the Northern Pass project throughout Concord based on the subcommittee's recommendation.

I have voted for and supported the following Capital Improvement Projects which are intended to attract people to our great city, and improve the quality of life of our current residents.

- Community center currently being built.
- Increased biking lanes throughout the city.
- Pool renovations, and park development.

I humbly ask for your vote on November 7th. If elected I will listen and respond to constituents needs, and work towards increasing the vibrancy of Concord as a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.