

Candidate for Ward Councillor
Paul S. Katz

Ward 7

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

I am completing my second term as Waltham City Councilor for Ward 7, and it remains a great honor to serve our community. I first ran for office to be a Councilor with integrity and core values -someone truly responsive to residents. I'm seeking re-election to continue serving with *passion, pride, and purpose*, bringing thoughtful leadership, honest communication, and accountability to every decision.

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, my primary focus is on the needs of Ward 7 residents, while also safeguarding and advancing the broader interests of the city as a whole,

Issue one: **Responsible development and housing.** Ward 7 is growing, and it's crucial that growth is well-planned. Recent approvals of two 40B housing developments, the MBTA Communities Act, and ADUs "by right" expand residential opportunities while impacting infrastructure. I will continue to oversee residential and potential commercial growth through special permits, ensuring that new projects strengthen our neighborhoods and serve all residents—renters, homeowners, multi-family owners, and students alike.

Issue two: **Neighborhood safety and livability:** I remain committed to safe streets, effective traffic management, and supporting city services that keep our neighborhoods functional, welcoming, and thriving for all residents. Over the past three years, I have addressed more than 60 traffic-related agenda items, working to make Waltham a safer and more enjoyable/livable community.