

**Candidate for Ward Councillor**  
**Robert Logan**

**Ward 9**

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

I am a lifelong resident of Waltham, a homeowner, and a married father of four. I am a graduate of Waltham High School, earned a B.A. in Political Science from UMass Boston, and an M.P.A. from Northeastern University. I recently retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts DTA where I was Assistant Director of Elderly & Disability Assistance. I am the incumbent Ward 9 City Councillor and a Past President of the Waltham City Council and the Massachusetts Councillors Association. I also served as Chair of the Governor's Local Government Advisory Commission. I am a volunteer Scout leader and President of the Waltham Friends of Scouting, Inc. I am also a member of the Friends of the Waltham Public Library, a volunteer trail steward for the Waltham Land Trust, a member of the Waltham Arts Council, the Waltham Sons of Italy, the French American Victory Club, the Waltham Moose Lodge #1018, the Waltham Museum, the Charles River Museum of Industry, and a Life Member of the Waltham Historical Society.

2. What are the two most important issues in Waltham, and how will you address those issues if you are elected to City Council?

Traffic and pedestrian safety is one of the main issues that I have been working on as Ward 9 Councillor. I have appeared before the Traffic Commission almost every month since returning to the Council in January of last year, to advocate for safety improvements throughout the Ward. I have won approval of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) recently installed on Newton Street at McDonald Playground, and bike lanes on the Farwell Street Bridge to make safer connections between the two sections of the River Walk for pedestrians and bicyclists. I am currently working with Ward 8 Councillor Harris on safety improvements along Lowell Street.

Another important issue is affordable housing. We have an opportunity to encourage housing development through the ongoing comprehensive zoning review. One concept that I am seeking to advance is allowing residential development by right in the Commercial Zoning District that brackets the Charles River.