

**Candidate for Councillor At Large**  
**Carlos A. Vidal**

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

My wife, Marisol, and I have proudly called Waltham home since 2003. We bought and lovingly renovated a Victorian home on Ash Street, and from the start, we knew this was where we wanted to build our lives. Soon after moving here, I became involved with local nonprofit organizations, which inspired me to get more engaged in our community.

In 2015, I was humbled to be elected as the first person of color to hold public office in Waltham. Since then, I have worked alongside residents, city employees, and my fellow councillors on issues that affect all of us every day.

I am running for re-election because I want to continue bringing experience, dedication, and a deep knowledge of the city to the Council. I aim to make decisions that strengthen neighborhoods, support residents, and ensure Waltham continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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

There are many important issues affecting Waltham residents, and what matters most can vary depending on where you live and your personal circumstances. That said, two citywide priorities I see are housing and infrastructure and public safety.

**Housing:** Waltham needs more housing to meet the needs of our growing community. I support thoughtful development that expands options for residents while maintaining the character of our neighborhoods. My goal is to work with the community and developers to ensure housing growth is practical, responsible, and benefits the city as a whole.

**Infrastructure and public safety:** Safe streets, sidewalks, and public spaces are essential for quality of life across all neighborhoods. I have worked on major traffic improvements, modern parks, and supporting our first responders. Moving forward, I will continue to prioritize investments in roads, bike and pedestrian safety, and

modern facilities for police and fire departments to ensure every resident can live, work, and thrive safely in Waltham.

By focusing on these citywide priorities while listening to neighborhood-specific concerns, I aim to make decisions that benefit the whole community while respecting the unique needs of each area.