

Candidate for Councillor At Large
Christina Curtin

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

I am a lifelong Waltham resident and proud graduate of Waltham High School's Class of 2005. I went on to earn my Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management from Southern New Hampshire University while working full-time at Tufts Health Plan and later Health Plans, Inc., where I built my career in Customer Experience. I'm a professional listener and problem-solver, and that's exactly what I hope to bring to the City Council. Outside of my professional life, community involvement is core to who I am. My parents taught me from a young age the importance of giving back. Since high school, I've been active in nonprofit and civic work. I am fortunate enough to be in a position where I have the time and means to invest back into this community that has invested in me over the years. I currently serve as Chair of the Waltham YMCA Advisory Board, and I'm an active member of both the City's Ambulance Committee and the Program Advisory Committee for the Health Assisting program at Waltham High School. Running for City Council just made sense to me as a next step as I end my time as chair of the board at the Y.

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

In my work, I've seen firsthand how essential clear, timely, and transparent communication is to building trust. In public service, our residents are our customers and they deserve the same level of responsiveness and respect. Too often, even well-intentioned city initiatives lose impact because of unclear messaging or limited outreach. The right decisions may be made, but the way they're communicated can leave residents feeling left out or uninformed.

I want to change that. I will work to ensure that Waltham residents are informed, engaged, and confident in the decisions shaping our city. I plan to create a citywide newsletter and host regular office hours to make local government more accessible and responsive. Some Ward Councillors already do this at the ward level, and I believe that's an opportunity to strengthen trust and connection across Waltham.

The second major issue I see is traffic and its impact on public safety. Traffic impacts far more than just drivers' frustration, it affects quality of life, emergency response times, and neighborhood safety. For example, at the recent community meeting for Wards 8 and 9 about speeding on Lowell Street, residents expressed deep concern for their safety and frustration with the slow pace of solutions from the Traffic Commission.

I believe we sometimes overcomplicate problems, which delays real progress. I would work collaboratively with Ward Councillors to advocate for practical, impactful safety measures and to be another voice pushing for timely, data-driven solutions, such as stop signs, improved crosswalks, better traffic flow, and supporting infrastructure like a north-side ambulance bay.