

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE



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Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

My wife, Gabriela, and I have lived in Weston since 2001 as active members of the community. Our three daughters went through the Weston Public Schools. My BA degree is from Boston College and my JD is from Suffolk Law School. I have worked as a corporate lawyer with a major reinsurance company and I am now in private practice. We lived in Switzerland and San Francisco before moving to Weston. I am from the Boston area.

In your opinion, what is the most significant issue facing Weston today?

We would all like to know what the future will bring. Then it would be clear to everyone exactly what we should do. Instead, we guess by consensus and then act.

I believe the most significant issue facing Weston is to act even more as a community to prepare for our futures. We are an organized community with lots of real options and there is a lot more we can do to control and direct the future of this Town. We should exercise our power as a community and use it make the Town ready.

Why are you running for this specific office and what do you bring to it?

As a real estate lawyer, I frequently advise clients on zoning matters of many Fairfield County towns though not in Weston, due to conflicts of interest. I'm fully aware of the anxiety, hopelessness & planning invested in every homeowner's case.

It's the ZBA's job to apply the law to see if it's possible to allow property usage that's not otherwise allowed. These laws serve everyone dynamically preserving our town. But, when there's true hardship we have the humanity to allow exceptions.

What is the most important issue this board/commission faces and how would you potentially address it?

The Zoning Board of Appeals operates in a professional and neighborly way. I feel this is the ideal form for the work of this Board and it should be maintained.