

Jodi Newell is a Keene resident, a mother, a Homeless Advocate and a lifelong volunteer.

Having been raised in a family shaped by service to community, Jodi has carried this tradition forward, in part by formally working in the nonprofit world at the transitional housing shelter for single mothers and families founded by her grandmother. In the last few years, she has also begun advocating with organizations which seek to address issues that lead to these conditions, quickly taking on leadership roles and responsibilities.

Of all the proverbial hats she wears, the most precious, rewarding & important is the mom hat. She is extremely proud of her 2 boys & hopeful for their future. Her volunteer work is an effort both to impress upon them the importance of community service & to positively influence the community they are growing up in.

They are, in fact, at the heart of her involvement in politics. Their father, her fiancé at the time, suffered from Substance Use Disorder and it ultimately took his life 13 years ago, leading her to research available treatment options and approaches extensively and seek out ways to advocate for improvements. Having found in this and other issues the fundamentally harmful influence of lobbying and large campaign contributors on policy, she went on to advocate for changes to our campaign finance system. While she has been most active in these issues, as well as healthcare, she has stepped up to advocate in a variety of areas on a state & federal level.

As an at-large councilor for the city of Keene, Jodi is confident that through her unique personal and political experience, she can provide a valuable perspective on certain pressing issues and positively contribute to the improvement of our community.

Her top priorities on the city level are Covid recovery, SUD treatment & affordable housing in our community, but being dedicated to true representation, she is seeking input from community members about their priorities & concerns. This will be her goal in any campaign outreach & will remain a top priority if she is fortunate enough to be elected.