



I am Committed to Keene. I have the experience, knowledge and drive and I seek to be re-elected as Ward 2 City Councilor.

The last election brought in several new Councilors, who were then faced with the Covid emergency. Many great plans were put aside as we went into “emergency mode”. The City needs to move forward and implement these initiatives. Experienced council leadership is required.

I have proudly served the public and worked with five Mayors and four City Managers. Over the course of those years, I have seen many City Councilors come and go, each one with his/her own styles and personalities. As a member and also chairperson of all three Council committees, I have provided a fresh prospective among my colleagues. Leadership requires civility, creating a healthy forum for debate, facilitating a consensus and transitioning onto the next issue. Without a doubt, challenges will arise in the coming year and I will strive to welcome diverse opinions and foster discussion. There are many projects and plans that were stalled due to the Covid pandemic as priorities had to be adjusted. I am looking forward to working on these in the coming years. Economic growth continues to be a major initiative for our community. My experience leading the Economic Development committee has provided me with much insight into what we can do to make improvements to education, employment, housing, and recruitment. During this critical time, we need continuity and drive to achieve what we have started. I have dedicated nearly five decades to our community and cultivating a thriving local economy. Having operated several small local businesses, I am committed to my fellow businessowners and am in tune with their needs. I do not just talk about the issues, I understand them, and will work toward solutions.

We must address our local substance abuse issues, offer support to those who are suffering, and foster prevention efforts. Each member of our community deserves to feel valued and never abandoned. We will work to assure safe and affordable housing and protect our neighborhoods. We can do this with the leadership of a committed problem solver, and together we will find solutions.

Downtown Keene will soon be moving forward with an upgrade to its infrastructure and the opportunity for a fresh redesign of the streets and sidewalks. Main Street is the heart of our city. As a longstanding member of the downtown business community and Keene resident who lived through two significant reconstructions, I am familiar with the obstacles this project will present. With managed expectations and cooperation, the revitalization of our downtown will be a success.

My wife and I were both eighteen years old when we laid roots here in 1970. We graduated from Keene State College, raised our three children here. She was an educator in the Keene School district for over twenty years. Our grandchildren are now excelling in our remarkable public schools. As we look to our future, now is the time to build a renewed partnership with the college by collaborating with its new President to forge a stronger relationship between our communities. Across all levels, our local education is flourishing and empowering the next generation.

Keene is my past, present and future. I ask you to please join in my commitment to Keene and re-elect me Ward 2 City Councilor.

Thank you,

Mitchell Greenwald