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LYNN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Lynn Ward Councilor
Candidate Forum**

Wednesday, August 21st, 2013
Congregation Ahabat Sholom
151 Ocean Street, Lynn
7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, September 29--Essex Heritage Sails & Trails—Two Events

Goldfish Pond *and* Grand Army of the Republic Museum
(free to all—get “Passport” from www.essexheritage.org)

Book Club--meets monthly September through June

For more info email lynncommunity@comcast.net or see our website
www.lynncommunity.org

Eating Out Club—meets monthly at different Lynn Restaurants

For more info, contact Trish, paintertrish67@yahoo.com or visit our
website www.lynncommunity.org

Thursday, October 17th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fundraiser--Tides Restaurant & Pub, 2 Wilson Rd, Nahant
10% of all sales to benefit LCA programs and events.

October, Date/Time TBA--Resource Fair

December, Date/Time TBA--Wreath Hanging

Monday, January 20, 2014--3rd Annual MLK, Jr. Day of Service

March 2014—Youth Forum

May/June 2014—Mayor’s State of the City

June 2014—Clean Sweep to the Sea

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Welcome

Mary Trahan, LCA President

Moderator

Tyron Hawkins*

Time Keeper

Steven Dwyer

Candidates Qualified by City Clerk:

Seth Albaum, Ward 5

Peter Capano, Ward 6 (unchallenged)**

Dianna Chakoutis, Ward 5

Richard Colucci, Ward 4**

Darren Cyr, Ward 3**

Richard Ford, Ward 7 (unchallenged)

Jesse Jaeger, Ward 2

Jake Keo, Ward 5

Wayne Lozzi, Ward 1**

Ronald Mendez, Ward 3

Ariana Murrell-Rosario, Ward 4

Debra Plunkett, Ward 1

William Trahant, Ward 2**

*** Tyron Hawkins, aka da Lyrical Geni , is a well-known local performer, poet, and song-writer, as well as a board member of the Lynn Community Association. Through his “Building Community” series of evenings, he has built strong alliances in the Lynn community. In Hawkins’ day job, he is a nutritionist with Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS).**

****Incumbent**

Notes

Candidate profiles are listed in alphabetical order, by Ward, with a photo and a brief biography.

Candidates are seated for the forum in alphabetical order (left to right), by Ward.

Please accept our thanks for all Lynn citizens caring enough to come out tonight to this forum, and to the candidates who are taking time from their already busy campaign schedules to participate.

In Gratitude...

A special thanks to moderator, Tyron Hawkins; and time keeper, Steven Dwyer.

Very special thanks to the Congregation Ahabat Sholom and Shendel Bakal for their very generous support of LCA by allowing use of their facilities and set up for the event.

We much appreciate a variety of local media coverage!

*The mission of Lynn Community Association
is to promote pride and ownership in our community
through beautification, education, recreation,
and neighborly relationships.*

Debate Rules

1. Each candidate will be allowed 2 minutes introduction; candidates will present in left to right seated order. A yellow flag will be displayed by the time keeper 15 seconds before time is up. A red flag will be displayed when time is finished.*
2. Moderator will ask questions which have been submitted anonymously by voters in the community. Questions will be answered from right to left as seated. The question will then pass to each person's left until all candidates have had an opportunity to respond.
3. Each candidate will have up to 90 seconds to answer each question.
4. If any candidate makes a remark which is directed toward another specific candidate, that candidate will be allowed 45 seconds to respond/rebut.
5. Following approximately 75 minutes of questions/answers, each candidate, from right to left seated order, will be allowed 1.5 minutes to make closing statements.
6. Candidates who do not respect the time keeping rules may be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the debate.

*Yellow/red flag timekeeping apply throughout debate.

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Hours—

Monday 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM to 8 PM

Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Thursday 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

You can register to vote at City Hall Clerk's Office, where you also can obtain/complete an absentee ballot.

Candidate Photographs and Biographies

were submitted by candidates

and, as available, are presented on the following

pages in alphabetical order, by ward.

Wayne Lozzi

Ward 1

Wayne Lozzi was sworn into his first term as Ward One City Councilor on Monday, January 5, 2004. He has since been re-elected to five two-year terms and is running for re-election in November 2013.

During his almost 10 years as Councilor, Wayne has worked diligently to represent residents' interests on City issues and improve the quality of life within the Ward by creating opportunities, responding to concerns, and developing solutions on their behalf. He is running for re-election so he can continue to work with residents with the goal of making Ward One an even better place to live.

A life-long resident of Lynn, Wayne attended Lynn Public Schools, graduating from Lynn English High School. He went on to earn an Associate's Degree from North Shore Community College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from Bentley College in Waltham.

He has worked as an Environmental Analyst with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for over 20 years, and spent ten years working for the City of Lynn in various positions.

Wayne was elected Chairman of the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission in June 2013. He was formerly the Chairman of the Lynn Planning Board and served on the Lynn Conservation Commission.

He is also involved in many civic organizations within the city including: Sluice and Flax Pond Associations, Friends of Lynn Woods, Wyoma Little League, Lynn Babe Ruth Baseball, East Lynn Pop Warner, and the West Lynn Italian Club.

Wayne and his wife Kathy (Bresnahan) reside on Den Quarry Road with their children.

To learn more about Councilor Lozzi and his accomplishments, please visit his website: www.votelozzi.com or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/votelozzi. You can also email Wayne at: wlozzi@hotmail.com



Debra Plunkett

Ward 1



Proud Life long Lynner,
Wife, Mother, Home Owner,
Tax Payer, Cancer Survivor

Education:

Attended Connery, Breed, Classical, Graduated Marian Court College

Employment:

Currently employed as an Anti Bully Instructor with Campfire
GE River Works - 10 Years

Community Involvement:

North Shore Women In Business
Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce
Friends of Lynn Woods
Friend of Lynn Museum
Friend of Lynn/Nahant Beach
Flax and Sluice Pond Association
School Mentor, Program Director and Community Engagement Coordinator
Scout Leader for Troop #49 - 11 years

Platform:

Strong Economic Development
Improve Constituent Services
Safe/Clean Parks

Qualifications: Accessible, Accountable, Available

Jesse Jaeger

Ward 2



I moved to Lynn nine years ago with my wife Natalie because we wanted to raise our children in a friendly and diverse neighborhood. We have found that plus a lot more. From winter walks in the Lynn woods, to summer fun on the Lynn beaches we have fallen in love with this city.

We love that Cambodian egg rolls and Dominican beans and rice are as likely to show up at a neighborhood BBQ as hot dogs and hamburgers. We love that there are multiple arts programs in downtown Lynn that our kids can attend and that we can buy fresh produce grown by local kids in the back yard of Ingalls Elementary where our children go to school.

Lynn has so much to offer but it can be so much more! That is why I am running for City Council in Ward 2. I believe in creating new solutions, not fighting old battles. I believe we can build on our city's assets like our diversity, history and location, instead of being held back by an old way of looking at the city.

I have already started work to make this new Lynn possible. Over the past several years I have been involved with the Lynn Community Association, helped create the Lynn MLK Day of Service and brought parents together to found Lynn Parents Organizing for a Better Education. Now I want to take my leadership to the next level by serving on the Lynn City Council.

As the Ward 2 City Councilor I will deliver responsive constituent services that the ward deserves, encourage development that builds on Lynn's assets, reform city government to make it smarter and invest in Lynn's future. Join me in creating solutions for Lynn's future!

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William Trahant

Ward 2

No information submitted.

Darren Cyr
Ward 3

No information submitted.

Ronald Mendes

Ward 3



Ron Mendes is 44 years old, lives in Lynn's Ward 3 with his wife Susie Moniz, and is descended from a hard-working, blue collar family. His Dad is a retired landscaper, and his Mom worked in textiles. Being the first member of his family to attend college, Ron went on to attend law school and is a practicing attorney.

Ron is currently employed full time as the Business Manager of the Department of Public Works for the City of Newton, MA and has over a decade of municipal financial expertise, having previously served as Town Treasurer in Wilmington, MA, and Assistant Town Treasurer in Lincoln, MA.

Ron is also an Associate Member of the Lynn Zoning Board of Appeals and serves as a Director on the board of the Lynn Community Health Center and the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce.

You can learn more about Ron on his website at www.ronmendes.com or on his Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/voteronmendes. You can also feel free to contact Ron on his cell phone at (978) 857-7984 or to contact him by email at ron@ronmendes.com.

Experience:

Business Manager, Department of Public Works, City of Newton (2012 - Present)

Attorney at Law, Moniz & Mendes, P.C. (2006 - Present)

Lynn Zoning Board of Appeals, Associate Member (2009 - Present)

Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, Member, Board of Directors (2008 - Present)

Lynn Community Health Center, Member, Board of Directors (2012 - Present)

Lynn Democratic City Committee, Chair, Ward 3 Committee (2008 - Present)

Town Treasurer, Wilmington, MA (2000 - 2008)

Asst. Town Treasurer, Lincoln, MA (1997 - 2000)

Education:

Juris Doctor, Mass. School of Law (2002 - 2005)

Bachelor of Science in Business Admin. University of Denver (1986 - 1990)

Richard Colucci
Ward 4

No information submitted.

Ariana Murrell-Rosario

Ward 4



As a first generation Latin American, Ariana grew up learning strong values of hard work, family, devotion and commitment to one's goals and taking pride in where you live.

Ariana came to Lynn as young single mother after graduating business school in 1986; working in the finance industry at a large investment firm downtown Boston. Passionate and driven, Ariana overcame much hardship and adversity to become one of the most successful local business owners in Lynn, owning a national franchise tax preparation company, realizing her dream of home ownership through dedication and hard work, all the while raising her children and taking on a myriad of daily responsibilities.

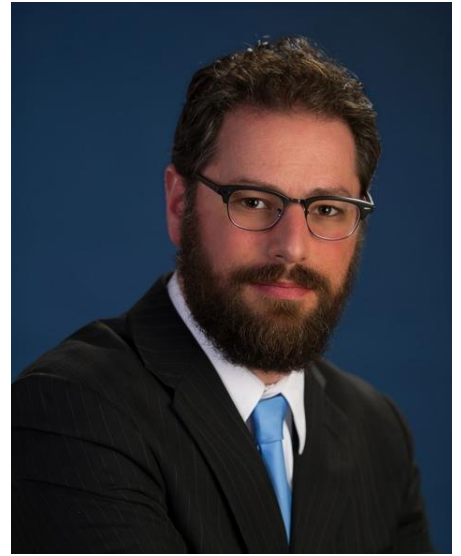
Ariana has been a strong advocate in her community. Ariana uses her skill sets to help empower others, whether its keeping homeowners in their homes by obtaining successful loan modifications or helping homeowners and businesses with civil rights issues.

A visionary and leader with skills in taxation, management, finance, and advocacy, Ariana is passionate about working with the community to bring about a brighter, positive future for the residents of Lynn and the children who will become Lynn's future.

Ariana is married and has 2 children. She is a member of the North Shore Latino Business Association and the Lynn Chamber of Commerce.

Seth Albaum

Ward 5



I've dedicated my professional career to providing training and opportunities for people to express themselves through public speaking, radio, television, and as a media literacy teacher in the Chelsea Public Schools. Now, I want to provide a better way to interact with our government to improve safety, schools, parks, infrastructure, and attract new businesses.

Since forming the Downtown Lynn Neighborhood Association in 2008 and LynnHappens in 2009, I have attended City Council meetings regularly and worked with both residents and business neighbors to build a stronger community – not just in the downtown, but Lynn-wide, with the neighborhood association's annual "Neighborfests" and "openDTL" events, and by promoting open government, community and cultural events on LynnHappens.com.

Family: I'm recently married and we are making our home in downtown Lynn. My wife, Jennifer, has also moved her already established graphic design business to downtown. My father was born to working class immigrants in a Lower East Side tenement. My mother was born in Germany to holocaust survivors and came through Ellis Island in 1951.

I'm a member of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, North Shore Latino Business Association, Downtown Lynn Neighborhood Association, Friends of Ward 5, Lynn Cultural Council, Board of LynnArts, Downtown Lynn Cultural District Committee, Lynn Community Association and Chelsea Teacher's Union (AFT) among others. I recently joined the Pine Hill Civic Association and I'm looking forward to future collaborations.

Ward 5 includes oceanfront living, downtown living, multi-family, single family, retirement communities, young families, many businesses, and an excellent representation of Lynn's diversity. I am running for the entirety of Ward 5 and will always be available by phone, e-mail or letter to discuss concerns and ideas.

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Dianna Chakoutis

Ward 5



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I am a life long resident and homeowner in the city of Lynn. I have also been a lifelong resident of Ward 5. I have been married to my husband Nick for 27 years. We have two children, Lauren and Michael and one granddaughter, Kyleigh. I am a graduate of Lynn Vocational Technical Institute. Both my children have attended and graduated from Lynn public schools.

For the past twenty years I have been very involved in the city of Lynn and my neighborhood. My two children attended Sewell Anderson Elementary School where I became president of the PTO. I am a past board member of Pine Hill Little League, a Salute to Youth Parade Committee member and Girl Scout leader. I am currently a member of the Pine Hill Civic Association.

I am also a current employee in the city of Lynn. I am the manager of Old Tyme Italian Cuisine.

I am a very hard worker and have genuine love for this city and our ward. My love for the city is what made me decide to run for ward councilor. I want to make ward 5 a better place for our children and their children. I have a vested interest in Lynn's future and hope I can help improve our neighborhoods.

Jake Keo

Ward 5

My name is Jake Keo, Candidate for Ward 5 Councilor. In 1981, I emigrated from Cambodia to America as an eleven year old orphan. I first moved to Lynn in 1989, and I attended Lynn English High School before graduating from Veteran's Memorial High School in Peabody. I earned a business administration degree from Salem State College in 2003, now Salem State University. I have put my degree to use and have successfully been managing large retail stores for over 10 years. I have been

married to my wonderful wife Samnang for 12 years and decided to settle down in the wonderful and diverse city of Lynn. Four years ago, we purchased an abandoned home on 98 Hanover Street. It was with hard work and determination that we successfully turned our home into a place for our family as well as improving the neighborhood.

When our daughter Malena was born, it was a defining moment for us. As city residents, we of course were concerned about our daughter's future and issues such as education, housing, and public safety. We made a decision to become more involved to make sure Malena and all other children in the city have the best quality of education, housing, and public safety possible. On that I decided to run for Ward 5 to not just talk about what could be done but to get involved and make some of these things happen.

I am ready and eager to serve all the people of Ward 5 as well as all the people in the city of Lynn. When I am elected as your ward councilor, I will work to ensure our ward is a place for all of us can be proud to call our home. Furthermore, I will work with my colleagues, the Mayor's office, the department heads, businesses of all sizes, and non-profits organization within our city. I have committed myself to keeping Ward 5 safe, clean, and healthy for all.

As your ward councilor, I will strive for the best for all Ward 5 residents. I am certain that together we can continue to make our ward a place where we all can work, live, and raise our families.

In conclusion, I am asking for your vote to be your Ward 5 City Councilor.

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**Peter Capano—Uncontested Seat
Ward 6**

**Richard Ford—Uncontested Seat
Ward 7**

Notes--

What is



The Lynn Community Association evolved from a group of neighbors who initially considered forming a garden club. The group realized that Lynn is a great place to live, has unbelievable natural resources and beautiful architectures, along with wonderful people who often know nothing about one another. As they talked, they realized that their interests lie much farther than the boundaries of their own homes. From this conversation about a garden club, the East Lynn Community Association blossomed.

This newly founded group envisioned the city of Lynn as a clean, vibrant, informed community that would be a more desirable place for young families to raise their children. Over a period of two years, ELCA grew more. Wanting to be inclusive of all Lynn's residents, our name was changed to the Lynn Community Association in February 2012.

LCA wants Lynn to be a place where streets are neat, clean, and free of litter; trees and flowers flourish; parks are fun; it is safe for children, and adults have no fear on our sidewalks. We aspire to having good public schools, cleaner beaches and public areas, and a community that is informed and involved.

The organization also strives to create neighborhoods where people know and care about one another.

VOTER INFORMATION:

Last day to register to vote in primary—Wednesday, August 28

Primary election—Tuesday, September 17

Last day to register to vote in final election—Wednesday, October 16

Election Day—Tuesday, November 5

Reminder—Voter Registration

If you are not yet registered to vote or need to make changes on your registration, you can do so tonight. Visit the check-in table to pick up a registration form before you leave!

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