

Newton Council on Aging
Open House for
At-Large City Councilors in Contested Races
Focus on
Issues impacting Seniors and Those Who Care About Us
October 24, 2017 - 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Newton Senior Center, 35 Walnut Street

Purpose of the Open House:

To provide an opportunity for community residents to learn about the At-Large City Council candidates' positions on issues regarding seniors.

Pre-Open House:

All 13 candidates have agreed to participate and to provide a completed questionnaire on Senior issues prior to the Open House. The questionnaire responses will be posted on the Council on Aging web-site after the Open House. http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/seniors/council_on_aging/default.asp (Website has to be updated.)

Open House Format:

Because of the large number of candidates we will use a format to allow the Council on Aging and the public an opportunity to talk directly with candidates on a set of significant issues.

7:30 –7:35 Introduction/Welcome: What we hope to accomplish in the Open House.

7:35 –7:50 "Panel" session: Each candidate will have one minute to give a brief bio introduction

7:50 –8:20 "Break-out Issue" Groups: Four different senior-related topics.

- Three-4 candidates will be in each group.
- Break-out group discussions will be facilitated and discussions will be recorded

- Services/Needs

- Budget and resources
- Senior Center
- Caregiving

- Housing

- Affordable housing
- Accessible/age-friendly housing
- Accessory Apartments

- Infrastructure

- Transportation
- Streets and sidewalks

- Zoning

- Impact on businesses
- Impact on housing

8:25–8:40 Plenary report-back on what was discussed in Break-Out Issues Groups

8:40-8:55 Panel: Clarification/wrap by candidates on their positions. One minute per candidate

8:55 -9:00 Summary/wrap-up

9:00 Adjourn.