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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chris Gittins

By Benjamin Bennett

As someone who grew up in Bedford, and who has been lucky enough to be able to own a home in Bedford for most of my adult life, I have seen how Bedford has grown and changed over the last four decades.

It has been interesting, exciting, and sometimes troubling to see how Bedford has changed and grown over the time I have lived here. We need thoughtful and considerate leadership as Bedford meets the challenges of the future to make sure that Bedford continues to be an excellent place to live. I think the Chris is that kind of leader, and I know that Chris loves Bedford as much as I do, from when he visited his grandparent's house as a child, to more recently, when he chose to make Bedford home for his family.

Over the course of my conversations with Chris, it is clear that he has many good ideas about how to prepare for Bedford's future. Chris' thoughts about how to balance growth with the ability to keep Bedford affordable so that we could keep a range of ages in town; how to make Bedford transportation better; and how to manage Bedford's impact on the environment were particularly thoughtful. Perhaps more importantly, Chris is willing to listen to other ideas, concerns, and criticisms, and have a good conversation about them.

Chris is the kind of smart, thoughtful leader that we need to help shephard Bedford.