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BOARD OF HEALTH

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INITIAL STATEMENT

Having made Bedford our new home just a few months ago, I am looking to serve on the Board of Health with a fresh, unbiased perspective, informed by clinical data and best practices. With a desire to become a contributing member to my new home town, and provide leadership-by-example to our young son, I look forward to the opportunity to drive policy changes, initiatives, and communications that support strong health outcomes in our community.

Professionally, my experience in public-sector healthcare compliance, strategy, and consulting will be useful in ensuring the BOH operates smoothly, objectively, and informed by data. I will leverage my skillset in making clinically informed, purposeful, and highly efficient decisions.

Speaking specifically about COVID, we are in a particularly time-sensitive period where continued access to testing, and, broad adoption of vaccination as soon as it is available will be critical to improving Bedford's overall quality of life. This is especially true for the most vulnerable residents, including our seniors, teachers, clinical staff, and those with professions that necessitate them being out in the community daily.

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QUESTIONS ~ LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

What would you identify as lessons learned in Bedford's response to the current pandemic in relationship to the role of the Board of Health?

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by-example to our young son, I'll be leveraging my professional expertise to ensure we make clinically sound, efficient decisions that serve the greater good of the Bedford community.

What resources will you use to inform your decisions as a member of the Board of Health?

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