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## PLANNING BOARD

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## INITIAL STATEMENT

No initial statement was received ~ 02/6/2021

## QUESTIONS ~ LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

*Traffic congestion is often cited by candidates as an issue they would address if elected. What ideas would you bring to the table and how would you work with the Select Board to implement changes to address this issue?*

Something needs to be done to address this issue. Reducing traffic congestion on Great Road will be difficult without adding lanes or alternate routes. The blinking left turn yellow arrows have been helpful. Restricting left turns on to Great Road during rush hour, from Bacon Rd for example, would help. I think it's important to strike a balance here though. I would not want to block business development along Great Road. With more options, perhaps commuters would patronize a local business on their way home. I'm also open to suggestions. I'd like to hear more ideas from other residents.

*How would you work toward greater housing equity, i.e., assuring that Bedford offers opportunities that will attract residents of all ages and socio-economic status?*

I would like to see more modestly priced homes in town, more options for people to downsize and stay in town. I'm in favor of allowing the construction of more Accessory Dwelling Units that could allow two families to live in one home or provide some extra income for a family struggling to stay in town. Bedford is an expensive place to live. My wife and I live in a duplex in the Bedford Gardens neighborhood. Without the rental income from the other unit, there is no way we could afford to live here.