



COMMITTEE TO ELECT GREG WILMOT

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OPEN LETTER FROM GREG WILMOT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH

Many who know me have asked me “Greg, why are you running, what is in it for you?” I am running for Councillor because I can make a real, tangible positive difference in the process of restoring our Town. I would feel a great sense of guilt if I did not make the personal sacrifice to change our Town for the better. So let me be clear: I am not running to enhance my resume or for some other personal gratification. I want to be one of our Town’s Councillors because I care deeply about the residents of Randolph, our children, and our town’s future and I believe that I have the skills and vision to enhance the quality of life in Randolph.

I settled in Randolph with my family because of its racial and cultural diversity, proximity to the City of Boston, and beautiful neighborhoods.

Its residents are passionate about the Town. You need not look any further than any Town meeting for evidence of that. And the Town has incredible and dedicated public servants and volunteers. There are aspects of our Town that work very well. It has a great deal of potential. But you are, as I am, concerned and becoming increasingly frustrated about where the Town is heading. I know because I have spoken with many of you during my campaign.

You are concerned about, among other things, that Public Safety is worsening, the Economic Crisis has curtailed basic public services, and our School System is underperforming. This is diminishing our quality of life, weakening our home values, and has put our children’s right to a quality education in jeopardy. And you are concerned that without the right people at the helm, these issues will not be addressed properly.

I share your concern. That is why I decided to run for Councillor at Large. I am concerned that if the Council is not comprised of the right people with the right set of skills and strategic vision, the quality of life in Randolph will continue to deteriorate. As a homeowner, family man, and life-long agent of change, I simply cannot and will not be a bystander in this process. I have the skill sets and ability to affect positive change. I also have several great ideas on a range of topics and the ability to organize people and groups to execute these ideas.

For example, if elected, I will propose the establishment of the *Randolph Coalition Against Violence*. The Coalition will be comprised of corporate, governmental, community, religious, and educational segments of the town and will work together to further reduce violence, fight substance abuse and assist the criminal justice system. With regard to education, I’d like to see enhancements made to our School Committee’s charter so that the committee is comprised of both elected *and appointed* members. This will allow us to ensure that the collective committee has the right mix of talent, diversity, and is generally well-rounded – our community would be better served in this way. To optimize our resources, I plan to explore opportunities to partner with other municipalities to share certain services. This will help us to capture economies of scale, provide services that might be otherwise unattainable, and avoid unnecessary duplication. And we need to engage our youth, in addition to the plan I proposed to the Board of Selectmen earlier this year, Randolph needs Street Workers - These are volunteer Mentors, Coaches, or Reformed Gang Members that will engage youth at the various hang out spots around town. When youth see people that look like them doing positive things, they are inspired. In my many years of mentoring and coaching young people, I know the importance of young people in building a prosperous community.

Now is the time to take the next step and make positive change a reality in Randolph. If you are looking for more of the same, you should not cast your vote for me. If you want a person who will bring a new voice and a new energy to the table and will represent the town of Randolph with honesty, integrity, competence and commitment – then your choice should be Greg Wilmot.

Randolph needs someone who can represent the diversity that exists in our community as well as someone that has the professional discipline, analytical and intellectual capability, and the temperament to resolve the issues we face

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as a community. Randolph needs a Council that recognizes that it works for the residents of the Town. If elected, I will ensure that the Council fully understands that the residents of Randolph are our employers and that it is the Council's obligation to serve your needs.

The Town faces some real complex issues – we need someone with fresh ideas, some real business acumen, professional skill, and the temperament to think strategically about our issues, organize the necessary people, and get things done. Why keep shuffling the same cast of people across our government?

Randolph voted to restructure our local government with the hope that such change would also change our Town's foreseeable and undesirable destination. On September 15th, Randolph has a tremendous opportunity to take control of where we all see the Town heading and right its course.

It's time for a New Voice and New Energy. Vote Greg Wilmot on September 15th.

For more information about me and my ideas for the Town of Randolph, please visit my website at www.WilmotForRandolph.com or contact me at 781-885-7018.

ABOUT GREG WILMOT

Greg is a long-time resident of Randolph and neighboring South Shore communities. Over the last several years, he's served as an officer, volunteer, or supporter of a number of local organizations and initiatives committed to helping the Town of Randolph and surrounding neighborhoods.

Greg has built up invaluable experience through his work in business as well as his active work in the community. Greg serves on the Board of Directors for various local non-profit organizations and volunteers for a number of community groups. Committed to enriching the lives of youth, Greg led the Youth Task Force which was commissioned by the Board of Selectmen to identify opportunities to strengthen youth engagement within the Town of Randolph.

Greg's community involvement includes:

- **Chair, Randolph Youth Activities Task Force:** Greg coordinated and facilitated a Youth Summit that brought students from all over the Randolph community. Greg and the task force compiled a comprehensive report detailing a number of specific recommendations that the Town could pursue to better engage youth.
- **Board of Directors, Greater Youth Resource Services Randolph**
- **Board of Directors, Boston Leadership Foundation:** The Foundation is dedicated to teaching high school students from the Boston and Greater Boston communities about the many faces of leadership.
- **Chair, Board of Directors, YMCA – Dorchester:** As chair, Greg actively supports the YMCA's "Reach Out" campaign, which strives to give young people from the Dorchester/Roxbury community greater access to the YMCA's facilities and youth summer programs.
- **Member of the Boston College Alumni Association Board of Directors' Student Involvement Committee**
- **Mentor, Fenway Junior Ventures:** Greg works closely with high school students to help students develop tangible business plans as a way to teach young people about leadership, business and financial management, and how to be an entrepreneur.
- **Mentor, Madison Park Blue Scholars:** Greg works closely with high school students, teaching life skills, and preparing students for college and careers in business.
- **Fellow, The Partnership, Inc.**
- **UMASS Boston Emerging Leaders:** Greg worked closely with the Boston Redevelopment Authority to design a family reunification program for recently released convicts in order to reduce recidivism.
- **Department of Youth Services (DYS) – Chelsea:** Greg mentored and coached at-risk young people that were recently released from DYS detention centers in order build leadership skills and prevent violence, drug abuse, and other risky behavior.

Greg is also a Health Care Finance professional with many years of corporate business experience. He is an advisor for a leading health care organization with a lead role in the development, implementation, and management of the

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company's Enterprise Risk Management program. He works with senior management in support of key strategic initiatives, business planning, and product and technology implementations. Greg also leads the coordination and execution of complex consultative engagements for high-profile initiatives, assisting management in proactively identifying, assessing, and managing business risks.

Greg earned a BA in Psychology from Boston College, and obtained an MBA from Northeastern University with a specialization in Investments. He is also a graduate of Stoughton High School, where he was a member of the National Honors Society.

A homeowner on the North side of Randolph, Greg resides with his wife, Romina just minutes away from the home where he grew up.

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Key challenges facing our community:

- 1) ***The Economic Crisis continues to impact all of us.*** We must practice fiscal responsibility while identifying new sources of revenue in order to fund our priorities and reduce the tax burden on residents. We must review our town's budget line by line to identify and eliminate waste. I also plan to explore opportunities to partner with other municipalities to share certain services. This may help us to capture economies of scale, provide services that might be otherwise unattainable, and avoid unnecessary duplication.
- 2) ***Our School System is underperforming – the educational needs of our children are not being met.*** We must restore our schools. We must partner with the school committee and school officials, as well as residents in order to advance, and where possible, accelerate the Turnaround Plan. The plan should be assessed periodically to ensure that it continues to serve the needs of our children. Our future is at risk if we cannot properly educate our children.

We need to look at how our schools are governed – I'd like to make enhancements to our School Committee's charter – I'd like the School Committee to be comprised of both elected *and appointed* members. This will allow us to ensure that the collective committee has the right mix of talent, diversity, and is generally well-rounded – our community would be better served in this way.

Our High School and Middle School need to strengthen their college preparation programs, launch mentoring programs, and establish better relationships with local colleges and universities – these programs can be facilitated by volunteers. Randolph has a wealth of talented professionals, including successful CEOs, Lawyers, Health Care Professionals, and Business Owners – these people are a resource and can go into schools to talk with our young people about career management and the importance of education.

- 3) ***We must work to Increase Public Safety.*** I will propose the establishment of the *Randolph Coalition Against Violence*. The Coalition will be comprised of corporate, governmental, community, religious, and educational segments of the town and will work together to further reduce violence, fight substance abuse and assist the criminal justice system. Additionally, *we must engage our youth*. I worked with residents and our young people to develop several tangible and cost-effective recommendations to improve youth engagement in Randolph – these recommendations should be adopted, see http://www.townofrandolph.com/Public_Documents/RandolphMA_BBoard/I0234777D for full report provided to town. I would also like to see us mobilize Street Workers. These are volunteer Mentors, Coaches, or Reformed Gang Members – that engage youth at the various hang out spots around town. When youth see people that look like them doing positive things, they are inspired. I have been mentoring young people since I was a teenager and we cannot underestimate the importance of young people in building a prosperous community.