



VIENNA VOTES COMPREHENSIVE INTERVIEW

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Survey Background

Vienna Votes distributed identical interview questionnaires to all candidates in mid-February and a window of just over a month was allotted for responses to be submitted without knowledge of replies from their running mates. Current Councilmember Tara L. Bloch did not reply and, when possible, data was compiled from public sources. After our initial publication on March 21, 2019, it came to our attention that she did not have a clear understanding of the deadline.

We decided to list candidates in the order they submitted their declaration and petition to the Office of Elections as this is the order they will appear on the ballot. *(Questions were written by three Town of Vienna residents: Laura Bligh, Beau Dure, and Shelley Ebert.)*

Question 1: Residency

The first thing everyone always wants to know is how long have you lived here in Vienna? And, why did you choose to live here or, if you've always been here, what makes you stay?

SPRINGSTEEN:

I have lived in the Town of Vienna since 1997, and for ten years prior to that, lived a stone's throw outside the Vienna town border. I chose to live in the town because of its great residential neighborhoods, excellent schools and strong sense of community. Vienna's strong Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) was also a draw -- I am now a 30-year long member of the VVFD. We stay here because we love our neighborhood, our friends and the Vienna community.

HAYS:

I moved to Vienna eight years ago to raise my family. I grew up in Virginia (Manassas and Spotsylvania) and enjoyed visiting family friends off Tapawingo Road many times as a child. We would spend most 4th of Julys watching the Town of Vienna fireworks and even back then I loved what felt like a deep sense of community. My husband, Dave, and I can think of no better place to raise our three children.

POTTER:

My wife and I have lived in Vienna for 15 years. We've lived in many places during our corporate life, but of all the places we've lived we like Vienna best. We were immediately drawn to its small-town feel, quiet neighborhoods, quaint shops, and wide variety of restaurants. The pace of life here makes it hard to believe we are less than 20 miles from the nation's capitol. To us, and all who visit us, Vienna is an oasis surrounded by stereotypical Northern Virginia cities.

PATEL:

My husband and I moved to Vienna in 2007. Vienna reminded me of the small town where I grew up. We felt it was the perfect place to raise a family. We stayed in Vienna

because it is the perfect place to raise a family. We love all of the restaurants, community events and youth programs offered to us as well as the local schools.

STRIKE:

For 23 years I have loved living in Vienna.

BLOCH:

Bloch has been a town resident since 2000.

Question 2: Reason for Running

Why do you want to be on Town Council?

SPRINGSTEEN:

I have served on the Vienna Town Council since 2009. I ran because I wanted to serve the community and work to maintain Vienna as a special place to live. I continue to run because I know I can make a difference. I still have the same sense of mission that drove me to run 10 years ago. The difference now is that I have ten years of experience learning complex zoning, water, budget, and other issues that I can draw upon to continue to serve the Vienna community.

HAYS:

When I learned Council member Carey Sienicki would not be running, I saw an opportunity to bring a fresh and qualified voice to Town Council. I am passionate about public service and ensuring our community is walkable, bikeable, and livable.

I've served the Town over the last five years on both the Transportation Safety Commission and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. As Chair of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I led the development of the Town's Pedestrian Master Plan and am currently leading the Town's Traffic Calming Guide update. Prior to my public service, I provided strategic leadership and policy analysis for federal government clients in the defense and homeland security community.

I'm uniquely positioned to serve as an effective council member because I understand Town policy, how to effect positive change, and the level of commitment required to get things done. I've built a reputation of providing thoughtful leadership and strategic thinking to make Vienna a more resilient community. I'm known for rolling up my sleeves and conducting the due diligence that's required to make informed decisions.

I love Vienna and would be delighted to continue my strong record of public service as a council member.

POTTER:

I want to continue to serve the community and work diligently to ensure that Vienna moves forward in a fiscally-responsible fashion that is best long-term for our Town. We need to continue to work to support a delicate balance of preserving our small-town appeal while promoting responsible redevelopment. This is a critical time for our Town. If we rush into more MAC zone development without fully identifying and considering increased density's long-term implications on traffic, infrastructure, neighborhoods, schools, taxes, and Vienna's quality of life we will have to live with the adverse effects for the next 50 years. We need to do this right and I am committed to be a part of helping make that happen.

PATEL:

I want to support our local small businesses and preserve the family friendly aspects of the Town of Vienna. The decisions we make today will impact our Town for years to come. There are a lot of mixed-use developments on the pipeline and we need a plan to handle the increased traffic and the impact it will have on our schools and the student/teacher ratios.

STRIKE:

I wish to preserve the small town charter of Vienna and avoid the high/medium density building being promoted by the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zoning. Working collaboratively, I want to preserve the small town community that brought me and many others to Vienna. I will bring innovative ideas to the Town Council that will reduce traffic, improve parking, and bring new local business to Maple Avenue without the rezoning.

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 3: Role of Town Council

How would you (briefly) describe what you see to be the role of a Councilmember?

SPRINGSTEEN:

I believe that Council Members must serve as the voice of, and an advocate for, the citizens of Vienna. Council members must also be good stewards for our taxpayer's dollars, rolling up their sleeves, delving into and understanding zoning issues, tax codes, water and sewer issues, depreciation on capital assets, budget, personnel, public safety issues, open government standards, and all the other issues that come in front of the council! I see my role of Councilmember as providing the policy and guidance to Town staff to make sure the town government functions and serve as an avenue resident can feel they are connected to can go to if they have concerns or issues.

HAYS:

The role of a council member is to listen to the concerns of her constituents and provide thoughtful leadership that translates into meaningful action to improve the Town and the lives of its citizens. Promoting good governance is critical to effective leadership. Good

governance means that policy making is done in a transparent and inclusive way; citizens should be a part of the process and understand what is happening and how to be heard at every step.

Council members must have a fundamental understanding of law (e.g., Town Code) and Town policy, the impacts of policy decisions, and have the time to commit to doing the research and analysis required to make sound decisions. It is important to remember that Council is faced with many issues that extend beyond Maple Avenue development and which require rigorous examination, so the role of a council member is to understand the full spectrum of concerns and how to best support finding sustainable solutions.

As a council member, I would take a good governance approach and focus on building effective partnerships and relationships with citizens, staff, and other representatives to foster a collaborative environment. Based on my policy background and public service on the Transportation Safety Commission and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I understand the challenges facing our Town and how to address them in a strategic and transparent way.

POTTER:

To listen fairly and respectfully to citizen and staff input, and make decisions only after all pertinent concerns and facts have been presented, validated, confirmed, and considered. This would apply to establishing town policies and approving the budget, tax rates, and land use plans.

PATEL:

A councilmember's responsibility is to serve and represent the people. We are not elected for personal agendas, but rather to gather citizen input and advocate and represent them in a governing body.

STRIKE:

The Vienna Town Councilmembers are to represent the town residents, not developers. Accordingly, I will ensure that I act in the best interest of our residents every day I have the privilege of serving on the Town Council.

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 4: Community Events

What is your favorite event around town and why?

SPRINGSTEEN:

My favorite event around Town is Viva Vienna. I also enjoy the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Santa runs where I get to drive the antique fire truck!

HAYS:

This is a hard question! I love Viva Vienna because it is a great family weekend when you can run into just about every neighbor and friend in between rides. I love seeing the joy on my kids' faces during their first ride and cotton candy of the season. The Halloween Parade is another favorite because we live on Branch Road and get to see the acts setting up. It's fun to watch all the local businesses and organizations work so hard and show off their costumes and floats. Both events, along with the countless others I could name, offer a glimpse of the small town feel and sense of community those of us lucky enough to live in Vienna understand and would like to protect.

POTTER:

My wife and I love to take our grandson every year to Viva Vienna to enjoy the rides, visit the various booths and experience such a great community event.

PATEL:

I love the Halloween Parade. We often get our out-of-town friends to come as well. I ordered items for a float for my business the day after last year's parade in preparation for this year's parade. Hopefully I can get a float together by then!

STRIKE:

Vienna hosts so many outstanding events year-round; that is one of many reasons we live in such an exceptional town. If I would have to pick one event it would be ViVa Vienna. The three-day event over Memorial Day weekend highlights all the great characteristics of Vienna as an all-inclusive town for our residents and visitors.

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 5: Educational Background & Personal Life

What would you like to share about your educational background? personal life?

	SPRINGSTEEN	HAYS	POTTER	PATEL	STRIKE	BLOCH
UNDERGRAD	Liberal Arts degree, Fairleigh Dickinson University (Teaneck, NJ)	BA, Government, George Mason University	BA, English w/ minor in History and Government, University of Maine	Undergrad, Tufts	Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources	Bachelor's in early childhood education, Ashford University

GRADUATE	Master's in Public Administration, New York University	MS, Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University		Medical degree, St. George's University School of Medicine		
FAMILY	Married; two children*	Married; three children	Married; 4 children and 4 grandchildren*	Married; three children*	(no response)	Three adult children - two male and one female.

*Additional Information Provided:

SPRINGSTEEN:

Son who graduated from VA Tech two years ago and a daughter who is currently a sophomore at VA Tech

POTTER:

Strong supporters of animal rescue organizations; share our home with three rescues – two dogs and one cat; favorite activities include travelling, photography, kayaking and biking

PATEL:

My parents are also town residents. I love helping people see, read and travel and I have a strong sense of civic responsibility.

Question 6: Work Experience

What would you like to share about your professional life?

SPRINGSTEEN:

My professional experience includes over 28 years as a logistics manager with Fairfax County. Prior to that, I worked for the following organizations: a USAID consulting company providing public health logistics services in Africa, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Geneva Switzerland as procurement consultant and the New York City Transit Authority.

HAYS:

As Lead Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, I led a team focused on providing policy analysis and recommendations for federal government clients in the defense and homeland security community. My work included rigorous policy planning, strategy development, and stakeholder engagement. Building relationships that fostered collaboration and constructive feedback channels was critical to successful policy implementation.

As a paralegal at Wiley Rein LLP, I supported the litigation, employment and labor, and bankruptcy practices by conducting research and case analysis, as well as developing, cite checking, and filing documents for state and federal court proceedings. I drafted and maintained litigation materials for leading partners of the firm and volunteered at the DC Bar Pro Bono clinic.

POTTER:

Professional life: Over 35 years in retail grocery and foodservice distribution. Semi-retired, I am an at-home business owner in Vienna. During my professional career, I have served at

the senior executive level for a number of multi-billion dollar companies including PYA/Monarch, Atlantic/Alliant Foodservice, and US Foods. Areas of expertise helpful in a Town Council role include budgeting, due diligence, construction projects, and labor contract negotiations.

Veteran: U.S. Naval officer

PATEL:

I am a board certified Ophthalmologist since 2008 and an active member of the Northern Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology. I started my company NoVA Eye MD, Inc in 2008 and have two offices in Northern Virginia and I am an associate professor of ophthalmology at Georgetown university.

STRIKE:

Vice president of locally owned technology services company headquartered in Vienna

BLOCH:

The Vienna Patch has reported that Bloch is the Assistant Director of Francis Barton (FB) Meekins Preschool. InsideNOVA.com has also reported that Bloch previously worked as a substitute teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

Question 7: Volunteer Experience

What would you like to share about your volunteer experience, if any?

SPRINGSTEEN:

I served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, West Africa from 1979-81. I actively supported my children's activities, serving as President of the Madison High School Crew Booster Club and Assistant Boy Scout Leader. Additionally, I served 9 years on the Vienna Transportation Commission and am active in Vienna Presbyterian Church.

HAYS:

In addition to my public service on the Town's Transportation Safety Commission and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I volunteer on the Vienna Elementary School PTA as Safe Routes to School coordinator and manage the Walk / Bike Challenge Week for local elementary schools. This event is held every spring across Vienna to encourage walking and biking to school.

POTTER:

Volunteer Experience: Fairfax County Elections Officer; and Fairfax County School System's STAR program, helping improve third graders' reading skills.

PATEL:

I have volunteered as an eye surgeon on the Mercy Ships in Liberia, West Africa and with Healing the Children in Guayaquil, Ecuador. I have also volunteered with Eye Care America

and the Community Health Network, offering free services to those in need. I volunteer at my children's school, Wolftrap Elementary for numerous activities. My family has volunteered with the annual SAYVA rise against hunger event, packing food to distribute in third world countries.

STRIKE:

Girls and boys team coach in Vienna for 13 years including basketball, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball
Various ministries at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
Recipient of the Vienna Volunteer Award

BLOCH:

The Vienna Patch has reported that Bloch "held leadership roles in the James Madison Band, James Madison Crew Volunteers, Vienna Aquatic Club, Girl Scouts, La Leche League and as PTA President at Marshall Road Elementary School."

Question 8: Town Hall Experience

Can you tell us a little bit about any past experience in Town Hall? Have you served on Boards or Commissions? Spoken in Public Hearings, etc.?

SPRINGSTEEN:

In terms of my experience in Town Hall, I have been on the Town Council for ten years. As a Council member, I serve as the Town's representative to the Hunter Mill Transportation Advisory Committee and the Town' Employee Pension Committee and was Vice Mayor for one year. Prior to being elected to Town Council, I served from 2000-2009 on Vienna's Transportation Safety Commission.

HAYS:

I serve on the Town's Transportation Safety Commission and Chair the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. As a commissioner on the Transportation Safety Commission, I evaluate and vote on citizen petition requests for sidewalks, traffic calming, traffic control, and crosswalks. The Transportation Safety Commission is charged with ensuring pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists can move safely throughout Town. I am leading the update of the petition process (currently located in the Town's Traffic Calming Guide) to make it a more transparent, objective, and user-friendly experience.

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Transportation Safety Commission and Town Council regarding improvements to our Town's pedestrian network, including enhancing pedestrian safety, access, and amenities. As Chair of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I led the Pedestrian Master Plan development, which involved extensive analysis and benchmarking, coordination with staff and Town officials, and communication with citizens to ensure feedback was thoughtfully considered. The Pedestrian Master Plan was adopted by Town Council in 2017.

I continue to build effective partnerships that support progress toward increased pedestrian and bicycle safety, access, and connectivity throughout Town. My public service has given me an understanding of how Town policy is made from the ground up. I have a firm grasp on how to effect positive change and have the relationships needed to transform policy decisions into meaningful action.

POTTER:

As a founding member of Vienna Citizens for Responsible Development (VCRD) I have spoken at nearly every public hearing involving the MAC for the past year and a half. During that time I have met with Town officials at every level on numerous occasions to discuss and offer solutions to eliminate inconsistencies between developer applications, MAC regulations, and the Comprehensive Plan. I also led the effort to obtain over 1,000 signatures in the “Back to the Drawing Board” petition that was instrumental in influencing the MAC moratorium.

PATEL:

I have attended and watched Town Council Meetings on channel 38 and attended Public Hearings. I voiced my concerns at a public hearing and to the town council about the Marco polo development, as I felt the initial proposal was too dense. I've been following what is happening with the MAC zoning. With this election, I have an opportunity to participate in the decision making process and to make an impact on the future of this town.

STRIKE:

(no response)

BLOCH:

Bloch is a current councilmember and was initially elected in 2015. InsideNOVA.com has reported that Bloch has previously served on the Planning Commission for several months and the Transportation Safety Commission for seven years.

Question 9: FCPS

Have you, or your children (if any) attended FCPS? If you are a parent, have you had any involvement in your child's school, such as through a PTA?

SPRINGSTEEN:

Our two children attended Louise Archer, Thoreau and the Madison High School, and were both student athletes involved in Boys and Girls Scouts. Like many parents, we balanced our schedules and time, with active support provided for school activities, field trips and special projects. My wife and I battled afternoon traffic on route 123 driving to soccer, basketball and crew practice, and stretched our own limits to commit the time to coaching (my wife coached Vienna Youth Soccer for six years), running the Madison Crew Booster

Club (we both had board positions for several years) and helping to lead their boys and girl's scout's troops. This past year, I enjoyed returning to Madison High School to help out again during its Ethics Day – a great event I have done for several years and hope continues into the future.

HAYS:

Yes, my middle child attends Vienna Elementary School. I serve as the Safe Routes to School coordinator and manage the Walk / Bike Challenge Week, which is held every spring across Vienna elementary schools to encourage walking and biking to school.

As a FCPS parent, I share concerns about how development may impact our local schools. I intend to improve the Town's relationship with Fairfax County Public Schools so that we can develop a strategy that accommodates projected growth and keeps class sizes down.

POTTER:

No; our youngest were in college or the military when we moved here.

PATEL:

I have three children, all of whom attend Wolftrap Elementary School. Volunteering for classroom activities has been something I have enjoyed for years. I attend and support numerous school sponsored fundraising activities such as dining for dollars and the Wolftrap 5k run. I volunteer at field trips, lunchtime, classroom events such as the bug ball, field day and other classroom holiday parties and I was my daughter's room parent in 2017.

STRIKE:

(no response)

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 10: Organizations & Societies

Do you belong to any organizations or societies in Town or the immediately adjacent area? (Such as the VBA, Vienna Arts, NEVCA, Historic Vienna, Vienna Moms, or something we missed?)

SPRINGSTEEN:

I belong to Historic Vienna. I also have been an active member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) for 30 years. I continue to be a county certified emergency medical technician (EMT), and support the VVFD as volunteer facilities manager of the volunteer-owned firehouse on Center Street.

HAYS:

I am a member of Vienna Mom's Inc. and a mostly inactive member of the Vienna chapter of Moms Run this Town (I'm a walker these days!).

POTTER:

I am a veteran and member of the American Legion.

PATEL:

I am a member of the Northeast Vienna Civic Association (NEVCA). I am also an active member of the Vienna Business Association (VBA) and a member of Vienna Moms.

STRIKE:

(no response)

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 11: What Works Well

What's one thing you think the Town of Vienna does right?

SPRINGSTEEN:

The town provides high quality services, including good police protection and trash collection, while maintaining a triple AAA bond rating – a testament to strong fiscal management. This is important as it allows us to finance important infrastructure projects such as a needed new police station, the community center renovation project that finished up last year, numerous sidewalk, drainage road improvements, and water and sewer underground line replacement and upgrades. The Town has looked at several public parking structure options and has budgeted funds if these can be realized.

HAYS:

The Town does an excellent job prioritizing events like Viva Vienna, Oktoberfest, Church Street Stroll, and the Halloween Parade, which highlight Vienna's small town feel and sense of community. Investing in events like these, supporting efforts to increase the Town's green space, and endeavors to create a culture of conservation enhance Vienna's stronghold as a desirable place to live.

POTTER:

There are several things the Town does right, but if I had to choose only one it would be high-quality recreational opportunities for all age groups: the community center, Waters and Caffi Fields, the Vienna Dog Park, and its half dozen other parks.

PATEL:

I think the Town does a lot of things right. I give them credit for trying to develop Maple Avenue, as development is an essential part of growth. I simply feel we need to be

responsible about development and promote smart growth. I love all of the community events held by the town and the parks available to our children. I love the small businesses and shops along Church St. I love that the people in this town are so supportive of one another and are trying to work together for the greater good. I love that the community is concerned and getting involved.

STRIKE:

Vienna does many things right and that is what makes our town so special. The Police, Public Works, and Parks and Recreations Departments tirelessly serve the needs of our residents every day. We are also a unique community where people acknowledge each other while strolling, meeting at our parks, or patronizing one of our local businesses. It is also common to see neighbors out talking or holding block parties just to celebrate being neighbors. These cherished characteristics of Vienna must be protected.

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 12: MAC & the 444 Maple West Rezoning Vote

A lot of people see this election as a referendum on MAC. How would you have voted on the rezoning application for 444 Maple Avenue West? If you think the MAC Ordinance needs changes, what would some of your highest priority modifications? (Please try to keep your response to a single paragraph for now.)

SPRINGSTEEN:

In terms of the recent rezoning application for 444 Male Avenue West, I was one of two Council members to vote no. I thought the project was too big for Vienna and did not meet the intent of the MAC. I was also one of the two no votes on the first Marco Polo property project because of similar reasons. This subsequent revised project was sufficiently scaled down, and thus approved by the Council. I think the MAC needs to undergo a moderate to major rework! The MAC needs to be changed to address density, height, setback and traffic concerns.

HAYS:

This is a complicated question. Let me explain why. Prior to consideration of the 444 Maple Avenue West application, I wish the MAC ordinance would have received some crucial changes. I support the intent of the MAC zone: to provide an overarching vision to enable sustainable development along Maple Avenue, including necessary improvements like better pedestrian access and more green space. However, the MAC ordinance did not adequately define these good intents, and should have incorporated specific recommendations based on community endorsed design guidelines much earlier. I support the moratorium on the MAC ordinance so that necessary updates can occur.

I recognize it is easy to identify problems; the hard part is determining viable solutions to address pitfalls. The following are some examples of what could be considered as part of the MAC ordinance update:

- detailed expectations for undergrounding (process for burying power lines) and large growth tree planting (e.g., maples and elms or other large shade trees) should be specified so that a canopy can form along Maple Avenue over time;
- increasing every aspect of the streetscape, ideally 33 feet along Maple Avenue that would include 8 feet for Zone 1, 10 feet for Zone 2, and 15 feet for Zone 3 (there may need to be exceptions for properties that are more narrow). Sidewalk widths should be increased to a minimum of 8 feet on secondary streets;
- explicit definitions that clarify statements made in the MAC zone “purpose and intent” section so that nothing is left ambiguous;
- requirement for a public engagement plan to the extent Town Code allows and consideration of an incentive structure that supports collaboration between developers and community groups, such as Community Benefit Agreements;
- proffers along with small business set asides and incentives should be re-evaluated to determine how to include as part of zoning;
- buildings should meet specific visual guidelines that support the small Town character residents care about;
- increased setbacks that provide adequate distance from developments to residential properties;
- incorporate relevant recommendations based on the traffic and land use impacts determined by the study that will be completed in the fall; and
- third party evaluation of the final proposed MAC zone ordinance by a community design expert to ensure it fully supports the purpose and intent, and will result in a more resilient community.

In addition to these updates, the MAC zone ordinance should be reviewed at least every two years so that it can adapt as needed.

The initial 444 Maple Avenue West concept was insufficient and the final proposal included several improvements based on Town and community feedback. While I would have preferred the project conform to the future MAC ordinance, including my suggested changes above, I understand it was in compliance with the current MAC guidelines.

POTTER:

I would have voted against it as it was submitted. In my opinion many aspects of it were inconsistent with the MAC’s purpose and intent and did not adequately address citizen concerns. I continue to have concerns regarding attempts to move the modifications through too quickly without addressing basic issues regarding building density and height, traffic implications, incentives, open spaces, parking, and intrusion on abutting neighborhoods. We need to get the basics right before moving on with further development.

PATEL:

I would have voted no on the rezoning application for 444 Maple.

Some modifications that would improve the MAC zoning include increasing sidewalk widths and setbacks, decreasing the maximum allowable height and limiting new construction to no more than three to four floors above ground without a mezzanine provision. Decreasing lot coverage allowances and reserving more lot coverage for green space will decrease building density. Traffic studies should be required and performed by an objective third party.

STRIKE:

I would have voted against the rezoning application for 444 Maple Avenue West. While attending that Town Council meeting, I listened to one resident after another unambiguously informing our Councilmembers of their strong opposition to approval of the 444 application. Stuningly, most of our Councilmembers did not listen to the residents and voted for the developers. The MAC also has had a detrimental impact on Vienna by leaving Maple Avenue buildings vacant for years as owners await the opportunity to cash in and build high/medium density developments.

BLOCH:

Bloch voted in favor of the proposal to rezone 444 Maple under the MAC Ordinance.

Question 13: Biggest Issue

Aside from MAC, what do you think is the biggest issue around Town?

SPRINGSTEEN:

Maple Avenue Development and traffic are clearly key issues for the town. But we cannot lose sight of what else the town needs to address, including traffic and the limited town funds to address a wide range of infrastructure issues.

HAYS:

I envision a town where our children feel safe walking to school, our citizens enjoy walking and biking worry-free to local businesses and Town events, and motorists travel along Maple Avenue free of abysmal traffic conditions. I am passionate about tackling the Town's transportation problems. We must address traffic concerns, parking, and pedestrian and bicycle safety and access in all areas of Vienna.

In working with Town Council and staff, along with Town commissions and the community, I would like to address these issues as part of a broader transportation strategy. One immediate step to improve our pedestrian network could be to create an implementation plan that identifies resources and concrete steps toward implementing the Town's Pedestrian Master Plan, which includes goals to increase sidewalks and provide high-quality, safe, and convenient pedestrian access and facilities.

POTTER:

Traffic flow on and around Maple Avenue. As Tysons continues to grow, the amount of traffic passing through Vienna is bound to increase. We need to look at realistic, yet creative solutions that mitigate future traffic growth on Maple Avenue, including smart traffic signals and better cycling paths, as well as aggressively limiting “cut-through” traffic on residential streets.

PATEL:

I think that revenue sharing with Fairfax county needs a closer look. Specifically, the amount of tax dollars we are paying and the portion that the town actually gets to keep. I would like to see the town keep more of its tax revenues to support traffic mitigation, parking resolution and local schools.

STRIKE:

My plan as your Vienna Town Councilmember includes the following:

- Reduce Vacant Building Blight - Incentivize Maple Avenue commercial landowners to improve and lease their vacant space and increase funding for code enforcement involving abandoned and derelict buildings.
- Resolve Our Traffic Problem - Improve traffic flow on Maple Avenue and reduce cut-through traffic on residential streets by procuring, with assistance from Fairfax County, a traffic signal system that controls and syncs all the stop lights and eliminates the stop-go-stop traffic issues.
- Increase Public Parking - For our shops and restaurants by partnering with Fairfax County to build a parking structure supporting downtown Vienna. My vision would be to have the parking structure be the new home of the Vienna Farmers Market that could run year-round using the covered level during inclement weather.
- Fast-Track Local Maple Avenue Business Licenses - Provide local businesses a streamlined process to obtain town business licenses.

BLOCH:

(no response)

Question 14: Learning More

How can citizens find out more about your platform?

SPRINGSTEEN:

Citizens can find more about my platform on Facebook: [Howard Springsteen For Vienna](#) and /or the web site; [SpringsteenForVienna.com](#). I bring a common sense approach to Vienna government and community.

HAYS:

Voters can visit my website to learn more about me and what sets me apart from other candidates: JulieForVienna.org

I would love to hear from residents and welcome the opportunity to meet for morning coffee/tea/etc. Please email me: julieforvienna@gmail.com

POTTER:

www.potterforvienna.org

The [Vienna Citizens for Responsible Development](#) Facebook page.

PATEL:

Website: PatelForVienna.org

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PatelforVienna/>

Also, I would love to hear from people at: patelforvienna@gmail.com

STRIKE:

Please email me at VoteTimStrike@gmail.com so I can provide more details about my platform and you can share your thoughts on how to keep Vienna special.

BLOCH:

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Question 15: Press Mentions

Do you have any press mentions you would like us to provide links to?

SPRINGSTEEN:

In terms of press mentions, just google Howard Springsteen Vienna VA Town Council and a list of stories and quotes should come up.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Volunteer of the Year Award Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept. 2018
- Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Leon Freeman Award For Outstanding Service 2013
- Rotary Club of Vienna Service Above Self-Award 2009
- Lord Fairfax Honoree-Fairfax County Hunter Mill District 2009
- Vienna Citizen of the Year, The Times Newspaper, Fairfax County 2007
- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Administrative Officer of the Year 2005
- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Operational Officer of the Year 2003
- Town of Vienna Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipient 2002

HAYS:

(no response)

POTTER:

Inside NOVA: Consensus elusive as Vienna ponders changes to MAC ordinance

PATEL:

Press Release: Patel and Potter to run for Vienna Town Council: VCRD announces its endorsement

Inside NOVA: Challengers hop into Vienna Town Council race

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Virginia Business: Plans for mixed-use project give Vienna residents pause

STRIKE:

(no response)

BLOCH:

(no response)