

# The Dems on YOUR Side!



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## 2020 Campaign Platform

### **Open Piscataway's Government for All:**

- Record and broadcast Council and Zoning and Planning Board meetings so all residents can see their representatives in action. These recordings should be posted on Piscataway's website and broadcast on PCTV.
- Post agendas and proposed resolutions for all Council and Zoning and Planning Board meetings online and in advance of the meetings.
- Post minutes of all Council and Zoning and Planning Board meetings online.
- Invite all members of the public to regular meetings of Advisory Committees and Commissions. Post agendas and minutes of these meetings on the website.
- Hold regular, public community discussions on issues of importance to Piscataway residents.
- Expand the time allotted for Public Comment at Council and Zoning and Planning Board meeting and respectfully consider and address the concerns of the public prior to taking action.
- Term limits for local elected officials – no more career politicians!

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### **Support Tax Fairness:**

- End the Every-Year Property Tax Revaluation; it is wasteful and unnecessary.
- Conduct a full audit and accounting of existing and proposed PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement to ensure developers and corporations are paying their fair share.
- Encourage responsible economic development that does not rely on big tax breaks for developers, corporations, and political insiders.
- Advocate for a Millionaire's Tax at the state level to help lower our property taxes.

### **Invest in Our Community:**

- Fix our roads & plow ALL of streets.
- Make sure our Community Center is affordable for all.
- Move forward on the Halper Farm/Open Space.
- Create a Farmers Market and support local vendors.
- Create a Small Business Support Network to assist our entrepreneurial residents.

### **Be a Green Community:**

- Stop building more trucking depots next to residential neighborhoods! Remediate diesel pollution and environmental health hazards.
- Bolster the Clean Air Piscataway ordinance, a bulk purchase plan for renewable energy.

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- Preserve Open Space with the smart development practices already used in other towns.
- Employ Green & Complete strategies to make our neighborhoods more walkable.
- Support the Green New Deal to create new job and training opportunities in Piscataway.

### **Fight for Progress/Oppose Trump:**

- Support policies to address the healthcare and environmental crises confronting our nation.
- Support policies to lower costs of college tuition and student debt, reform the criminal justice system, end gerrymandering and voter suppression, make elections fair and democratic through public financing and discontinuing the use of the “line” in New Jersey, pay workers a living wage, establish a progressive system of taxation where the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share, and address the crisis of affordability in housing.
- Stand up against attempts to divide our community. Stand with LGBTQIA residents, oppose collaboration with ICE, and defend immigrant families.
- Celebrate our diversity!

### **Elect New Leaders:**

- Choose new voices to foster new ideas and bring our diverse neighborhoods together.
- End pay-to-play and self-dealing for political bosses and their corporate donors.
- Hold our elected officials accountable for their actions—or lack of action.