

**Brookline PAX**  
*Campaign Committee*

70 Francis Street, Brookline MA 02446  
www.BrooklinePAX.org

March 15, 2011

We commend you for standing as a 2011 candidate for office in Brookline. As you may know, for almost 50 years Brookline PAX has been an organization of progressives who actively participate in Town politics. For information concerning the issues we consider important, see the reverse and our website.

We endorse candidates for local office. Our list of endorsees is mailed to more than 1,000 frequent voters and advertised in the Brookline TAB. In some precincts it is also distributed door-to-door and/or at the polls. And of course the word gets passed around.

Our endorsement questionnaire is enclosed. However, if you can, we prefer that you **submit it by e-mail** (downloadable from [www.BrooklinePAX.org](http://www.BrooklinePAX.org) or obtainable by phoning Frank Farlow at 232-9654).

**Candidates for town-wide offices** are asked to respond at length on a separate sheet to question #1 (Why are you running for this office?), indicating (a) your view of the challenges ahead for the office you seek and (b) your approach to, and qualifications for, addressing them.

If you wish to be considered for PAX endorsement, we must receive your completed questionnaire by **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**. (Absolute deadline for **late-filing candidates**: noon on Friday, Mar. 25.)

If you are completing it **by hand**, return it to **Gary Jones, 70 Francis Street, Brookline 02446** (near Lawrence School). Leave hand-delivered questionnaires in the basket on the front porch.

If submitting by **e-mail**, put your name and office (e.g. "TMM-4") in the subject line and send it to **[garymarsh1@earthlink.net](mailto:garymarsh1@earthlink.net)** **AND** **[frank.farlow@verizon.net](mailto:frank.farlow@verizon.net)**

We make our endorsement decisions based in large part on your responses. If you have a history as a local office holder or through other activities in town, your record will also be given considerable weight.

The questionnaire is lengthy, but we hope you will understand that this is because we take endorsements seriously. Please note that we are interested, especially where indicated, in any *history of involvement* you may have regarding the various issues – not just your current views and beliefs. This might include membership in interest groups, past support for particular candidates, or any past activity, here or elsewhere (e.g., how you voted in Town Meeting), concerning the issue in question.

Regardless whether you receive the PAX endorsement, we greatly appreciate your civic spirit and willingness to participate as an elected official in Town affairs. For additional information about our endorsement process, you may call co-chair Frank Farlow at 232-9654 up to 10:00 p.m.

Finally, to learn more about Brookline PAX and meet informally with some of its members and endorsees, please join us for our **CAMPAIGN KICKOFF PARTY on Sunday, April 10, 4:00-5:30 at 63 Buckminster Road**, the home of Judy Lieberman and Ed Greer!

Gary Jones, Election Committee (617-731-1611)

Frank Farlow, Co-chair (617-232-9654)

## BROOKLINE PAX ACTIVELY SUPPORTS

**Public Education** – We are strongly committed to public education, from early childhood through graduate school, including comprehensive curricula, fair and tax-based funding, supporting teachers and their unions, and high standards and testing without overly high stakes.

**Government Services** – We support sustained state and local investment in quality municipal services such as police, fire protection, public health, libraries, schools, parks, recreation, and public works, as well as state services such as social programs, transportation and environmental protection. PAX and its endorsed candidates pursue policies of support for basic human needs, including healthcare for all, affordable housing and services for both children and senior citizens.

**Public Employees and Organized Labor** – We stand up for fair labor practices and for policies that show respect for the dedicated people whose competence and commitment make Brookline and this Commonwealth work.

**Respect for the Environment** – PAX supports aggressive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of toxic emissions into our air and water; energy policies that are “green”, sustainable and economically just; the maintenance and enhancement of green spaces everywhere; and sound environmental regulation to ensure that these goals will be achieved.

**Diversity, Social Justice, and Peace** – We work to preserve ethnic and economic diversity and to increase social and economic justice for all, through affordable housing, universal healthcare, and all fundamental civil rights and liberties. We defend the human rights of all people – regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or location; and we support truly multilateral solutions to international affairs. We oppose the unilateral (or near-unilateral) use of force, with the exception of defensive force justified under international law by clear and convincing evidence of a serious and imminent threat of aggression – and then only to a degree commensurate with the magnitude of the threat.

**WEBSITE** – To find out more about Brookline PAX principles and activities, including recent recommendations to Town Meeting on warrant articles and current public policy positions, visit

**[www.BrooklinePAX.org](http://www.BrooklinePAX.org)**

**E-MAIL LIST** – Join our e-mail list to read and place announcements of events and to discuss current issues. Send e-mail to **[brooklinepax@yahoogroups.com](mailto:brooklinepax@yahoogroups.com)**, or send us your e-mail address on a membership application.

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## Brookline PAX 2011 Endorsement Questionnaire

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Office Sought \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ yrs

NOTES: A. Short answers are encouraged, but feel free to use additional sheets if necessary.  
 B. See cover letter explaining the questions and PAX's endorsement process.

1. **Why are you running** for this office, and what Town challenges do you see ahead? Provide some information about your background – local/state/national political activity, positions held, occupation, education, and anything else relevant to the office's challenges. (**Candidates for townwide office: Please submit a separate sheet with a longer answer, of at least 250 words; see par. 4 of cover letter.**)

2. BUDGET: Rank 1-9 your **priorities** ("1" highest) regarding likely Town deficits, and briefly explain.

___ Keep taxes level or lower	___ Recreation programs	___ Schools
___ Public safety (police/fire)	___ Parks & conservation	___ Libraries
___ Public health, human services	___ Facilities & streets	___ Affordable housing

3. LABOR/PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: What is your opinion about, and past involvement (if any) with organized labor? Assuming they might save some money, at least in the short run, what is your opinion of

(a) **privatization**, including replacement of unionized employees with outside contractors using non-union labor; and

(b) hiring more **part-time employees** (without benefits or job security)?

4. DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

(a) The abolition of rent control in the '90's caused a loss of 7,000 **affordable housing** units in Brookline. What should the Town be doing to develop or preserve affordable housing, and if so in what areas of Brookline? What is your history of involvement (if any) in housing issues?

(b) What are your views on the trade-offs between encouraging **development** for more tax revenue and its **impact on neighborhoods**? Has the latter been given enough weight, e.g., by the Planning Board? Why or why not? What is your experience (including TMM votes or in neighborhood groups) with these trade-offs, including –whether you were a TMM or not – on Article 13 in the Nov. 2008 Town Meeting (Coolidge Corner residential zoning amendment), opposed by the Planning Board, then supported by the selectmen and a majority of Town, but not garnering the required 2/3 vote? For background, see [http://www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=1214&Itemid=654](http://www.brooklinema.gov/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1214&Itemid=654)

5. CANDIDATES: Which **electoral candidates** (local, state or national) have you supported during the past two years, especially with either an endorsement, active campaigning or a campaign contribution?

6. SURVEILLANCE: What is your position on, and past activity (if any) regarding, the **surveillance cameras** from the Department of Homeland Security, including  
(a) whether and how much the privacy intrusion bothers you, and

(b) thoughts on the trade-offs between privacy loss and public safety benefits?

7. DEATH PENALTY: What is your position on, and past involvement (if any) with, the **death penalty**?

8. RECORDED VOTES: Will you try to support at least one recorded vote on each night of Town Meeting? Why or why not?

9. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: What are your views on our Schools' requirement that the Pledge be recited – at least by principals over the PA system – in all K-12 classrooms, either daily or weekly, assuming that kids are told that it's "optional" or voluntary? (For PAX views, see our 1/6/11 TAM op-ed at <http://www.wickedlocal.com/brookline/news/x2135347308/Pledging-allegiance-to-the-United-States-ideals-in-Brookline>) Please address what you see as:

(a) the educational costs and/or benefits and

(b) the costs and/or benefits for (1) "patriotism" and (2) diversity and tolerance.

10. Are NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (usually the subject of non-binding "resolutions") sometimes proper for debate and votes in Town Meeting? Explain.

Would you like PAX's endorsement? \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_