

## 2020 Brookline PAX Endorsement Questionnaire

### **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.

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To learn more about PAX, see [www.BrooklinePAX.org](http://www.BrooklinePAX.org).

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*(limit answers to an AVERAGE of 75 words, (i.e., 2 total pages—including the questions)  
(AND, remember to re-name this document as asked in our delivery email)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_ yrs

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recent occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Elected/appointed gov't & public interest group *offices held*, especially local, and including committees:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you:** Own single family home \_\_\_; Own condominium \_\_\_; Rent apartment \_\_\_; Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a Brookline school parent/ guardian? Which school(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Elections–** In recent contested races (including out of district Congressional races), what candidates or ballot questions (local, state, national) have you actively supported/opposed:

<u>Candidate/ballot q</u>	<u>endorse: y/n</u>	<u>other</u>	<u>Comments</u>

**2. WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?** What major challenges do you see ahead? If elected, where will you focus?

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**3. BUDGET PRIORITES:** Please rank the following, with your highest priority as #1, etc.: Affordable housing \_\_\_; Facilities and Streets Libraries \_\_\_; Low Taxes \_\_\_; Parks \_\_\_; Police and Fire \_\_\_; Public Health \_\_\_; Recreation programs \_\_\_; Schools \_\_\_; \_\_\_; Transportation Alternatives \_\_\_

**4. LABOR/PUBLIC EMPLOYEES:** (A) What is the appropriate role of the Town/Schools in their relationship with both employees and their unions; and (B) How do you perceive current relations between the Town and Schools and the unions/employees?

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**5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING –** What are your views on: (1) in general & very briefly, whether Brookline needs more affordable housing options, and if so, why & how urgently?; and (2) some possible suggestions, including but not limited to increased density/development in commercial districts? in single-family zoning districts?; what else?

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**6. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** – Town Meeting has taken many steps -- e.g., restricting plastic bags & Styrofoam containers; and encouraging alternative transportation, net-zero building, electric vehicles, To what extent did/would you support such efforts, why, & any ideas on what to do next?

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**7. OVERRIDES and DEBT EXCLUSIONS** – Generally, how might Brookline balance the needs for expanded school capacity, increased Town services, open space and more, while striving to avoid making Brookline less affordable?

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**8. RACIAL CLIMATE:** How do you perceive Brookline’s racial climate (i) in the Town workforce, (ii) in our schools, and (iii) in town, generally – especially, please speculate comparing us with elsewhere in MA (& USA if you want)

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**9. MARIJUANA RESTRICTIONS:** November’s Special TM3 had a vigorous debate before rejecting an appointment-only business model. If an incumbent, explain the basis for your vote? If not an incumbent, see (a) [brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20736/Combined-Reports-November-2019-Third-Special-Town-Meeting-With-Supplements](http://brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20736/Combined-Reports-November-2019-Third-Special-Town-Meeting-With-Supplements); & (b) <http://brooklinepax.org/Nov2019TMPAXRECOMMENDATIONS.pdf> (see “STM3 Art 2”), and explain your current opinion on the appointment-only model.

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**10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Briefly, and optional, anything else we should consider ?

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**11. NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:** Are these issues (usually presented in the form of non-binding resolutions) proper subjects for Brookline Town Meeting? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**I would like PAX’s endorsement:** Signed electronically: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_