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Brookline PAX 2014 Annual Meeting & Awards

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Coolidge Corner Library Meeting Room,

(In the event of snow, check www.brooklinepax.org for possible rescheduling
to Sunday, February 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Martin Luther King Room, Brookline High School, 115 Greenough Street)

Admission: A donation to the Brookline Emergency Food Pantry (nonperishable food or personal care items)

“Divestment in Brookline & Massachusetts from Deadly Energy”

Craig Altemose, Executive Director of the Better Future Project and
Massachusetts coordinator of the Fossil Fuel Divestment movement
caltemose@betterfutureproject.org

Mr. Altemose’s presentation will be followed by a period of questions and answers.

Election of officers and Board members

Annual Awards

- Ethel & Ben Alper Progressive Activism Award: **Clint Richmond**
- Jack Backman Social Justice Award: **Edward Snowden**
- Ethel Halperin Lifetime Achievement Award: **Chobee Hoy**

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Help PAX kick off the race for Brookline’s future by supporting thoughtful, progressive candidates! Share food and progressive fellowship, and meet PAX-endorsed candidates as they begin their run for victory in the May Town Elections.

Join PAX or renew your membership – See back cover

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Co-chairs' Column

Frank Farlow & Marty Rosenthal

As we launch our 52nd year, PAX strives to live up to a motto of Sumner Kaplan, one of our past Lifetime Achievement Award winners, from the Talmud: "You are not to complete the task, nor are you free to desist from it." Once again, we commend PAX activists for their hard work—though, as always, it's the struggle that counts.

Some of the biggest 2013 stories at the national level led to local activism. During the administration's planning for an attack on Syria, PAX members filed a resolution in Town Meeting opposing such action and urging a diplomatic approach instead. President Obama and Secretary of State Kerry, mindful of widespread domestic opposition to an attack, soon turned to diplomacy, and Town Meeting overwhelmingly passed the resolution.

Another example with local ramifications was the Orwellian revelations by Edward Snowden about the NSA's vast surveillance programs. PAX members worked with Clint Richmond opposing the Town's creeping surveillance cameras—as he describes below, and for which PAX will bestow upon him our annual Ethel & Ben Alper Progressive Activism Award.

Also among the most important issues of 2013, and continuing in this case into 2014, is the challenge of creating a more diverse and welcoming community—and Town government. Sorely needed discussions have finally begun in this area as a result of the confluence of some new energy and advocacy exerted by several recent additions to the Town's Human Relations-Youth Resources Commission (HR-YRC) and the retirement of Steve Bressler, who for over three decades had been the head of that department.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, our Town Administrator, supported by the selectmen, introduced Article 9, which proposed reorganizing the HR-YRC, leaving most of its by-law intact but downgrading its staff director from a department head to a new "affirmative action officer," albeit with promised direct access to the selectmen. Instead, citizen activists proposed Article 10, changing the name to "Human Rights Commission," retaining the department director and reaffirming that the Commission would remain responsible for developing and overseeing equal opportunity and affirmative action policies, now in a manner consistent with Gov. Patrick's Executive Order 526 concerning affirmative action.

When it became clear that these competing approaches raised additional collateral issues, making it desirable to revise the decades-old HR-YRC bylaw, the selectmen formed a committee, commonly referred to as their Diversity Committee, to study the by-law. They also added a "sunset clause" to the reorganization under Article 9 (until Town Meeting takes action on the forthcoming

recommendations of their study committee). Then, when the Article 10 petitioners acceded to Article 9, the debate shifted entirely to Article 10—which Town Meeting decided to refer to the selectmen's Diversity Committee for fuller study. That committee (including one of us, MR) has now met more than ten times and has had broad discussions about the HR-YRC by-law. Due to the breadth and depth of various issues, it is unclear whether a revised by-law can be proposed this spring, or might have to await the fall Town Meeting.

At the November Town Meeting the members of the HR-YRC's Diversity Committee introduced a resolution urging the selectmen to fill numerous HR-YRC vacancies, which PAX had repeatedly urged since last spring. No doubt spurred by this resolution, the selectmen began interviewing more candidates—including several minorities and several past and/or current PAX board members—to fill the seats.

At our February Annual Meeting the following awards were presented: Alper Progressive Activism Award: the leaders of the campaign to establish the **Brookline Teen Center**; Backman Social Justice Award: **Robert Sable**, longtime director of Greater Boston Legal Services; Halperin Lifetime Achievement Award: **Estelle Katz**, former selectman, longtime PAX board and Advisory Committee member, founding member of the Women's Commission, and much more—a major loss when she passed away shortly after receiving the award. (See the YouTube award presentation ceremony on our website, BrooklinePAX.org)

As keynote speaker we were finally able to obtain Nancy Gertner, Harvard Law professor and recently retired federal judge, addressing "The Drug Lab Scandal, the Drug War, and Junk Science." As is her wont, she happily and penetratingly covered other territory as well during Q&A.

In the May Town election, all eleven PAX-endorsed townwide candidates won, including newcomers selectman Neil Wishinsky, Library Trustee Pujja Mehta, School Committee member David Pollak and Constable Neil Gordon. Of the 76 TMM endorsees, all but three won.

Finally, in November PAX co-sponsored an overflow public forum presented by MassOccupy/Brookline, *Mass Incarceration & Racial Inequality: The New Jim Crow*, with great speakers: Lois Ahrens, founder of The Real Cost of Prisons Project; Carl Williams, racial justice attorney for ACLU of Mass.; and Chuck Turner, former Boston City Councilor for Roxbury, Fenway & the South End.

For more of our activities & history, visit our website. Also, **sign up for PAX's listserv** to e-hear more from PAX folk, including upcoming events, and to occasionally lift a keyboard finger for grassroots lobbying. Just send an e-mail to dianaspiegel@yahoo.com, with your name in the body of the message. And ... belated Happy New Year!

Privacy and Mass Surveillance – Brookline 2013

By Clint Richmond

The Selectmen's Camera Oversight Committee, containing no camera opponents but two new members, met on its twice-a-year schedule during 2013. Its main issues were expanding the operation of the Town's eleven video surveillance cameras funded by the Department of Home Security (DHS) from eight nighttime hours to 24/7, and extending the retention period for the video recordings from 14 to 30 days. The first topic was raised by the Police Chief and the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. (The Chief has supported 24-hour operation since the issue of the DHS cameras was first raised in 2008.) The second topic was raised by the Committee itself last January.

In June, many members of the public attended the Oversight Committee's second meeting. Despite statements by public opponents outnumbering those by supporters 2-1, the Committee voted 4-0 in favor of both proposals. In response to the recommendation to terminate the existing compromise, two PAX Board members (Frank Farlow and Sarah Wunsch) and the author submitted a warrant article for the fall Town Meeting that reiterated PAX's successful spring 2009 Town Meeting resolution to remove the cameras entirely. Under state law, police policy is the selectmen's responsibility, not subject to Town Meeting's control (except for budgetary needs, allegedly nonexistent here). So the proposal had to be a nonbinding "resolution."

Last fall the Town's new Automatic License Plate Reader system (ALPR) became operational. Cameras were installed on one police cruiser linked to a headquarters computer. For all vehicles passed by the cruiser, ALPR records the plate number, an image of the plate and vehicle (and possibly political bumper stickers), and the vehicle's GPS location. One ALPR can process 100,000 plates per hour. Each plate is checked against a police "hot list" prepared from a broad range of state and federal databases. Plates matching the list generate an alert for possible further police action. ALPR operates under a Town policy similar to that regulating the use of the DHS cameras, and it is likewise reviewed by the Camera Oversight Committee. This system is yet another component of the rapidly expanding range of government-operated exterior cameras in Town, which now include several Brookline Housing Authority properties, the Public Safety Building and school entrances.

The PAX board endorsed the DHS camera warrant article, as it had its predecessor in 2009. again joined by the Massachusetts ACLU. (PAX board member Sarah Wunsch, an ACLU staff attorney, has been very helpful on surveillance and privacy issues along with her ACLU colleagues.) Also supporting the article were the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and the Digital Fourth.

The issues of cameras, surveillance and privacy were discussed during at hearings on the warrant article conducted by the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen, and at a televised forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Brookline Neighborhood Association and PAX. A video of the forum can be seen here:

<http://youtu.be/rnEIMyVLgr4?t=1h51m0s>

At the fall Town Meeting in November, our warrant article was passed in a recorded vote of 112-87—but after an amendment simply maintaining the existing bar on daytime operation rather than full removal.

During this process PAX and its allies highlighted the enormous expansion of mass surveillance both locally and nationally, and led Town Meeting in expressing its opposition to 24/7 mass surveillance. This is one of the few times that any community in the United States has put a brake on public surveillance cameras. All sides acknowledged the benefits of public participation in the decision-making process. The extensive discussion was particularly timely in light of last year's multiple revelations about the NSA's deep and pervasive secret surveillance programs—which also stressed that digital *government* databases are much more dangerous than proliferating *private* cameras (which have, moreover, been far more useful in apprehending criminals, e.g., in the Marathon bombing case).

We await further decisions on the DHS and ALPR cameras by the selectmen and hope the resolution will dissuade them from expanding the operating hours of the DHS cameras. ALPR will be discussed for the first time by the Camera Oversight Committee at its meeting on January 28.

TMM-6 Clint Richmond is co-chair of Town Meeting's Green Caucus and Brookline's most knowledgeable activist concerning the Town government's surveillance practices.

News from the MO/B

by DAVID KLAFTER

Mass Occupy/Brookline was very active in 2013, with a number of activities and new initiatives. Its main areas of focus have been racism, mass incarceration, several Town Meeting resolutions, and the beginning of work on Town divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

In addition to working to support efforts to revitalize the Town's Human Relations-Youth Resources Commission to make it a more meaningful force in addressing discrimination in Brookline, particularly in employment, MO/B members were also involved in presenting a resolution on the issue at Town Meeting, which though it didn't pass was important in pushing the Board of Selectmen to fill the many vacancies that have made it nearly impossible for the commission to function during the past year. Further, several MO/B members presented a well attended forum in September titled "Unmasking Racism" in the Brookline Adult Education program.

A major project was the presentation of a forum in November in Hunneman Hall, at the main branch of the Brookline library, on the subject of mass incarceration. The forum, which featured Carl Williams from the ACLU of Massachusetts, Lois Ahrens from the Real cost of Prisons Project (centered in Northampton), and former Boston city councilor Chuck Turner from the Boston Workers Alliance, produced a standing-room-only crowd that substantially exceeded the room's 100-seat capacity. The event was co-sponsored by the Brookline League of Women Voters and the Brookline Public Library.

Growing out of the forum, MO/B has established a **Mass Incarceration Working Group**, which is developing a program of work both to both help improve the conditions for inmates, and join in the growing movement to reverse the extraordinary growth of incarceration in Massachusetts and the country as a whole over the last 40 years. The working group will sponsor a work day filling orders at the Prison Book Project (www.prisonbooks.org) on MLK Day, January 20, as well as a showing of the film "The House I Live In" on February 6 in the MLK Room at Brookline High School.

Also following up on the forum, the **Peoples' Cafe** presented its fourth edition in late November as a benefit for the Real Cost of Prisons Project and the Boston Workers Alliance. The Cafe, hosted at the First

Parish in Brookline on Walnut Street and featuring local jazz pianist and Berkeley College of Music professor Josh Rosen with his trio, was a great success both artistically and financially. The next Cafe, a benefit for City Life/Vida Urbana, a Jamaica Plain-based grassroots tenant and homeowner rights organization that has been a local and national leader in the anti-eviction movement, will be on February 1 at 63 Winthrop Road, the home of Suzette Abbott and myself, and will feature Dean Stevens, a fixture in the local singer/songwriter folk scene (www.deanstevens.com/), hopefully with a few musical friends in tow.

A project still in development is a **Working Group on Town Divestment from Fossil Fuels**, to get the Town to divest its pension and healthcare trust funds from fossil fuel companies. Several MO/B members are working with members of Town Meeting's Green Caucus to develop a plan of action. Look for more information on this in the coming months.

In addition to the Town Meeting resolution mentioned above, MO/Bsters, along with PAX members, also introduced two other resolutions at the fall Town Meeting: endorsing diplomacy instead of military action as the preferred approach to the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons, and expressing opposition to the use of police surveillance cameras. The former passed overwhelmingly after some debate, while the latter was successful in urging the selectmen to refrain from expanding the use of the DHS-funded cameras beyond the current limit of eight nighttime hours—a limited success, but one that looked very good before much tireless work by the resolution's sponsors.

Overall, we have been pleased with the development of MO/B in the past year, with the emergence of working groups focusing on major program areas as well as a modest growth in participation. We think we are poised to play an increasing role in the life of activist Brookline in the coming year. If you want to join us in any or all of our activities, to help develop new strategies in the never-ending battle for equality and democracy, or just want to be kept informed of what we're up to, contact the author at dbklafter@gmail.com or 617-835-6703.

TMM-6 David Klafter is a PAX board member and a centrally active participant in MassOccupy/Brookline.

Thinking Green in Town Meeting

by Janey Gilman & Clint Richmond

In mid-summer, 2011, TMM-9 Paul Harris contacted TMM-3 Jane Gilman to explore whether Town Meeting could form a caucus to advance green initiatives in Brookline. The two had spoken out locally and in Town Meeting on the urgency of Brookline's responding to the threat of climate change. Together, they recruited an initial core of 34 Town Meeting Members and launched the Green Caucus (GC). Following a retreat in September of that year, energetic discussions produced a mission statement, developed guiding principles and defined several focus areas. The group also identified existing Brookline organizations whose prior work provided a significant base of advocacy and commitment.

The GC held its first meeting in November 2011 and presented its mission: through Town Meeting, to promote a sustainable future, a lower impact on the natural environment and an improved quality of life for the greater Brookline community. The caucus committed to these guiding principles: advocate for green priorities in the Town budget; provide a green lens on policy; coordinate with other groups concerned about environmental sustainability; guide the Town to become a leader in sustainability and a model green community; provide stewardship of the natural environment; pursue environmental sustainability in a way that takes into account economic and social impact; reduce negative impact on the natural environment; and support environmentally sustainable local business practices. Since then, the GC has expressed a broad environmental purview, embracing air, water, land and wildlife.

As a practical first step, it also began to advocate for green changes in Town Meeting (e.g., visible recycling bins, compostable tableware, local food, etc.). The November 2011 Town Meeting approved three warrant articles that GC members supported, establishing the category of Neighborhood Conservation District; designating the Hancock Village neighborhood as a Neighborhood Conservation District; and regulating the use of leaf blowers.

In September 2012, members Clint Richmond and Andy Fisher assumed leadership on behalf of the Caucus of a Warrant Article to ban plastic shopping bags. At the same time, the GC supported caucus member Nancy Heller's ban on polystyrene food and beverage "to go" containers that originate locally.

Together, these warrant articles called for changes in our daily lives and asked citizens to forego these plastic products in order to take a positive step towards protecting the environment. Meanwhile, GC member Tommy Vitolo proposed an article calling for a study on how to make Town-owned building roofs ready for solar panels whenever building or renovating a municipal roof. Town Meeting approved all three articles at its fall 2012 session.

Then, in spring 2013, GC endorsed a resolution by GC members Chris Dempsey and Michael Sanders urging the selectmen to authorize a study of transit signal prioritization for MBTA trolleys on Beacon Street. Again, Town Meeting voted favorably. By late summer 2013 GC had begun to urge Brookline and, in particular, B-SPACE (Brookline School Population & Capacity Exploration), to place the environment front and center during their deliberations regarding school buildings required to accommodate the Town's burgeoning number of students. Two Brookline Tab op-eds sought to educate people on the environmental provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, and to make the argument for the importance of open/green space. Also at this time, Clint Richmond joined Janey Gilman as co-chair of the Caucus, formalizing his involvement.

At the 2013 fall Town Meeting, the Green Caucus endorsed Article 10, to require less parking for studio and one-bedroom dwelling units; and Article 12, to lease Singletree Reservoir for a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation. Both passed, but the first narrowly missed the 2/3rds majority required for zoning by-laws.

Since its inception, Town Meeting's GC has sought strategies to address the serious challenges posed by our degraded environment. It has grown to 55 members and raised awareness that virtually every decision at Town Meeting has an environmental dimension. GC is interested in developing and supporting warrant articles that can integrate principles of sustainability into Town policies and programs and mitigate the loss of our environmental resources. Please contact either of us if you would like to discuss an idea.

TMM-12 Janey Gilman and TMM-6 Clint Richmond are co-chairs of Town Meeting's Green Caucus.

Climate Action Movement?

by David Pantalone

The preliminary summary of the fifth report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was published in September of 2013. An annual UN conference on climate change also took place in Warsaw in November. So where do the climate and the climate movement stand as we move into 2014?

Regarding climate itself, more data has been collected and new records reached. But the pattern of weather extremes around the globe has been inconsistent. Combining global land and ocean average surface temperatures, 2013 turns out to be just the fourth hottest year on record. And regarding storm volatility, the second half of 2013 was a lamb in terms of hurricanes. For the second year in a row, 2013 also had less than the average total number of tornadoes in the US. On the other hand, we experienced the strongest and widest tornados on record in Oklahoma; the floods in Colorado and Europe; the wildfires in Colorado and Australia; and the super typhoon in the Philippines.

The debate in the scientific and political communities centers around anomalies. The occasional claim that the global warming trend has been slowing down has been countered by new studies showing that the oceans have been offsetting the deceleration in the rise of land surface temperature by absorbing an increasing amount of heat below the ocean surface. Oceans in fact absorb the vast majority of the globe's excess heat. The IPCC report also raised the bar semantically by revising the probability that global warming is anthropomorphic (largely caused by humans) from "highly likely" to "extremely likely."

The report also significantly increased the projected sea level rise over the next century. It provided an estimate of the "carbon budget" required to limit the rise in global temperature by the end of the century to no more than 2° C, and pointed out that we have already used up over half of that budget and are on pace to exhaust it in just 30 years. At current rates, we will exceed a rise of 7° C!

Are scientists' warnings and the increasing violence of the world's weather impacting people's attitudes? In 2010, majorities in 24 countries and a plurality in one said global warming is a serious problem, including ten countries where a majority said it was a

"very serious problem". Within the US, the number of people who believe there is solid evidence that the earth is warming has increased to 69%, and big majorities believe the federal government should regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Yet public trust in scientists and the belief that climate change poses an imminent threat have decreased; less than a majority think that climate change is anthropomorphic; and climate change is accorded the lowest of eight possible priorities. Similar results were found in a Massachusetts poll, although a majority here believe it is anthropomorphic and that efforts to mitigate it are not uneconomic, and they would even be willing to pay more for renewable energy.

President Obama has said some nice things about climate since his reelection, but his effort and commitment are still suspect. Some writers believe that climate change will be the signature of Obama's second term. His decision on the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline will be one momentous indication of his commitment.

Fortunately, Massachusetts continues to rival California as a leader on the national energy and climate change front. It broke ground with its Green Communities Act and Global Warming Solutions Act in 2008. It has pledged to reduce GHG emissions 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 and has published a three-year strategic plan with specific measurable goals and actions. For the third year in a row, it ranks #1 in the nation in energy efficiency. It has already surpassed Governor Patrick's 2017 goal of 250 megawatts of installed solar panels, has set a new goal of 1,600 MW by 2020, and currently ranks 4th among the states in installed capacity. In addition, the Department of Public Utilities just issued an order requiring large energy providers to submit a ten-year plan for grid modernization by mid-2014.

Here in Brookline, we were among the first in the state to achieve Green Community status (in 2008) and blew past the highest threshold of the Solarize Massachusetts program this past summer. This happened under the concerted leadership of the selectmen's Climate Action Committee and with the help of Climate Action Brookline (CAB) and Werner Lohe in particular. Dedicated CAB activists work closely with other partners in town throughout the year disseminating information, promoting energy

efficiency programs and home energy assessments, providing volunteers for door-to-door canvassing, etc. For general information about CAB, go to its web site www.climateactionbrookline.org.

CAB also puts a major effort (particularly Mary Dewart) into organizing and energizing an annual program called Climate Week. This is a weeklong series of enjoyable and informative events in January (Jan 20-26 this year). It includes family-oriented activities, author and

public policy panel events, art displays, entertainment and eco-friendly food. Its mission is to inspire and engage the public to create a healthier and more sustainable environment. Be sure to go to www.brooklineclimateweek.org and local media for details regarding individual events.

David Pantalone is a board member of Climate Action Brookline.

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Recent history of PAX Annual Awards

- 2013 Estelle Katz – Ethel Halperin Lifetime Achievement
Bob Sable – Jack Backman Social Justice (career in legal services – GBLs)
Brookline Teen Center – Ethel & Ben Alper Progressive Activism Award (successful campaign)
- 2012 Joshua Rubenstein – Backman (New England Regional Director, Amnesty International)
Marvin Feinman (posthumous) – Alper (local progressive activism)
Sen. Cindy Creem – Halperin Lifetime Achievement
- 2011 Top Secret – Alper (BHS robotics kids who originated parking fine warrant article)
Brookline food banks – Senior Center, Brookline Food Co-op, St. Paul’s Food Pantry, Lovin’ Spoonfuls
Brookline unions – Backman (Police, Firefighters, Educators, Engineers & AFSCME)
Ginnie LaPlante & Carl Dreyfus – Halperin Lifetime Achievement
- 2010 Ellie & Sumner Kaplan – Lifetime Achievement
Don Weitzman – Backman (selectman, environmental leadership)
Julie Johnson & Rep. Frank Smizik – Alper (PAX co-chairs, civic leadership)
- 2009 Stephen Oleskey – Backman (pro bono defense of Guantanamo detainees)
Stephen Soldz – Community Service Award (organizing condemnation by the APA of psychologist participation in torture)
Gilbert Hoy – Alper (Town leadership as selectman)
- 2008 GreenSpace Alliance (leadership in preservation and enhancement of Brookline’s open spaces)
Arthur Conquest – Alper (schools activism & advocacy)
John Reinstein – Backman (ACLU legal director)
- 2007 Maxine Shaw – Lifetime Achievement (20-year president, Brookline-Quezalguaque Sister City Project)
- John Businger – Backman Award (progressive leadership in PAX, Democratic Party and House of Reps)
Diana & Stan Spiegel – Alper Award (progressive activism and community leadership)
- 2006 Student Action for Social Justice and Education (BHS)
- 2005 Pat Ward & Town Clerk’s office (handling of same-sex marriage implementation)
Sarah Wunsch (lifelong in civil rights/liberties as ACLU staff attorney)
Brookline PeaceWorks (Amy Henderson) – anti-war activism
- 2004 (no annual meeting)
- 2003 BrooklineCARE (pro-schools and anti-MCAS organizers)
Ross Gelbspan (global climate change activist)
Margaret Burnham & Max Stern (civil rights and liberties lawyers)
- 2002 Brian Cloonan (Executive Director, BHA)
John Businger (Brookline state representative)
Marguerite Pfeiffer (longtime PAX secretary)
- 2001 Frank Farlow (local progressive activism)
Bob Kuttner (editor, *The American Prospect*)
Coolidge Corner Chorus
Brookline Underground Railroad Comm. (memorializing two Underground Railroad houses)
- 2000 Brookline-Quezalguaque Sister City Project
Brookline Library Renovation Project
Geoffrey Hicks (BHS teacher and choral director)
Ruth Golden – Lifetime Achievement
- 1999 Ted Halperin – Lifetime Achievement
Coolidge House Union (social justice activist)
Sixth Grade Class, Workmen’s Circle Shule (protest of sweatshop conditions and use of child labor)

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Excellent Public Education — PAX is committed to the public schools. The organization and the political candidates it supports have a proven record in support of public education, from early childhood through graduate school.

Excellent Public Services — PAX supports 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.

Respect for Public Employees and Organized Labor — PAX stands 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 is committed to keeping Brookline and this Commonwealth livable and environmentally responsible — by supporting recycling; energy conservation; the maintenance and enhancement of parks, playgrounds, and green space; and sound environmental regulation.

Diversity, Social Justice, and Peace — PAX works to preserve and increase ethnic and economic diversity and social and economic justice for all, through affordable housing, universal health care, and fundamental civil rights and liberties. We respect the human rights of all people, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or location; and we support multilateral solutions to international affairs. We oppose the unilateral use of military force except when applied defensively under international law and clear and convincing evidence exists of a serious and imminent threat of aggression, and then only force no more than commensurate with the magnitude of the threat.

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