

Overview

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Website

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Campaign Website - Vic De Luca

None, using just social media

Social Media

Social Media - Vic De Luca

Campaign Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/DeLucaforMaplewood/>

Campaign Instagram: <http://instagram.com/njvic>

- Generally posting about campaign events every few days
- From FB description: "It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve in public office. I am particularly proud of my efforts to keep Maplewood an inclusive and welcoming community and a desirable place to which people move and raise their families."
- Statement on [polling places moving to the Maplewood Library](#) 5/5 (background info [here](#), article [here](#))

Personal Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/victor.deluca.1>

Interview

Interview Transcript - Vic De Luca

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[00:03] Allison Posner: Hello, my name is Allison Posner. I am the co-president of SOMA Action. Also with me asking questions today will be my co-president, Erika Malinoski. SOMA Action is a grassroots organization dedicated to driving progressive change. As part of that, we put out a voter guide for every election, interviewing and sometimes evaluating candidates about their support for the issues our committees are working on. There are many important issues facing our county, but for this interview, the questions are restricted to only those areas where SOMA Action's committees have done at least as much work as we would be asking the candidates to do.

[00:46] Allison Posner: If you notice that important topics are missing—and they are—we encourage you to reach out to the candidates to ask about them, and also to join a committee and help expand our work. Today we are joined by Vic De Luca, a candidate for Maplewood Township Committee. Vic, thank you so much for joining us.

Vic De Luca: Thank you, Allison. Thanks to SOMA Action for doing this.

Allison Posner: No problem. So, to start us off, could you please introduce yourself and tell us why you're running for Township Committee?

Vic De Luca: Sure. I'm Vic De Luca. I'm currently the Mayor of the Township of Maplewood, and I'm running for, really, I guess, three reasons.

[01:32] One, I believe that government can be an instrument of change. I did a lot of organizing in Newark for 20-some years, and I was on the outside trying to get government to do things and to be responsive to the needs of people. I just realized that it's very important to have people who are elected so that when you bring these issues to them, they can address them.

Secondly, I like it. I just like being able to contribute to my community. I think it's a fascinating experience to talk about public policy and how to make your community better, not just now, but for the future.

[02:16] And third, I think I get things done. I think that's critical when you're talking about who's going to serve at the local level, because it's not like Congress or the legislature, which just debate things. This morning I got a call at 8:15 because somebody's recycling wasn't picked up. You have to get things done, and you have to be able to look at the big picture while still dealing

with the little things that people care about. It's their quality of life. So I think I'm good at getting things done, taking on projects and seeing them to completion.

Allison Posner: Thank you. What will your top three priorities be as a Township Committee member going forward?

Vic De Luca: I think for anyone, the top priority has to deal with keeping Maplewood an inclusive community—making sure that people can move here. That deals with affordability, particularly of houses and rents, but also, when they're here, to make sure that they're included.

[02:56] So, looking at who you can bring into government, who you can put on boards and committees, and who you can get active as volunteers—absolutely critical. And also pushing out information: are we getting information out to folks? To me, that's sort of a baseline thing. How do you want your community? What do you value your community to be? To me, it has to be inclusive, it has to be welcoming, and it has to be diverse. That's why people move here, and that's what we have to keep doing.

[03:38] Second, I think we have to focus on our recreation. The fields need to be fixed up. I'm not sure if you're going to get to the question of Ritzer at some point, but I think we have to balance everything. Right now, one of my top priorities is to get DeHart fixed up, both the field as a grass field and also getting the playground done.

[04:15] And then I guess the third priority is we've got to address pedestrian safety and traffic enforcement. It's not a glamorous thing, and we don't want police to over-police, but we do want them to enforce speeding, parking, careless driving, and not stopping for pedestrians. That's really important. So we've made that a major piece of what we've done in the last few years when I was chair of the Public Safety Committee, and that's something I'm going to continue to do going forward.

Allison Posner: Thank you. What will you do to help protect our towns from ICE raids and other authoritarian crackdowns?

Vic De Luca: [04:58] Yeah. I was very happy that Governor Sherrill actually implemented a lot of the Attorney General's order. I think that we need to have a very strong partnership with the state to keep pushing out policies that are statewide so that we can control ICE and everything else that's coming at us.

Look, we have to organize. That's what it's about. We have to organize. Having rallies and being out there and challenging the Trump administration and ICE—it's just a terrible situation to be living in right now. But elections come, and we have to win these elections.

[05:49] They're absolutely critical. We have a special election to get a new congressperson—absolutely critical. And then we have to win election after election after election, putting good people in there who are going to stand up and fight people like Trump.

People like Chris Christie when he was our governor. Those are the kinds of folks that you need to continue to challenge and push so that they don't infringe on our rights.

Allison Posner: Thank you. How will you help protect additional people who are being targeted by the Trump administration—including trans and other LGBTQIA+ people, people of color, etc.—and continue to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our towns?

Vic De Luca: [06:24] Yeah. Maplewood was the first of many towns on a lot of things around transgender rights and LGBT marriage. I did one of the first marriages in the state as mayor, back when it was legalized by the courts. So I think we have to continue to do that. A number of things: we have to continue to celebrate our diversity. The festivals that we have are absolutely critical, because it allows people to feel really good about themselves.

[07:11] We validate them as having festivals and being there to celebrate who they are and what they believe, and then we learn. That's really important.

People of color—I think we have to continue to make sure that we're delivering services. We talk about Maplewood being a diverse community, but in many ways it is kind of a split community. I live in a census district where, as a white person, I'm in the minority, and we have many census districts where it's primarily white people. We have to continue to work on housing to make sure that housing and our schools are integrated and diverse.

[07:50] That's a challenge, because the economics are there, but that's something that we've been talking about and we're going to continue to talk about.

And then I think it's just really important that we promote that we're a welcoming community, that we're going to stand up for one another. In 2017, I was the mayor when we adopted our welcoming policy, and we said we're not going to ask anyone about their immigration status or their citizenship. We told the police not to do that, and that was even before the Attorney General stuff came out.

[08:35] So I think it's taking that kind of leadership and being there and making sure that we continue to stand up for each of our neighbors here.

Allison Posner: Thank you so much. I am going to pass off the next set of questions to Erika.

Erika Malinoski: Okay. Thank you. What can you do as a Township Committee member to help ensure that everyone can safely exercise their right to vote and can oppose government actions without being criminalized?

Vic De Luca: Yeah. Well, first and foremost, we have to make sure that elections don't get federalized. We can't let the federal government—and our constitution says that states, and

states mostly translate to counties. So it really makes sure that we have to work with our counties, because they're the people who are putting together the elections.

[09:19] In Maplewood, what we're trying to do is make sure that people are aware of their rights to do mail-in ballots and early voting. It's absolutely critical that we make it as easy as possible for folks to vote. I was at a session the other day where we had some high school students talking about this new law where you can register at 17 if you're going to be 18. I think we have to work with the schools to get the young people to understand why that's important.

[09:54] They're going to be able to vote on school board members. They're going to be able to vote on the people who run their town, and then, of course, on Congress. I think it's important that we do all these things—that we keep promoting voting out.

But on the Township Committee, I think it's really important that we run these elections fair and open. That means that there's a government process that has to be protected. There's certainly a political process of getting people out to vote, but on the government side, we have to protect it. We have to make sure that we're respecting everyone's right to vote.

[10:36] And that we do what we can—again, mail-in voting, early voting. We're trying to get an early voting site here in Maplewood, just to make it easy for folks.

Erika Malinoski: And the other part of that question was making sure that people can oppose government actions without being criminalized.

Vic De Luca: Oh, well, I think—I'm getting so carried away I'm getting choked up here.

Erika Malinoski: No worries.

Vic De Luca: So I think it's important that people have a right, first of all, to come to our meetings and say whatever they want. We give everybody the right to do that. I think that people should be able to protest. As opposed to some other towns, here in Maplewood we do not have any kind of restriction on First Amendment rights to protest.

[11:18] The only thing we ask is a two-hour notice so that we could be prepared for that. So I think that's absolutely critical. As the government, I think we have a responsibility to listen to folks and to respond to them, and we need to protect that space. That means the police need to protect that space too, so that if someone's exercising their right to demonstrate or protest the government, or petition the government, or free assembly, then the police need to make sure that that's safe for all parties.

Erika Malinoski: And do you want to pause and grab water for a second?

Vic De Luca: No, I'm okay.

[11:59] Erika Malinoski: How will you help Maplewood promote sustainability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase resilience to climate change?

Vic De Luca: So, I chair Sustainable Maplewood, and I think we've done some great stuff. The library is built as the first LEED-certified gold public library in the state of New Jersey. We're producing about 55% of the electricity that we use there from our solar collectors. There's no fossil fuel in any of that.

[12:40] We have a policy in town that anytime we're changing our systems—boilers, anything like that—we're looking at the most green product possible, as sort of a default. We just purchased three electric buses to replace our diesel buses. We've been promoting solar, particularly community solar, so that folks don't have to have it on their roof but can still participate through a collective action.

I think it's absolutely critical. Maplewood has always been a leader in sustainability, and with our green teams and our volunteers on the Environmental Advisory Committee, we need to do that.

[13:13] If you look back, people move here because of those things we've done, because we're a welcoming community, because we're a green community, because we respect everybody. That's the kind of community that we want going forward.

Erika Malinoski: How will you help improve pedestrian safety infrastructure and bike lanes in Maplewood?

Vic De Luca: Yeah. So, bike lanes: we did the first dedicated bike lane on Parker. We're having meetings coming up in late February and May on a bike lane for Prospect. And then we're also going to be doing the third bike lane on the Dunnell section to the train. This way people could ride down Parker, hook up to Dunnell, and get to the train. We want to make it safe for folks to either get to the village or the train.

[13:52] So that's something we're looking at. We've adopted a Complete Streets policy, which means that we're not just prioritizing movement of autos. We're talking about how people move, both on foot and on bike. That's something we're going to continue to do. We've adopted a number of traffic calming measures. We've done four-way stops. We've done speed humps. All to slow down traffic and give pedestrians an opportunity to cross streets. We just lowered the speed limit on Springfield Avenue from 35 to 30, and that will fundamentally lower the traffic speed up there so that people can cross.

[14:28] We installed new blinking lights all over at Columbia High School, on Springfield Avenue, near DeHart Park, and we're going to continue to roll those out. We have a big Safe Streets to School campaign that we're going to be doing on Ridgewood, and we've done it near Clinton School. So all these things are part of our plan. We understand that Maplewood's a

walking community, and we're going to continue to do these three things: engineering-wise, enforcement-wise, and education.

[15:09] We want to make sure we have good engineering—things like bike lanes, bump-outs, four-way stops. Enforcement: do we have the police out there giving out tickets? And then educating—making sure people understand what their rights are and how they should make sure their own safety is paramount.

Erika Malinoski: How will you help ensure that our grass playing fields are well maintained? And related to that, what are your views on replacing grass with artificial turf?

Vic De Luca: So, on the public parks, I've learned my lesson. No. We're going to keep DeHart as a grass field. What we've just done are two things: we are hiring consultants to come in and help us think about all of our parks, playgrounds, and ball fields.

[16:00] That's very important. On DeHart specifically, we are going to do a new field, completely different than before, both as far as drainage and the sand-based—it's going to be from a soil base to a sand-based, that's underneath the topsoil. We think that's going to allow better grass growth and also drainage.

In addition, we have a fairly comprehensive maintenance plan and management plan. So there's two things—the two M&Ms. The maintenance is one thing: are we cutting it, fertilizing it, aerating it, and things like that? And the second thing is the management plan: are we resting it?

[16:44] One of the things we do now is, over the winter, we put blankets on different fields, just to allow the grass to grow. When we take the blankets off in the spring, we're in good shape. Those are the kinds of things we're going to do. We're looking at how South Orange does some of their work and trying to replicate it here too.

Erika Malinoski: Our questions only cover things our committees are working on, but there's a lot of other important stuff that the Township Committee does. So is there anything else you'd like to talk about that we haven't covered? This is the last question.

Vic De Luca: [17:21] I know people complain about taxes, so let's talk about taxes. Fundamentally, this state has a backwards tax system. We should be taxing wealthy people based on their income and not on property as much as we do. Now, there's no question that we should have some kind of property tax, but we rely on the property tax so much for our schools and for functions of government that it's really very difficult in a town like ours, which is 95% residential. It's not like Union or even Millburn, where they have malls and things like that.

[18:09] So, in order to give folks a tax break, or at least be able to control the taxes, we need to have more state aid. And the way you get more state aid is that you have to have a broad-based tax, and it has to be based on wealth. For me, taxing the wealthy is the way we ought to do it.

The second thing—and this kind of ties into it a little bit—is that we did pass a corporate tax that funds New Jersey Transit. For us in Maplewood and South Orange, and anywhere along the M&E line, that train is critical. So we need to make sure that we're working with Transit, we're working with the Department of Transportation and the Governor's office, to make sure that that train runs on time and is reliable, and that New Jersey Transit is responsive to its clientele, which are the commuters.

[18:56] So for me, focusing with Transit—I gave them hell when they were going to do the Portal Bridge closing, and then we got a lot of things that they weren't expecting in the beginning. That's what we need to do. That means developing relationships with New Jersey Transit heads and the Governor's office. I think I'm good at that. I've done that. So I think that's critical as a Township Committee member: to focus locally, but also think larger than locally—how you can build alliances with other municipalities, working with the Governor's office, the Senator's office, the new Congressperson's office, things like that.

Erika Malinoski: [19:31] Okay. Thank you so much for joining us. We really appreciate you taking the time to talk to us, and look forward to seeing you around.

Vic De Luca: All right, thank you. Sorry for the coughing.

Erika Malinoski: No worries.

Vic De Luca: Okay, see you.

Press Coverage

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Articles of interest to:

- Protecting communities from ICE [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)
- DEI [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)
- Sustainability and climate change [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)
- Transportation networks [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)
- Grass fields [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)

Articles:

Articles from the Village Green. Highlighted articles are particularly relevant to committee interests.

[DeLuca Gets Iced, All for a Good Cause](#). Sept 8, 2014.

[DeLuca on Maplewood's Economic Development: "We Have a Plan."](#) Sept 14, 2015.

[After 25 Years, DeLuca to Retire from Noyes Foundation](#). March 19, 2015.

[Mayor DeLuca 'Buys' Leavened Products. Celebrates Passover with Beth El](#). April 3, 2015.

[Torpey and DeLuca Advocate Free Tuition for Volunteer EMTs, Firefighters](#). April 14, 2015.

[Maplewood Proposes to Keep Municipal Tax Hike to 2%. DeLuca Says](#). April 16, 2015.

[Letter of Support: DeLuca Endorses Adams, Ryan for Maplewood Township Committee](#). May 14, 2015

[DeLuca: Daibes Project on Springfield Ave. on Track for Fall Completion](#). June 8, 2015.

[Maplewood's Mayor DeLuca Inducted Into NJ Mayors' Hall of Fame](#). Nov 18, 2015.

[De Luca to Be Maplewood Mayor Again in 2016](#). Dec 16, 2015.

[State of Maplewood Is 'Excellent,' Says Mayor DeLuca in Annual Address](#). Jan 1, 2016.

[DeLuca: 'More Precautions' Being Taken to Ensure Safety at P.O. Demolition](#). May 20, 2016.

[DeLuca: Let's Honor the Fallen by Working for Peace and Justice](#). May 30, 2016.

[DeLuca: Maplewood Stands Strong Against Bigotry, Celebrates Pride Month.](#) June 12, 2016.

[Maplewood's DeLuca, South Orange's Davis Ford Join Rep. Payne in Gun Control Sit-In.](#) July 1, 2016

[Collum, DeLuca: New Developments Not Creating Influx of School Age Children.](#) Sept 29, 2016.

[DeLuca, Profeta and Davenport Endorse McGehee for Maplewood Township Committee.](#) Oct 9, 2016.

[Maplewood's Mayor DeLuca to Narrate Society of Musical Arts Concert.](#) Oct 27, 2016

[Mayor DeLuca Recaps 2016 in Maplewood State of Township Address.](#) Jan 1, 2017.

[Spurned by NJ Transit Execs, Collum and DeLuca Vow to Keep Up Pressure.](#) May 30, 2017

[Collum and DeLuca Join Mayor's Compact to Combat Hate.](#) Aug 25, 2017.

[DeLuca: Decision on Process to Select New Maplewood Train Station Murals Coming in December.](#) Oct 11, 2017

[Maplewood Township Committee Candidate Statement: Vic DeLuca.](#) Oct 26, 2017.

[DeLuca Voted Maplewood Mayor in Dramatic 3-2 Vote, Lembrich Expresses 'Shock'.](#) Dec 19, 2017.

[Mayor DeLuca Cites Rebuilding Trust, Confidence in Maplewood Police as Top 2018 Priority.](#) Jan 1, 2018.

[DeLuca One of a Dozen NJ Mayors to Commit to Climate Action.](#) Feb 12, 2018.

[DeLuca: South Orange-Maplewood Saved From Next Round of NJT Service Disruptions.](#) May 4, 2018.

[DeLuca Says 2019 to Be His Final Year as Maplewood Mayor, McGehee Re-Elected as Deputy.](#) Dec 18, 2019.

[READ: DeLuca Gives Final Maplewood State of the Township Address.](#) Jan 1, 2019.

[DeLuca Inducted to NJ Municipalities Hall of Fame For 20 Years of Elected Service.](#) April 8, 2019.

[DeLuca: Fire & Safety Decisions Shouldn't Be Made by 'Campaign Sound Bites & Fear Tactics'.](#) April 22, 2019.

[Maplewood Mayor Vic DeLuca Endorses Sheena Collum for South Orange Village President.](#) April 28, 2019.

[Letter: Maplewood Mayor Vic DeLuca Endorses Frank McGehee for Re-Election.](#) Oct 29, 2019.

[DeLuca Wins Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award: Maplewood & South Orange Recognized.](#) Dec 19, 2019.

[Former Mayor DeLuca to Receive Award from South Orange Civic Organization Jan. 12.](#) Jan 7, 2020.

[Maplewood TC Member Vic DeLuca to All Residents: 'I Urge You to Get Tested' for COVID-19.](#) May 9, 2020.

[De Luca on Starting 8th Term on Maplewood Committee: '2020 Showed That Government Mattered'.](#) Jan 1, 2021.

[Maplewood Township Committee Considers Turf Fields at DeHart Park.](#) May 19, 2021.

[LETTER: Vic De Luca Endorses Line A Democrats in June 8 Primary Election.](#) June 3, 2021

[UPDATED: Maplewood Moves Forward with Turf Fields in DeHart Park, Drafts \\$1.8M Bond Ordinance.](#) June 16, 2021 De Luca voted to approve.

[Dafis to be Next Mayor of Maplewood with DeLuca as Deputy; Process is Called into Question.](#) Dec 7, 2021.

[DeLuca on Ballot Reform: 'Maplewood Dems Are Changing Local Politics for the Better'.](#) Feb 10, 2022. Suggested pilot to put all Maplewood candidates on county line regardless of endorsement in order to build support for it.

[Former Maplewood Mayor DeLuca Shares Fond Remembrance of State Senator Ron Rice.](#) March 24, 2023.

[Former Maplewood Mayor & Current TC Member Vic DeLuca Endorses Burgess, Tucker & Hall for NJ Legislature.](#) May 29, 2023.

[Moms Demand Action Designates DeLuca as Gun Sense Candidate.](#) May 30, 2023.

[Maplewood Township Candidate Profiles: Dean Dafis & Vic De Luca](#). Nov 5, 2023.

Lists accomplishments from prior term.

[De Luca Sworn in for 9th Term on Maplewood Township Committee](#). Jan 1, 2024

Lists focus areas for coming term.

[Maplewood Committee Member De Luca: Proposed Ceasefire Resolution Is Flawed](#). March 6, 2024.

[DeLuca: Diverse & inclusive Team of Adams & Cripe Are Best Choices for Township Committee](#). May 26, 2024.

[DeLuca to Receive Maplewood Rotary Citizenship Award April 4](#). April 3, 2025.

[Maplewood Includes \\$35K in 2025 Budget for Age-Friendly Coordinator & Programming](#). April 23, 2025.

[DeLuca: Revisions Coming for Parker Ave Bike Lane Proposal](#). May 27, 2025.

[De Luca Endorses Jane Collins-Colding for Township Committee](#). June 2, 2025.

['Love Not Hate' Triumphs at Maplewood Church Pride Mass](#). June 17, 2025

[De Luca Calls on Congress to Provide Oversight as Elected Officials Face Arrest](#). June 20, 2025. In response to arrests of Padilla and Baraka.

[Some Maplewood Residents Not So Starry Eyed About Film Crews](#). June 21, 2025

['This Is Outrageous' — Maplewood Leaders Decry Soaring Housing Prices as Hilton Home Sells for \\$1.1M](#). July 17, 2025

['There Is No Reason for This to Have Happened' — Town Discusses Mother & Child Hit at Seth Boyden](#). Sept 11, 2025.

[Maplewood Awards Contract for Creation of Dedicated Bike Lanes on Parker Avenue](#). Oct 22, 2025.

[Maplewood Discusses Promoting Expanded Plastics Recycling to Match South Orange](#). Oct 24, 2025.

[Maplewood Leaders Discuss Reducing Speed Limit for Springfield Avenue](#). Nov 19, 2025.

[Vic De Luca to Return as Maplewood Mayor in 2026](#). Nov 20, 2025.
Fifteenth term as mayor after 6 year break.

[Dozens of Democratic District Leaders Sign Letter Requesting Delay of Party Convention for NJ-11](#). Nov 30, 2025.

[Maplewood Leaders Denounce Antisemitism, Gun Violence at Final Meeting of 2025](#). Dec 22, 2025.

[De Luca Resumes Role as Maplewood Mayor, Gives State of the Township Address](#). Jan 1, 2026. Topics mentioned: safe firearm storage, redevelopment, building more affordable housing, crime falling, traffic enforcement, community engagement, new library (LEED Gold certified), new space for health department, physical and mental health events, speaking out against federal healthcare cuts, street repairs, new stormwater utility, plans for more bike lanes, tree planting, plastic recycling, improving parks, lowering pool membership fees, establishing early voting site in Maplewood (shout out to protecting voting), scoring 96 out of 100 on inclusiveness for LGBTQ+ people, improving communication with residents, filming, commitment to diversity and inclusion in the face of federal attacks, opposition to ICE, opposition to anti-semitism (as well as racism, Islamophobia, and homophobia), cultural festivals, upgrading the Woodland, greater efficiencies in the municipal court, World Cup, first historic district.

[Maplewood Leaders Remember, Honor Gov. Richard Codey](#). Jan 11, 2026.

[PHOTOS: SOMA Action Organizes 'ICE Out for Good' Protest at Home Depot in Union](#). Jan 11, 2026. De Luca attended.

[As Residents Face Skyrocketing Health Care Premiums, Maplewood Leaders Pledge Support](#). Jan 13, 2026.

[South Orange Lights up the Night at the Duck Pond to Conclude a Day of Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) Jan 20, 2026

[Who Are South Orange-Maplewood Leaders Endorsing for NJ-11?](#) Jan 29, 2026.
Endorsed Dafis, then Gill.

[Beyond Field Renovations: DeHart Park Phase 2 to Bring Major Playground, Access & Green Space Upgrades](#). Feb 16, 2026.

[Town Leaders Indicate They Won't Support \\$8M for Ritzer Field Improvements](#). Feb 20, 2026.
De Luca not adverse to a smaller project with artificial turf, but can't justify the \$8 million right now.

[Facing Deadline & Lawsuits, Maplewood Planning Board Votes to Amend Affordable Housing Plan](#). Feb 27, 2026.

['We Need You Here' — Maplewood to Celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility March 26](#). March 20, 2026.

[Mayor De Luca Files to Run for 10th Term on Maplewood Township Committee](#). March 24, 2026.

- Biography: helped found Hilton Neighborhood Association, helped create Springfield Ave Partnership, has served on Township Committee since 1998.
- Topics brought up: LGBTQ+ rights, protect immigrant families, stronger gun safety laws, environmental sustainability, protect reproductive freedoms, oppose Trump, strong Democrat, support ranked choice voting and more democratic county conventions, more open local party endorsement process.
- Record: expanding civic centers, revitalizing Springfield Ave, shared Fire Department services, only LEED Gold Certified public library in NJ, more traffic enforcement, better pedestrian safety and bike lanes, environmental sustainability, storm water utility, promoting solar, heat pump at the police station, electric Jitney buses, affordable housing.
- Upcoming agenda: park improvements, complete streets, attract tourism, expand social media/website, maintain diversity, press NJ transit to do better. Has good relationship with other elected officials to get things done.

[Maplewood Tables \\$3M DeHart Field Bond Vote Due to Concerns About Maintenance Plan](#). April 7, 2026.

[Maplewood to Hire Dedicated Field Manager. Passes \\$3M Bond for DeHart Athletic Field Improvements](#). April 22, 2026.

[Negotiations Continue on Bank of America/Inwood PI Development in Maplewood Village](#). April 23, 2026.

[SOMA Celebrates Lavender Graduation 2026](#). April 29, 2026.

[Maplewood Candidates React to Polling Place Change — and Name](#). May 5, 2026

Other

Other Information - Vic De Luca

[Instructions to committees: Please include any additional public, well sourced information available about this candidate here. For example, if you have done your own interviews or have a transcript of another public appearance or have information about prior professional experience not mentioned elsewhere, etc. Please make sure all information is fair to candidates, verifiable, and not taken out of context.]

Affiliations

- Endorsed by Maplewood Democratic Committee
- Endorsed by New Jersey Citizen Action