

# Protect Newton Trees

## 2025 Candidate Questionnaire



*The tree canopy and biodiversity are both important. All mature trees provide significant climate benefits, so the Newton Tree Preservation Ordinance should continue to avoid any blanket exemption for invasive species but allow for weighing the harm versus benefit of removing non-native trees in a specific permit location.*

Candidates were asked to rate their response to the statement above using this scale:

Disagree      1      2      3      4      5      Agree

\* = Incumbent candidates running for reelection in their current position

### Candidates for Mayor (elected City-wide)

Albert Cecchinelli: 3 = Neutral

Marc Laredo: 4 = Agree

### Candidates for At-Large Councilors (elected City-wide, 2 per Ward)

1. \*Alison Leary: no response
2. \*John Oliver: no response
3. \*Susan Albright: no response
4. \*Tarik Lucas: 5 = Strongly Agree
5. \*Andrea Kelley: 2 = Disagree
6. \*Pam Wright: 5 = Strongly Agree
7. John Chaimanis: 5 = Strongly Agree
8. Cyrus Dahumubed: 4 = Agree
9. \*Josh Krintzman: no response
10. \*Rena Getz: 5 = Strongly Agree
11. Brittany Hume Charm: 3 = Neutral
12. Lisa Gordon: 5 = Strongly Agree
13. Ted Gross: no response
14. Sean Roche: 3 = Neutral
15. Brian Golden: no response
16. \*Becky Grossman: no response

8. \*David Kalis: 5 = Strongly Agree  
Jacob Silber: 5 = Strongly Agree

#### **Candidates for Ward Councilors (elected by Ward, 1 per Ward)**

1. \*Maria Scibelli Greenberg: 4 = Agree  
Jonathan Kazakoff-Eigen: no response
2. \*David Micley: no response
3. \*Julia Malakie: 5 = Strongly Agree
4. \*Randy Block: 5 = Strongly Agree
5. Julie Irish: 5 = Strongly Agree  
Garry Miller: 4 = Agree
6. \*Martha Bixby: no response
7. \*Lisle Baker: no response
8. \*Stephen Farrell: 5 = Strongly Agree