

Dear LCAC Membership:

It is my absolute pleasure to get the chance to meet with you as a candidate for the Brookline Select Board. My name is Alec Lebovitz. I am a long-term Brookline resident, a Coolidge Corner renter, and a second-term Town Meeting Member.

I first moved to Brookline 8 years ago with my partner, Cat, as students and we have been here ever since. I got involved in local government to make a difference for our community, and I am committed to ensuring that opportunity and stability exists for everyone in Brookline. In my career, I am a policy analyst specializing in state and federal Medicaid policy, the safety net of our healthcare system. In various roles in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, I have utilized my policy expertise to expand access to affordable healthcare to those who need it most.

I am running for Select Board because I care about our Town and I have seen first-hand the difference that compassionate and data-driven leadership can make in local government. There are many challenges facing Brookline – a housing market in crisis, a structural budget deficit, a competitive municipal labor market, and growing financial pressure on residents. But Brookline is an exceptional community. With the right leadership, we can make real progress on the issues that matter and create a community that embodies our values of equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all.

I know that it is possible to make progress on the big issues because I have done so in Town Meeting. Over the last two years, I have led the passage of eight warrant articles that addressed critical issues including the management of our municipal finances, the protection of reproductive rights, improving housing stability, equity, and sustainability efforts, and the strengthening of our public health and rodent control programs. But intractable issues like housing affordability, maintaining and improving municipal services, closing the deficit, and providing long-term relief to vulnerable residents require sustained effort and focused executive leadership – which is why I am asking for your support.

As a member of the Select Board, I am committed to prioritizing affordability across all policy areas, ensuring that Brookline can continue to attract and retain exceptional municipal staff, leading the effort to reduce emissions, and implementing more transparent budgeting practices. If you are interested in learning more, I would encourage you to visit my website which includes a detailed list of my policy positions: <https://alecforbrookline.com/>.

I look forward to presenting at the upcoming LCAC meeting on February 5, and I especially look forward to your questions and comments regarding the issues that matter to you. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or feedback, before or after the meeting, at alecforbrookline@gmail.com or (401) 793-6279.

Serving Brookline as a member of the Select Board would be both my privilege and solemn responsibility. Join our campaign and help us build a brighter future for the Town that we all love. I humbly ask for your support and your vote on May 7th, 2024.

Sincerely,

Alec Lebovitz