

Press Release

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Joel Buenaventura announces his candidacy for the Ward 4 Councilor.

QUINCY, Massachusetts, November 28, 2022--Joel Buenaventura, a lifelong resident of Quincy, is running for City Council to represent his fellow Ward 4 Residents. Joel has a proven track record of protecting and advocating for our vulnerable populations - from our elderly residents to our federal and state workers. Joel stands up for those who need a voice.

Joel is firmly rooted in the Quincy community. Born in the Philippines, Joel moved with his family to Quincy in 1976. In 1981, his parents purchased a house on Common Street. Joel continues to live there. Joel and his older sister both attended Sacred Heart School. He went on to attend B.C. High and Boston University, where he earned a Master of Public Health. Joel and his mother are parishioners at Divine Mercy Parish (including St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Quincy).

Having earned a law degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Joel has practiced law for almost twenty years. Joel has demonstrated his commitment to public services as an attorney for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and at the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE). At DPH, Joel held nursing homes and long-term care facilities accountable for fraud and misconduct. Joel fought to prevent neglect and abuse of our elderly and to keep them safe. For the past three years, Joel has served as Union counsel at NAGE, a national union headquartered in Quincy. In his current role, Joel is dedicated to ensuring that our unionized government workers are treated in a fair and just manner by their employers in the workplace.

Joel cites his parents as a major influence in his commitment to public service and labor work. Joel's mother, Teresita, was a physician at Long Island Hospital and retired as the Associate Medical Director of Tewksbury Hospital. While at Tewksbury Hospital, she was a proud member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association. His father, who has since passed, was a tax accountant and committed to raising his family.

Joel is committed to being responsive to the concerns of fellow Ward 4 residents and keeping them informed about issues that matter and impact them.

“For weeks, I have been meeting people at their homes, at coffee shops and street corners, listening to what is important to them,” said Joel. “We live in a wonderful neighborhood, but I hear clearly that the impact of encroaching development projects, speeding cars and traffic quagmires, and the demand for greater transparency from City Hall are at the forefront of my

neighbors' minds. I commit to ensure that my fellow residents are informed and that they will get the best value for their property taxes.”

Joel's campaign invites you to visit Joel's Facebook page to learn more about him and upcoming events:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087572843833>.

Joel's campaign also invites you to attend his campaign kick-off in early December at the Granite Street Café at 378 Granite Street. Please check for details on Joel's Facebook page.

The Quincy City Council approved the scheduling of a preliminary election on Tuesday, January 17 and election on Tuesday, February 7. Vote by Mail Ballots or Absentee Ballots will be available for the Special Election.

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