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I moved to Marblehead in the late 1980s and held my first volunteer position as a member of the Finance Committee. Many residents know me as Marblehead's first town administrator, a position I was proud to hold from 1994 until my retirement in 2012 when I chose to pursue other professional goals. Most recently, I volunteered on the Old and Historic District Commission (OHDC). I consider my candidacy for Selectman to be a continuation of my volunteer service to the Town of Marblehead.

I bring 18 years of experience having successfully supervised the day-to-day operations of the Town. My unique perspective gives me a genuine understanding of how the Town operates, its various boards and commissions, and the relationship between the general side of government and the school district.

While serving as the town administrator, I advocated to secure funding for our new high school, the renovation of our old high school (Veterans Middle School), and the Glover School. On a personal note, I was happy to send my daughters to the Marblehead public schools and have them graduate from Marblehead High School.

I believe the role of the Selectmen is to establish and communicate clear policy goals. Although the Town has a decentralized form of government, its residents expect and deserve centralized efficiencies. If elected, I will always be accessible to residents. I want to hear your concerns and discuss what's on your minds. Though we have some challenges, I believe there is nothing we cannot overcome by working together for the good of our community.

I would be honored to receive your vote for the Marblehead Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, June 22.