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FOR LIGHT COMMISSIONER 2021

Fresh energy for Marblehead



I am running for a seat on the Municipal Light Commission because I want to make the Light Department a leader among municipally-owned electric companies in the transition to a clean energy future.

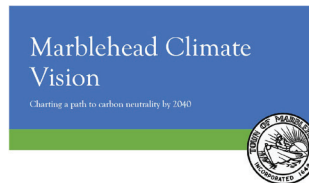
While I'm new to Marblehead, I'm not new to the issues facing the Light Department. Before moving to Marblehead in 2019, I spent most of the previous seven years living on the road in communities across "The Wind Belt" that stretches from the Dakotas to the Texas border, where I worked on the development, construction, and operation of utility-scale renewable energy projects (onshore wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, and storage technologies). At the start of 2020 and with the emergence of viable offshore wind energy on the Atlantic coast, I joined a joint venture to develop an offshore wind energy project off the coast of Massachusetts. These experiences build on my ten-year career at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, where I advocated for strong environmental laws.

For more than 20 years, I have been engaged in environmental advocacy, renewable energy, and community leadership. I am driven by the principle that openness and transparency and listening to people with different points of views is what drives successful policies and projects.

The Light Department has provided reliable and affordable electricity to its customers for over 120 years. And, it has made gains in the past few years, particularly in assessing solar energy options and developing the infrastructure for the growth of electric vehicles. But currently, only about 40% of the electricity the Light Department purchases comes from renewable or carbon-free sources. The

years ahead will require an even more targeted and innovative approach to meet the enormous climate challenges we face.

Recent state law requires Marblehead and other municipally owned and operated electric companies to meet new carbon reduction standards. As electrification of the transportation and building sectors accelerates over the next few years, the Light Department will need to catalyze joint efforts among town departments, boards, and its business and residential customers towards a carbon free future.



My priorities will be to develop and implement a detailed Strategic Plan that meets the Marblehead Climate Vision's target of net-zero

carbon emissions by 2040, ensures affordable rates, and maintains safe and reliable service to customers.

**I respectfully ask for your vote as a
Municipal Light Commissioner on
June 22nd.**

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- External Outreach Manager, Mayflower Wind (2020-present)
- Senior Public Affairs Manager, Enel Green Power North America (2017-2019)
- Manager, Clean Line Energy Partners (2013-2017)
- Program Manager, US Offshore Wind Collaborative (2011-2012)
- Legislative Director, Massachusetts Audubon Society (1996-2006)

Education: Brown University (BA, business, and entrepreneurship)

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