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I am a 30 year Irvington Village resident serving currently on the Woods, Housing, Facilities Planning, and Landmarks Preservation Committees.

Past service includes: Co-chair IEF & Gala, PTSA class and grade parent, Co-chair SEPTA.

I am board chair of a NYC Charter School overseeing a budget larger than that of our village.

I work as a commercial real estate and architectural consultant. I advise clients on site locations, development costs, demographics and traffic. I provide architectural advisory interface between owners and their architects and contractors.

Employment: 10 years VP Retail and Real Estate - Eileen Fisher Inc, I oversaw the relocation of EFI offices from Manhattan to Irvington.

Education: BS, Cornell University, Design and Environmental Analysis.

My Village priorities are:

- 1. Fiscal responsibility & controlling taxes.**
- 2. Maintaining a sustainable, protected environment.**
- 3. Encouraging a vibrant and inclusive community.**

The BOT mandate is managing all Village Departments to ensure that they are aligned with these goals while maintaining quality public services.

Fiscal responsibility. All budgets are currently reviewed by the BOT and department heads. I propose adding a citizens review committee and a professional outside review that would benchmark our budget against best practice of other communities. Additionally, the village should investigate collaborative opportunities and outsourcing options.

Our Village is a leader with environmental initiatives and has funded these with grants and using community volunteers. We need to enhance our village with grants without using taxpayer dollars.

The Village pledged in 2024 to be a Pro-Housing Community (PHC) and recently received a housing TOD study grant. A BOT resolution supporting multi-family housing was adopted in June 2021. These fundings were not considered as available funding for the recently defeated bond proposal. These grant fundings can provide several million dollars to fund Fire, Police and DPW facilities and will create mid-priced housing for those earning in the range of \$65,000 to \$100,000.

Housing placed on currently non-tax producing land, associated TOD grants and additional climate grants will control tax increases rather than using tax-payer funding.

I support projects that control taxes, ensure our Village viewshed protections and are in character with our unique historic district. I support relocating the DPW envisioning Astor Street becoming pedestrian friendly with architecturally appropriate housing and public spaces enhancing the Main Street business district.

The growing number of long-term residents who have left the village because they cannot afford our taxes is dismaying. We cannot tax our community out of their own Village.

The **25 BOT volunteer committees** together with the many volunteers from the **Fire Department and EMS, the PTSA, IEF, TIF, Scouting, Halsey Pond Friends, and Garden Club** are the soul and the true heart of Irvington.

A top priority is listening to the concerns of these volunteers.

In 1991 when I was looking to move both my business and home out of NYC my months of research found Irvington on the Hudson River with historic charm, woodlands, and good schools. **The unexpected blessing was discovering this mindful community making for meaningful friendships with a unity of purpose.**

If you have not met me and you have walked in the Irvington Woods you have stepped upon my work. I have built all the foot bridges, benches and steps throughout the Woods working with Girl and Boy Scouts on Eagle and Gold Star projects. It was my joy to spend several years with Peter Oley and his Track teams bushwhacking the original trail system. Regeneration of the understory and deer management solutions have been my recent focus.

My partner and I live in the Village historic district. Our four children attended the Irvington schools K-12. One has returned and has an Irvington class of 2041 son. We plan to stay around.