

Good Morning:

Thank you for asking these important questions. Since the BHA is an owner of approximately 1,000 units of public housing and administers approximately 1,500 mobile rental vouchers, it is important to listen to their voice, understand their needs and provide support to promote resident health and safety and to protect the environment of Brookline and our planet.

Obstacles:

- Not all the BHA properties are easily accessible to public transportation, schools, business districts or places of employment.
- Financial
- Space: Safe and secure storage
- Access to equipment
- Training and Resources

Solutions:

If elected to the open seat on the Board of Commissioners of the Brookline Housing Authority, I would solicit input from the residents, management, and Biking Brookline to identify their concerns and collaborate on solutions. In addition, I would take a multi-phased approach to creating more avenues for residents to access public transportation and alternative means of transportation such as bicycles. I will work to locate grants for funding and forming partnerships within the community to support these solutions.

- Discounted MBTA passes like they have at Newton Housing Authority
- Discounted blue bikes like they have in Boston
- Space Planning:
 - As the BHA starts to tackle its next construction projects in family housing, is there an opportunity for bike storage inside and outside?
 - Collaborate with the Town and Biking Boston to locate off site safe and secure bike storage at schools etc.
- Equipment:
 - Can we locate a partner for bike helmets, perhaps gently used?
 - Can we find a partner for bicycle donations? Again, perhaps gently used?
- Training and Safety:
 - Set up a program to educate residents about the benefits of biking, operating a bike and bike safety

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