

Thank you. I am Lynne Sweet, and I am running for the open Housing Authority board seat because I bring years of personal and professional experience that will benefit the residents of the BHA and the residents of Brookline.

Many people do not realize what a housing authority does until they need one.

I understand personally that the BHA is housing a vulnerable population with complex needs that can go beyond housing.

I have an MBA from Babson College that I earned at night while working full-time.

I have worked in the field of affordable housing development and preservation for nearly 40 years, sitting on many sides of the table.

I started an affordable housing consulting company, LDS Consulting Group, 25 years ago. My clients are 99% repeat customers or referrals.

For 9 years, I was on the board of The Second Step which serves survivors of domestic violence. We created a mentoring program for parents and their children, a justice center, a capital needs budgeting process, and I negotiated their office and transitional shelter leases.

LDS was an asset manager for dozens of assisted living facilities in multiple states. I created a process to review the operating procedures, physical assets, monthly financials, and yearly capital needs. We toured properties and met with residents.

We left those properties and residents better off than when we started.

My work on Lincoln Village in Worcester resulted in 600 vouchers, the single largest award of Rental Assistance Demonstration vouchers in the country.

I know construction, income, and operating budgets. I know sources of funding and grant writing.

I understand the tension between brick and mortar needs and resident needs.

I am responsible for creating and preserving many affordable housing units.

This board seat will most likely come with a seat on the CPC, which oversees the distribution of your taxpayer dollars. I have written and reviewed CPA grants.

When I see a problem, I work on a solution to provide positive and lasting results. I will do that for the BHA.

I am both a problem identifier and a problem solver.

I need your help in educating the voters of Brookline about my candidacy.

I ask for your endorsement and your vote.