

ABOUT

Patrick is a resident of the Sacred Heart neighborhood, and works throughout the Merrimack Valley as a brick- and stonemason. As promised, Patrick did not accept **\$30,000** in councilor stipends, nor did he fundraise for his campaign but instead for local charities.

EDUCATION

Tufts University
Trinity College Dublin
Phillips Academy Andover
Ramahlo's West End Gym

ON HIS RECORD:

LowellStat Initiative
Green Community Status
Local Economic Stimulus
Performance-Based
Budget
Neighborhood Business
Development
Veterans Homebuyer
Assistance
Lowell Prescription Drug
Discount Program
Recreational Opportunity
Youth Civic Engagement

COMMITTEES

Environment, *Chairman*
Railroad Issues, *Chairman*
Economic Development, Flood
Issues, Housing, Institutional
Partnerships, Youth Issues, Zoning
North Middlesex Council of
Governments, *Councillor*
North Middlesex Metropolitan
Planning Commission, *Lowell
Representative*

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LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

Objective

Councilor Murphy hopes to continue working aggressively to strengthen our local economy, ecology and community. Here are a *few* of the issues he has pursued this term and the successes he will build upon in the next:



Economic Development

- Successfully sought an updated City Investment Policy to preference local banks and credit unions, in order to encourage more lending to local businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Successfully sought an updated Purchasing Policy to stimulate demand for the products and services of local businesses, particularly environmentally-preferable products.
- Proposed a *Grow Lowell* Initiative to focus not solely on the recruitment of outside businesses, but also to help existing local businesses expand their enterprises.
- Led an effort to bring greater balance to the city's economic development, successfully pushing for a more equitable distribution of grants and low-interest loans to revitalize neighborhood business districts, as evident in his work on the Cambodia-town project.
- Successfully sought greater transparency in our Tax Increment Financing plans, and has guidelines to encourage more sustainable jobs with living wages.

Government Accountability & Performance

- Led the effort to establish the LowellStat Initiative, a statistical analysis program that has identified **\$1.9 million** in savings and new revenue in its first year.
- Successfully sought to develop Lowell's first performance-based budget for greater transparency and more informed, data-driven decision-making.
- Saved **\$600,000** by prioritizing capital improvements on the Rogers School roof.
- Approved the reorganization of Inspectional Services, which has resulted in over **\$300,000** annual savings, and a Lowell Stat proposal to establish a municipal hearing process to improve fine collection and code compliance.
- Sought an updated and fully integrated Capital Improvement Plan as part of a more organized and participatory budget process.
- Approved sound fiscal management policies and cost-saving measures which have resulted in an upgrade of the city's bond rating by Moody's to A1, with a stable outlook.

Energy & the Environment

- Led the effort to become one of state's first Green Communities, bringing in over **\$546,000** in grant funding, with more funding to come this fall.
- Successfully sought improved energy standards for our building code and municipal fleet to increase energy efficiency and long-term cost savings for residents and taxpayers.
- Successfully sought ordinance changes to encourage water conservation, better storm water management, and the development of renewable energy.
- Approved Energy services contract to retrofit schools and municipal buildings to accelerate much needed capital improvements and further energy and cost-savings.
- Proposed several motions to encourage higher recycling rates and greater access to recycling services, with a recent proposal projected to save the city **\$190,000** annually.

Housing & Community Development

- Led an effort to pilot a property tax abatement program or reduction in permitting fees for the redevelopment of blighted properties in order to strengthen neighborhoods.
- Successfully sought to keep municipal pools open and further expand access to recreational opportunities with significant park renovations.
- Successfully sought bus shelters to boost public transit use, stimulate neighborhood business districts and increase access to job opportunities for residents across the city.
- Successfully sought an update to our master plan to reflect the needs of the community, and a vision of how we may all live, work, play and learn together in the years to come.