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I have known and worked with Andrea Kelley for many years through the League of Women Voters. I have always been impressed by Andrea's deep knowledge and experience in many different areas: open space, design, the environment, Newton's schools, historic preservation, housing, and public infrastructure.

One of Andrea's greatest strengths is her natural ability to listen to and balance different opinions, and to work towards consensus to achieve constructive solutions. Because of her capacity to work collaboratively, Andrea has, for many years, been the go-to person as discussion leader and moderator for League forums, debates, and meetings. These important skills will serve her well in working with other elected officials and with the community to meet and solve the many complex challenges that face our City.

I especially respect and admire Andrea's willingness, for more than 30 years, to step up and take leadership roles, in many different arenas, to ensure that these solutions happen. Andrea has served as League president, Peirce School PTO president, PTO Council leader, Newton Design Review Committee member, and Newton's first Open Space Coordinator.

Newton needs experienced, knowledgeable, hard-working, collaborative leaders like Andrea. Andrea's experience and skill set position her well to serve as a city councilor who will make a positive difference to the lives of all Newton's residents.

I hope that you will join me in voting for Andrea Kelley for Ward 3 councilor at-large on Tuesday, November 7.

Anne Borg, Newton Highlands, former co-president, League of Women Voters