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COUNCILWOMAN | WARD 5

Jo-Ann **RYAN**



Takes action. Gets results.

To the People and City I Love,

Serving as your Councilwoman for the last seven years has been one of the honors of my life. Yes, the work is difficult, but being a public servant is so rewarding. I care very much about the greater good, which impacts all of us. Improving the quality of life for everyone in Ward 5, from our youngest children to our beloved seniors, is close to my heart.

The Elmhurst, Mt. Pleasant and Manton neighborhoods are vibrant, and full of energy, diversity and creativity. I love that we have families who have been here for generations—and many newcomers who bring great energy. But we all know that right now, we are facing serious issues like the economy, crime, housing and the environment. I'm qualified and driven to continue working on these critical problems, and humbly ask for your support.

My children are on their own now, and I'm so thankful to have a husband who, like me, is community minded. When I attend events on a weekend, he is right there with me. His support allows me to be the kind of representative I want to be—available and accessible. I'm someone who can—and will—make time for you.

Thank you! JoAnn





This Is Our Community

I want a high quality of life for everyone! I want you to feel safe taking a walk after dinner. I want your kids to have a great library, and a rec center for an after-school basketball game. Quality of life means that the public pool will be open on hot summer days. That your elderly parent is supported. It means farmers' markets, neighborhood movie nights and Little League. I pledge to keep "quality of life" in Ward 5 my highest goal.

- ✓ I secured over \$10 million to improve our schools, library and parks. I take particular pride in fighting to establish the Armand Batastini Rec Center, the most well attended rec center in the city!
- ✓ I fought to rebuild Conley Stadium, considered the finest high school multisport stadium in New England!
- ✓ I secured \$369K in federal funding to keep our library current and vital.
- ✓ I secured \$2 million in federal funding for safety improvements on Mt. Pleasant Avenue.
- ✓ I will continue to support clean, green and safe public parks.

Issues We All Care About...

Affordable Housing

As the elected Chair of the City's Housing Crisis Task Force, I am painfully aware that housing problems demand both immediate and long-term action. I drafted and passed a \$26 million historic affordable housing bond to create safe homes for all, and you have my word that I will never stop my efforts to end housing insecurity.

Crime and Policing

The fight to keep our communities safe must never stop. Providence is critically short of officers—and that must change. I advocate wholeheartedly for increased funding for community policing, with a focus on more relevant training, diversion programs and non-violent education. Officers must reflect the neighborhoods they patrol.

Education

In two short years, the state's lackluster takeover of Providence public schools will end, and the responsibility to educate our young people will be ours again. We cannot wait until the last minute to do our homework! Quality education translates into a more robust economy, and even safer streets. This issue requires careful thought, sufficient funding and heartfelt commitment. I pledge all three.

ATVs

Our neighborhoods need to feel safe! Legislation that I drafted is now in place to keep these dangerous, noisy threats to public safety off our streets. The clear, legal framework I created is being used as a model by other municipalities. Since my legislation became law, over 250 illegal machines have been destroyed.



I'm an Environmental Advocate in Action!

Caring about the environment is not a choice anymore—and neither is just talking about it. These issues demand action—real, tangible changes—that will make an impact sooner than later.



- ✓ After two years of hard work, the landmark Plastic Bag Reduction Act that I drafted was voted into law in 2019—and to this day, it's one of my most rewarding accomplishments.
- ✓ I partnered with many neighbors and multiple agencies, from the Department of Environmental Management to the Department of Transportation to bring the Stormwater Management Project to life. Using tree filtration systems to clean stormwater, we are taking bold, progressive action.

Economic Leadership Matters

As Chairperson of the Finance Committee, I dedicate myself to strict fiscal practices. I will remain a good steward of the city's finances.

- ✓ We have a balanced city budget and a rainy day fund, with no property tax increase in 8 years!
- ✓ When Providence received Covid relief funds, I acted immediately to put \$43 million to work, for homeless intervention, sewer repair, citywide wi-fi to support education and small business relief.
- ✓ I worked to allocate \$7 million of Covid relief money to business owners, immediately.
- ✓ The remainder of Covid relief money must be spent with the utmost care. This infusion of funding may only occur once in our lifetimes, and has the power to make a meaningful difference for years, even decades to come.
- ✓ I support strategic Tax Stabilization Agreements. They say "Yes!" to local development, employment opportunities and economic security for our communities.

My Education, Experience, and Expertise Work For You

- ✓ I earned both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance, from Providence College.
- ✓ I am a Vice President at Customers Bank, one of the largest community banks in the country.
- ✓ I've created nationally recognized programs to save families from foreclosure and make homeownership a reality for so many.
- ✓ I have 30+ years of asset management experience in the RI banking industry.
- ✓ I am the Chair of the Council Finance Committee and the Housing Crisis Task Force.
- ✓ I am a Commissioner of the City Council's Pension Board, Retirement Board and Water Supply Board.
- ✓ I was elected by my colleagues to serve as both Majority Leader and Majority Whip.

Do You Feel Like No One Is Listening?

I want you to know that ***I am listening!*** The monthly meetings I began are informal, welcoming—and the perfect opportunity to make your voice heard. I invite you to come meet your neighbors. Let's return local government to what it was meant to be.

Join us on the first Monday of each month!

Mt. Pleasant Community Library, 315 Academy Avenue *(If Monday is a holiday, we meet on Tuesday.)*



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Jo-Ann's father Tom Flanagan.



Jo-Ann with her brother Tom and mother Eve Flanagan.



Jo-Ann with husband Tom, daughter Megan, and son Brendan.

Let Me *Re*Introduce Myself

When I was growing up in Providence, I never imagined I'd have the honor to represent the place where I went to school (from first grade through to my Master's degree), and built my career. I'm the proud daughter of a Providence police officer and a small business owner, whose work ethic and integrity shaped me. The school playground on Mt. Pleasant Avenue, my mother's beauty salon on Academy Avenue and the library next door where I often did my homework—these places are a part of my childhood and adolescence. After our marriage at St. Augustine Church, my husband and I chose to raise and educate both our children here. I hope you can tell that this city is in my heart.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!
Deja Que Se Escuche Tu Voz!

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Last day to register to vote in the statewide primary election

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Primary election

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Last day to register to vote in the general election

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Statewide general election

Visit www.CouncilwomanJoannRyan.com

It may be early, but if you think you will need
a ride on voting day, remember that
I am here to help you!

Puede que sea temprano, pero si cree que
necesitará que le lleve el día de la votación,
¡recuerda que estoy aquí para ayudarle!

