

# 2013 Town of Blooming Grove Candidates

## EXPERIENCE



### *Robert A. Fromaget, Candidate for Blooming Grove Town Supervisor*

**EXPERIENCE** - Robert retired from IBM after 32 years. During his 32 years he was a budget manager with

responsibilities for 4 countries and later took over budget responsibilities for the National Service Division with a budget in excess of \$42Million. Mr. Fromaget then ventured into consulting as an Executive Consultant, Organizational Consultant and Financial Business Process Consultant.

**EXCELLENCE** - Robert worked within the private and public sector to develop business strategies, effective organizations and financial business processes.

**COMMITMENT** - Over the past 10 years Fromaget became active in the Democratic Party advocating for managed, organizational change to benefit all residents. Change, albeit slow, has been steady.

- Fromaget led the effort to create an Orange County Democratic Party platform which is still valid today.

#### **PRESERVE -**

- Fromaget has opposed the closing of Valley View.
- Fromaget opposes the demolition of the Government Center.
- Fromaget vehemently opposes the installation of the Kiryas Joel pipeline; which he views as a serious environmental concern.
- Fromaget has continually worked to stop the mismanagement of the Orange County Sewer District.

#### **PREPARE -**

- Fromaget would use his budget experience to properly administer the \$14.5 million Town Budget. He has studied the town budgets from 1999 to today and will administer the budget more effectively and efficiently than it has been managed in the past.

#### **RESPOND -**

- Fromaget will make certain that the MountCo property (formerly Camp Laguardia) negotiations are in the best interest of the Town.

#### **EXPAND -**

- Fromaget will study the benefits of a Blooming Grove industrial park and more residential recreation areas.

Robert Fromaget wants change based on the facts not political expedience. Join him in November and support him and the entire Blooming Grove Democratic Slate to bring that change.

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### *Ralph Bisquert, Candidate for Highway Superintendent*

**EXPERIENCE** - Ralph has over 35 years of experience in infrastructure construction which

included installation of highways, sidewalks and construction of sewer and water facilities. He served as a General Manager and Chief Estimator for a New York State construction company for over 13 years and supervised a labor force of over 200.

**EXCELLENCE** - Bisquert will bring his knowledge and experience to the Blooming Grove Highway Department as Superintendent.

**COMMITMENT** - Over the past two years Ralph Bisquert used his experience to aid our community.

- Bisquert worked with two other residents of Mountainview Estates to petition the Town to install new infrastructure in their community; including a new water main, improved water pump systems and an electric generator to ensure a consistent water supply
- Bisquert advocated for the installation of a new drainage system in his district and a new roadway once the construction was completed.

#### **PRESERVE -**

- Bisquert vehemently advocated for the passage of the Bond for the above work.
- Bisquert oversaw the project through completion which finished below estimated cost.

#### **PREPARE -**

- Bisquert would advocate for a proper long range infrastructure planning.

#### **RESPOND -**

- Bisquert would develop a facilities/infrastructure maintenance plan for the town's entire infrastructure.

#### **EXPAND -**

- Bisquert will seek to reincorporate the Village of South Blooming Grove into the Town's Highway Budget.

Ralph Bisquert is a volunteer member and leader of the Neighbors for Neighbors organization he has helped to provide our senior citizens and those with disabilities, transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other activities that contribute to their quality of life within our community.

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### *Johanna Kiernan Candidate for Town Council*

**EXPERIENCE** - Johanna Kiernan has over 25 years of corporate, non-profit and volunteer experience. She began her career in Human Resources at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

in benefits administration. Johanna later joined The Hartford, UNUM, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Mellon Bank and Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) where she became a technical writer working directly with clients and corporate management. Johanna is a member of the Society of Technical Communication and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Kiernan, a landscape painter, formerly served as President of the Reilly League of Artists.

#### **EXCELLENCE** -

- Johanna Kiernan has used her prior business experience to help keep volunteer organizations viable and servicing the Community.
- Kiernan was awarded the 2011 President's Award for support of the Mountain Lodge Park Fire Company.

#### **COMMITMENT** -

- Kiernan is Vice President of the Mount Lodge Park Ladies Auxiliary and of the Mountain Lodge Park Glenwood Hills Residents Association. (MLPGHRA).
- Kiernan has been an active participant in the Town of Blooming Grove Town Meetings for 7 years.

#### **PRESERVE** -

- Kiernan participated in the restoration of parks in the Town of Blooming Grove and the Mt. Lodge Park Glenwood Hills Residents Association.

#### **PREPARE** -

- Kiernan supports implementing an annotated balanced budget with a reserve.
- Kiernan supports the creation of a hazard mitigation plan to alleviate the flooding of the Mooda Creek.

#### **RESPOND** -

- Kiernan, with the MLPGHRA, has been researching the community's roads, water and sewer issues.

#### **EXPAND** -

- Kiernan supports creating a sustainable environment and open spaces to maintain the beauty of our Town.
- Kiernan was named fundraising Chairperson for the Tommie McDuffie Memorial Park basketball court.

Johanna listens, researches and pursues solutions to the issues.

PRESERVE

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### *Janette McKay Candidate for Town Council*

**EXPERIENCE** – Janette McKay has studied and worked in government for over 25 years. In her late teens Janette worked with

the New York City Council, and quickly learned the benefits of good, responsible, effective government. McKay has held security positions at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and management positions at the NYC Department of Buildings. Janette also shares her knowledge as an adjunct Professor of Political Science at SUNY Orange, and previously at Mount St. Mary College and the Marist College Graduate Program. Ms. McKay received her Master of Arts Degree in Government and Politics with a concentration in Public Administration and American Political Theory from St. John's University.

#### **EXCELLENCE** -

- Janette McKay managed NYC borough/county offices, supervised employees, prepared budgets, developed then implemented rules and procedures, prepared risk assessments, worked with constituents, elected officials, industry representatives and the media.
- McKay graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA, in her Master's Degree and since earned another 15 credits.

#### **COMMITMENT** -

- McKay raised her family in Blooming Grove and is committed to making sure that the Town is an affordable and desirable place for people to live, work, play, raise their families and stay into retirement.
- McKay supports small businesses and is committed to attracting quality jobs to our community.
- McKay will seek to eliminate redundancy, waste and inefficiency with a goal of reducing the tax burden.

#### **PRESERVE** -

- McKay, through her knowledge of zoning, will advocate for planned, reasonable growth for our Town.

#### **PREPARE** -

- McKay will advocate for flood mitigation and coordinated damn release to avoid future floods.

#### **RESPOND** -

- McKay will seek out grants and funding for those still recovering from 2007 floods, Hurricanes Lee and Irene.

#### **EXPAND** -

- McKay, using efficiency savings and grants, will advocate for open spaces and revenue neutral recreational programs.

Janette will use her knowledge and skills at consensus building to make the Blooming Grove Town Board more successful in meeting the needs of the community.

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