

VOTE Barbara McDonald

Needham Housing Authority

VOTE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 8th

Unbiased Leadership - Fresh Voice - Committed to our Town



"I'm proud to have served Needham residents in the historic Vote NO referendum. I listened and worked to make sure all residents voices were heard." - Barbara MacDonald

"I endorse my friend Vikram Kaul. A candidate for Select Board who is a true independent thinker. He brings a fresh, representative approach to town government."

Recent online reviews for Needham Housing Authority:

1.0 **Poor leadership**
 Housing Manager (Former Employee) - Needham, MA - January 18, 2024

When the person at the top has no idea what they are doing, it is almost impossible to do your job, mainly because you are doing their job for them. No respect at all, and upper management has anger issues and memory problems. I'd wait until they hire a new Executive Director before pursuing a career at NHA.

★☆☆☆☆ a year ago

The absolute worst! I called to see where I was on the list for the mobile voucher program. The representative who answered the phone was quick to try and rush me off the phone. I advised the woman I needed to check the status of my application. I was placed on emergency placement. The woman refused to review my file, telling me I have to call someone else. After several rounds I finally got tired and revealed where I use to work and the specific position all of a sudden she got quite. All of a sudden she was willing to help. I ended up requesting the manager and leaving a voicemail. Total trash experience and I will be calling my connections at the state to inform them of this interaction!

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- Resident for 22 Years
- Parent of two NHS graduates
- Business Manager: Responsible for contract negotiation, client services, and financial management
- Property Manager: Tenant negotiations and property oversight
- Education – B.S. in Business Management, Northeastern University



Barbara MacDonald - Business Manager
Resident for 22 years

As a member of the NHA, I will bring practical management skills with a resident - focused, community - focused perspective.

My Priorities:

- ✓ Strengthen the current board to support key initiatives
- ✓ Work collaboratively with commissioners and staff
- ✓ Ensure responsible financial oversight and budget control

I will ensure NHA stays true to its mission of representing community and tenant interests while enhancing residents' quality of life. Advocate for responsible growth within Needham, ensuring all programs and developments are fiscally sound and aligned with the town's needs, priorities, and long-term sustainability.

"I am not a property developer. I do not work for developers or investors. My goal is serve the citizens of Needham and stay true to the mission of the Needham Housing Authority."

-Barbara McDonald