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## A Fresh New Alternative Emerges in the Race for Ward 2 Alderman in Nashua

After burdened with tax increases, mismanaged funds, and a lack of oversight on critical projects, Ward 2 now has a new choice for Alderman on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Nashua Resident Matthew Gouthro today announced he is running for the Ward 2 seat on the Nashua Board of Alderman. "I believe after many years of the same, our community deserves new leadership rooted in accountability, transparency, and a deep commitment to the residents they serve. Having witnessed firsthand the consequences of mismanaged funds, a lack of oversight on critical projects, and the shifting of financial burdens onto taxpayers, I feel called to advocate for responsible stewardship of our city's resources."

"With this campaign, I seek to bring fresh energy and perspective to Nashua's leadership drawing on my personal and professional experiences to advocate for policies that reflect the hopes and needs of all our residents. I am committed to listening first, engaging openly, and working tirelessly to ensure every voice in our ward is heard." Matthew Gouthro - Candidate for Nashua Ward 2 Alderman

Matthew Gouthro is a husband, father and a swim dad. His family enjoys living in Nashua, particularly his neighborhood and neighbors. They frequent local parks, culinary hot spots, downtown parades, and baseball games at Holman Stadium. They are also active at St. Christopher Parish, celebrating this Catholic church's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year where Matthew serves as a lector. He learned a lot about how our city operates from his participation in the Mayor's City Academy. Matthew works in Travel and Tourism, helping small businesses grow in New England by managing large annual marketing budgets to boost client sales.

Matthew is challenging longtime Alderman Rick Dowd in Nashua Ward 2 due to public concerns over \$4.5 million in mishandled Esser Funds and poor maintenance oversight at Stellos Stadium, both overseen by the committees that Dowd chairs. The Esser Fund mismanagement led to extra taxpayer spending on school projects, while Stellos Stadium's issues forced Nashua teams to find alternative, costlier venues on short notice.

Matthew's wife is a public school educator and he has personally advocated for enhanced safety in our public schools. Knowing the value of having School Resource Officers onsite at our schools, he strongly lobbied the Board of Education, Board of Aldermen and our Police Department to augment this program. As a result, the Police Chief was able to reallocate resources to add an additional SRO to cover our Middle Schools and use a Government Grant to fund a program that would allow more visibility for officer engagement at our Elementary Schools.

"My experiences as a dedicated resident, community volunteer, and active participant in local organizations have shown me both the strengths of Nashua and the areas where we must do better. I am determined to foster open communication, ensure prudent fiscal management, and champion initiatives that enhance public safety and quality of life for every neighbor. Together, we can restore trust in local government and build a stronger, more resilient Nashua for all." — Matthew Gouthro, Candidate Nashua Ward 2 Alderman

If you'd like to learn more about Matthew's campaign, donate or would like to get involved, please visit: <a href="https://www.MatthewGouthro.com">www.MatthewGouthro.com</a>

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