

# **Somerset County Federation of Democratic Women (SCFDW) Endorses Somerville Borough Council candidate Gina Stravic**

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The Somerset County Federation of Democratic Women is honored to endorse candidate Gina Stravic for re-election to the Somerville Borough Council in the upcoming November 4, 2025, election.

“Gina is a seasoned professional who has served the residents of Somerville with honor and distinction. When re-elected, she will continue to focus on her community and residents”, said SCFDW President Roberta G. Walters.

Gina Stravic was appointed to the Borough Council in 2022 to fill a vacancy and elected to a 3-year term in 2023. For the past 16 years, Gina was a member of the Environmental Commission and served most recently as chair. The Commission addresses environmental issues in our community and obtained bronze-level status in the state’s Sustainable Jersey municipal program.

Gina graduated from Red Bank Regional High School and from Springfield College with a degree in Recreation Administration. She relocated to Somerville after her marriage to Dan Swass in 1983. Dan and Gina are the proud parents of Thomas, John, and James, who all graduated from Somerville High School and now have their own professional careers.

Gina has over 35 years of management experience and is currently Executive Director of the Raritan Valley YMCA in East Brunswick. She embraces the core values of the YMCA: honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

As a community volunteer, Gina is a member of the Somerville Rescue Squad Auxiliary and the American Legion Star Post 127. She holds lifetime membership status with Girl Scouts of the USA, served for 30 years as a troop leader in Somerville, and now volunteers as the outdoor consultant for the Somerville Girl Scouts. She also served as a soccer and basketball coach for Somerville Recreation for 17 years and was a member of the Somerville Recreation Commission for 5 years.

As a councilmember, Gina is chair of the Admin/Personnel Committee and vice-chair of the Public Property Committee. She is the council liaison for the Raritan River Greenway, Code Enforcement, Caring for Our Own, and the Environmental Commission.

The Somerset County Federation of Democratic Women (SCFDW) is a dedicated organization committed to promoting Democratic values and supporting Democratic candidates in Somerset County. Our mission is to empower women in politics and ensure their voices are heard in local, county, state, and national elections.

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