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2022 TMM CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear [first name],

Thank you for running for office to represent all of us in Needham. We appreciate your commitment to serving the community and ensuring Needham continues to grow and evolve in positive ways.

I am writing on behalf of Safer Quieter Needham, an all-volunteer group of Needham residents working to encourage Needham to dramatically improve the safety of Needham's railroad crossings and the quality of life for thousands of residents by implementing a Quiet Zone. (Learn more at SaferQuieterNeedham.com)

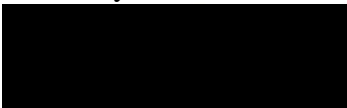
On the following page is a brief questionnaire we are sending to all 2022 candidates for Select Board, Planning Board, and Town Meeting Member. Please complete and send back the completed questionnaire promptly, or you can respond easily online at [redacted] or by scanning the QR code below.

Please include your personalized **RESPONSE CODE: [response code]**

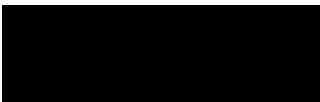
In the weeks and days before the election on April 12th, we will be broadcasting questionnaire responses to the over 800 Needham residents that have signed SQN's letter of support petition and care passionately about this issue. Our first mailing will be on April 3rd, and as such we kindly request your response by March 31st or as soon as possible.

Thank you for giving this your consideration and time. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

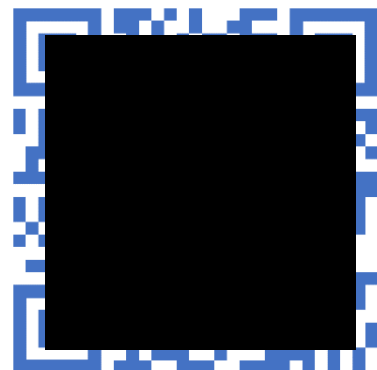
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BACKGROUND

More than 800 Needham residents have signed the Safer Quieter Needham petition. The SQN petition expresses support for improving safety at Needham's six railroad crossings while eliminating non-emergency train horns and maintaining full commuter rail service throughout Needham.

As hard as it is to believe, according to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), as of May 2021 the collision risk at Needham's road crossings is 40% worse than the national average. 40% worse!

Establishing a Quiet Zone requires installing Supplemental Safety Measures (SSMs) at each crossing. Installing the minimum required SSMs would improve the collision risk at Needham's road crossings to 40% better than the national average.

This represents a significant improvement we should want to make as a community regardless of the train horn issue. And the punishingly loud train horns have a significant and meaningful impact to the quality of life and mental health of thousands of Needham children, seniors, families, and residents.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. Do you support improving the substandard safety at Needham's railroad crossings and dramatically improving the quality of life for thousands of Needham residents by installing current safety measures and establishing a Quiet Zone?

YES NO

2. Have you signed the Safer Quieter Needham letter of support petition (available at <https://SaferQuieterNeedham.com/petition>)?

YES NO

3. Any other comments related to this topic that you wish to add?

Please send your responses back using the enclosed envelope or scan and email to SaferQuieterNeedham@gmail.com. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!