

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout my first term in office. It is a pleasure to be mayor of a city in which the citizens actively participate in assuring that our community is vibrant, friendly, and safe for all. We have been able to accomplish many of our goals set forth in my campaign, and solve many issues because of your support. These accomplishments include:

- Helping to cut labor costs for the City of Gardner
- Utilizing and promoting local business to help our city thrive
- Donating the mayor's truck to the fire department rather than purchasing a new vehicle
- Rejuvenating the downtown business area
- Fighting for local aid with State Officials
- Creating an economic development position to help fight the effects of the current recession by luring new businesses to Gardner – free of charge to the taxpayer
- Supporting and interacting with Gardner businesses to support the local economy
- Supporting Casino-Resort destinations in Massachusetts to help raise revenue that is otherwise lost to out-of-state casinos
- Encouraging participation in commissions
- Working with State Leaders to discuss ways to end the foreclosure crisis
- Frequently speaking to and working with local students to emphasize the importance of education and hard work while facing school budget deficits and fighting for educational opportunity
- Creating an easily accessible city website with up to date information about Gardner that received a recognition by the Massachusetts Common Cause which is dedicated to open government
- Aiding employees that have been laid off during this time of economic turmoil
- Supporting the creation of a greenhouse and other “green” projects around the City of Gardner
- Supporting the improvement of foster care services
- Backing the D.A.R.E. program and other initiatives for a community free of drug and alcohol abuse
- Encouraging local sports programs including signing over the city's Mechanic Street property to the local Little League turning a once polluted site into a place where youth can enjoy America's pastime
- Coordinating with the community to renovate, restore and clean local buildings and properties
- Supporting the local fire department in their initiative to create a city-run ambulance service
- Endorsing the creation of the local Northeast Veteran Training and Rehabilitation Center at Mount Wachusett Community College
- Accommodating the creation of affordable housing for low-income families by Monty Tech students allowing them to learn; a win-win
- Teaching local youth about the importance of political awareness and voting by speaking at local schools and creating internship positions for students at City Hall

- Advocating for the elimination of the income tax
- Assisting local human services groups such as supporting the emergency basic needs fund created by the United Way
- Promoting the rejuvenation of our small businesses by helping to make money available through lending and loans
- Supporting the introduction of non-profit services put on by local businesses for the City of Gardner
- Encouraging artistic growth within the youth of the community
- Combating the creation of “sober housing” close to a local bar and a lack of vested concern from SMOC, the non-profit group which would be funding the build, for the City’s well-being
- Endorsing physical fitness and taking aim at ending the youth obesity epidemic
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