

—Slug:.....COMM-0854.opin.letter.b00_straus
—Contributor.....Martha B. Straus
—Contributor email.....mstraus@antioch.edu
—For section.....Voices/Letters from readers
—Format.....Opinions - Letters to the Editor - Special 2
—Dateline.....Brattleboro
—Article Number:.....43191



Notes from editor (not for publication):



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

####BEGIN HED####

1 McLoughlin: intelligence, experience, broad perspective,
2 and tenacity

####END HED####

####BEGIN SUBHED####

3

####END SUBHED####

4 TEXT BODY:

####BEGIN TEXT####

5 I enthusiastically support Elizabeth McLoughlin's re-
6 election to the Brattleboro Selectboard.

7 I have lived and worked in the area for my entire adult
8 life, and I care deeply about our community. As a clinical
9 psychologist, I am especially concerned about the soul-sapping
10 divisiveness that seems to accompany many of the daunting

11 challenges we face — homelessness, substance abuse, domestic
12 and community violence, climate change, and crime.

13 These are complex social problems. If they were easy to
14 solve, we would have solved them.

15 My dear friend Liz McLoughlin has the intelligence,
16 experience, broad perspective, and tenacity required to move
17 ahead now. She supports One Brattleboro and the Downtown
18 Safety Action Plan — an approach that combines a fully staffed
19 police force with embedded mental-health and substance-abuse
20 professionals. This partnership allows de-escalation, dignity, and
21 prevention to guide our town’s response to crime and community
22 safety. She also serves on the Vermont Opioid Settlement
23 Advisory Committee, where she has deepened her understanding
24 of the opioid crisis and helped shape both state and local
25 responses.

26 Liz has served the Selectboard in multiple roles — clerk,
27 vice chair, chair, and member — and she is ready to continue
28 serving in whatever capacity the board needs. She has no other
29 agenda than to do this challenging work well for our beloved
30 community.

31 She understands the budget process, values
32 collaboration, and has a rare ability to stay focused on long-term
33 goals while also tending to the small but essential details. She is
34 deeply committed to helping mend the torn fabric of our town
35 and strengthening the sense of safety and connection we all
36 hunger for.

37 We need compassionate, informed leadership — now
38 more than ever. If re-elected, Liz will continue working tirelessly
39 for the people of Brattleboro.

####END TEXT####

BIO/COATTAIL:

####BEGIN BIO/COATTAIL####

40

####END BIO/COATTAIL####

LAST ISSUE IN WHICH THIS FILE CAN BE RUN:

41 **####BEGIN MAXISSUE####**
0
 ####END MAXISSUE####

LINKS:

42 **####BEGIN LINKS####**

 ####END LINKS####

VIDEO:

43 **####BEGIN VIDEO####**

 ####END VIDEO####

LOGLINE (SOCIAL MEDIA):

44 **####BEGIN LOGLINE####**

 ####END LOGLINE####