

Kristin Mercer

Candidate for Belmont City Council

Education: Master's degree in Business Management

Occupation: Belmont City Planning Commissioner

My family and I have lived in Belmont for 29 years, and for 20 years I've served our community – utilizing my professional skills to make Belmont a great place to live. Our children attended Belmont public schools, and for nine years I published PTA newsletters, led library volunteers, chaired fundraisers, and worked in the classrooms daily to help teachers. As Belmont 4-H Community Leader I challenged kids to explore their world through hands-on projects, and to grow through community service. On my Neighborhood Board I managed membership drives and published a directory to keep neighbors connected.

In my seven years on the Belmont Planning Commission I've worked to enable economic progress, while preserving the small-town qualities we value. Using my **in-depth knowledge of the City of Belmont** – our ordinances, financial structure, land-use issues, and the inner workings of City government – I have:

- Authored the draft Village plan to modernize Downtown Zoning Regulations, insure quality development, improve walkability, and enhance our small-town ambiance.
- Led the High-Speed Rail task-force to study the issues, inform residents, and fight for benefits for Belmont.
- Worked to revise outdated, unenforceable, and burdensome regulations.
- Voted consistently to protect hillsides from overdevelopment, and insure quality design standards throughout the City.

I share your love of Belmont's small-town character, family neighborhoods and open spaces. Sustaining these requires diverse revenue sources. I'm committed to:

- **Revitalizing commercial districts.** Current policies discourage business investment. We need to enable appropriately scaled commercial development to provide jobs, grow property values, and **generate revenues.**
- **Implementing a long-range plan for streets and sewers,** with a strategic, prioritized approach to address Belmont's \$80 million in deferred maintenance.
- **Addressing traffic problems** with a comprehensive plan that includes **bikes, pedestrians, and public transit** for a more sustainable future.
- **Strengthening City-School relationships.** By improving communication and working together we can find win-win solutions for mutual challenges.
- **Developing public-private partnerships to fund sports fields,** renovate the Manor and Barrett, and preserve open spaces. Recreation is vital for a healthy community, and these assets contribute to Belmont's quality of life.

My practical business sense, planning experience, and in-depth knowledge of our City government will guide Belmont toward economic progress, while protecting the small-town qualities we cherish.

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