

Eric Reed

Age 45

Father / Former Planning Commissioner / Biotechnology Program Manager

About me. My wife and I chose to settle in Belmont in 2002 because we wanted to raise our children in this idyllic community. We are the proud parents of two boys -- a kindergartner at Central and a sixth grader at Ralston -- and are active and engaged in our community, volunteering in the schools and serving as project leaders in Belmont 4-H.

Planning Commission. From March of 2008 to March of 2013, I served on the City of Belmont's Planning Commission, one year as the Chair. As a Commissioner, I voted consistently to support homeowners, businesses and schools while opposing the over-regulation of Belmont citizens.

Where I stand.

- Reform City Government. I will push to stop the practice of providing cash in lieu of healthcare benefits to Council Members. This perk costs the City over \$1500 per Council Member per month- money that could be better spent elsewhere- on roads, parks, etc. I will also push to end the lifetime healthcare benefits perk offered to Council Members who serve three or more terms.
- Reduce Over-Regulation. Belmont's citizens deserve to be free of heavy-handed regulations. I will push to reform the current tree ordinance to give more control to property owners while still protecting heritage trees. I will also work to reform the sign ordinance, which is overly restrictive.
- Economic Development. We must come up with innovative ways to attract businesses so that we can increase revenues for our City. I will push for the creation of enterprise zones where new businesses can expect an expedited approval process and discounted permit fees in exchange for following certain guidelines. I will also push to create an economic development committee and increase the economic development marketing budget. With increased revenues, the City can address Belmont's poor quality roads, upgrading the Barrett Community Center, turfing the Sports Complex and more.
- Crystal Springs School. I was the only Planning Commissioner to fully support the Crystal Springs project, which would have provided the City with much needed income. I will work to restart dialog with the school.

Your choice is straightforward: continue with the policies of the past, or push forward in a new direction—one that sees Belmont prosper so it can meet your needs and the needs of our next generation.

Vote for Eric Reed for Belmont City Council.

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