Letter to the Editor

I am Chairman of the Framingham Taxpayers Association, and my members and I

are supporting John Stefanini for Mayor for the following reasons:

John previously served as a Selectman in Framingham for six years and is familiar

with the operating structure of our community and oversaw the hundreds of

millions of dollars under his control as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

His opponent, Yvonne Spicer, lacks both experience in community government

and practical business experience. She would have to begin her “on the job

training” on January 1 if elected.

John is prepared to step in as Mayor starting on his first day in office and

implement his plan to control expenses and make Framingham a better place to

live.

Having served ten years as an elected State Representative for Framingham

he understands how as Mayor he can approach state officials for

funding, which previously was not available to Framingham under its original

town form of government

When I interviewed Ms. Spicer, she told me that in her current position

she was responsible for a three-million dollar annual budget. Our current Budget is 281 million dollars. During the new Mayor’s first four year term of

office the City’s operating budget will be over one **BILLION** dollars!

When asked about the town purchasing the Millwood golf course, Ms. Spicer

voted in favor of that investment. Luckily it was defeated by a majority of

other Town Meeting Members. The community saved 5.5 million dollars by not

making that purchase, and saved an additional one million dollars of loss every

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year the City owned and operated the golf course.

It is apparent that Ms. Spicer is not qualified to hold the position of Mayor

both from a lack of business experience as well as experience in community

government.

The fact that Ms. Spicer did not vote in local elections for twelve years

(2004-2016) she should not be seriously considered as a candidate for Mayor.

As a newly elected Town Meeting Member during her two terms, she

never participated in discussions during the meetings on school budget, town

budget or warrant articles.

I strongly believe the biggest mistake that voters can make on November 7 is to

not elect John Stefanini as Mayor of Framingham.

Nearly thirty thousand registered voters did not vote in the September primary

elections.

**SAVE** Framingham and vote for John Stefanini on November 7th.

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