

Subject: JoAnne Robertson Endorsement

Dear Editor,

I have known Joanne Robertson and her family for several years and was delighted to learn she is running for Bernardsville Borough Council. Even though I live in another county in South Jersey and only have limited knowledge of your borough's special characteristics, I thought it might be helpful if I could address Joanne the person and the amazing skills she surely would bring to any public service position, including as Councilperson

For those who don't know her, I can state categorically that she is a person of high integrity and enormous energy which she matches very well with her compassion for those in need and helpless to find solutions. Joanne is a "can do" person who is not afraid to throw herself into difficult and complex tasks. She is quick-witted and not afraid to stand by her principles and has a deep background in finance, education and healthcare. Just the type of traits that most local governments are looking for in their council representatives. Setting aside partisan perspectives, in the coming years all levels of government will be facing unprecedented challenges in balancing budgets and allocating services no matter who is elected in November. Leaders with Joanne's traits and skills will ever more needed.

I sincerely believe Joanne would serve the Borough Council with distinction and heartily endorse her.

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