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## SELECT BOARD

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## FINAL STATEMENT

No final response received

## QUESTIONS ~ LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

*In what ways do you think the pandemic will shape the future governance of Bedford?*

The way I see the pandemic shaping Bedford's future governance should be a return to the Tabula Rasa. Our residents don't need an overreaching municipal body interfering in their lives anymore. Epically, this year-long pandemic has seen vulgar abuse of power, both state and federal, over an individual choice. My policy moving forward is to make Bedford a more relaxed town where the individual has the final say over their life and family. Often, we have seen throughout generations that the government is the problem, nor is it the solution. So, in the future, I think it's best for all forms of government and organizations to relax once we can end this dammed pandemic and let the person rule their ultimate destiny rather than the state. Also, coming to the future comes to the safety risk outside this pandemic, especially around the new progressive movement across the country that comes from this pandemic. If I am indeed elected, I will 100% stand behind our law enforcement to maintain our way of life from these new interferences brought on my mobs and maintain the rule of law that our country has preserved for some 250 plus years.

*Given the Select Board's responsibility for the town's municipal facilities and infrastructure, how you work with the Planning Board to ensure changes to the municipal infrastructure are integrated into the Planning Board's comprehensive long-term plan?*

In terms of infrastructure, I will hear the planning board's advice and incorporate that into my decision-making. The residents of this town's voice also must be heard as well; with Bedford growing in demand for homeowner's and everyday workers, a new infrastructure plan must be achieved. This becomes essential for traffic in our town grows by there, and we must make our town safe and effective to travel through.

## INITIAL STATEMENT

### Why Government?

"People are trapped in history, and history is trapped in them," as the renowned author James Baldwin would put it, but now more than ever in the year of our lord 2021 has our species to address this question. Within the past two years, our race as a whole has broken history to an all time extreme. To the point where we may never be able to cope with ourselves or accept the cold reality of which humanity and the god created the world in which we live. That is why when our species first formed, we had the divine intelligence to arise, groups. From that came tribes, from tribes came civilization, from civilization came kingdoms, from kingdoms came colonies, from colonies came Democracy, from Democracy came the American. The living body testament of true freedom, universal justice, and protected liberty came. With this sequence, it has become appropriate to ask why the government? Why this creation, Why has our history changed the government's throughout human existence.

One thousand seven hundred seventy-five at this very Town I call home, and I stand at this stage running a political for this Town's people. Did our forefathers come together in rebellion and shook the world on a cold April morning. With one bullet fired from a name last to history, we created the most significant land in human history. With that long march from Bedford to Concord, the founders of Town carried our great flag into battle to martyr for the land that would become The United States, and that is why our Town, from its conception, had stood for the right way of life. Now I ask everyone here why government? Why not descend to a brutish state as Hobbes thought we would? Why did we come to start and find American Democracy? Perhaps our answers lie with the original covenant with our creator, and that "Love thy Neighbor." In this covenant, we created a system that made inclusive responsibility between The Unitary state, the 50 states, and local people to all protect each other. This divine law has taken a knife to its jugular in our modern world as it slowly bleeds out. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am running in this race to close this wound and restore our tradition, but I am not asking you to respond with your full-fledged support to the state. No, I am asking you each as individuals to act collectively to restore that covenant.

The government should not be controlled by five persons who run your Town. It belongs with you, the individual, to protect your liberties and to protect your neighbors. We are in this Town of what the living embodiment of Americans and our nation should be. As James Joyce put it in Ulysses, "A nation? Says Bloom. A nation is the same people living in the same place by God". People of Bedford are some of the first Americans, and we must look to preserve that tradition.

The year 2020 tore us apart in many ways and asked us all to look and see what a compelling government is. Many in our Town turned against its heroes, blaming our tremendous law enforcement for wrongdoings elsewhere and showing disrespect to those who protect our neighbors—asking our government to ruin the economic independence of families asking them to shut down their doors. My campaign will not do that but will relax

these wrongdoings, putting the person in charge since they know what is best for their family rather than the Town. We shall not turn our backs and disrespect those who uphold the laws of this land and protect our neighbors. The final remark I want to leave you all here today comes from Henry David Thoreau, our friendly neighbor from Concord "That government is best which governs least." Thank You, God Bless