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Council Team to “Keep New Brunswick Moving Forward”

New Brunswick Democratic Organization votes to endorse Betsy Garlatti, Glenn Fleming and John Anderson as party’s candidates for City Council

New Brunswick, NJ – Following a week of candidate screening, members of New Brunswick’s Democratic Organization voted Thursday to formally endorse Elizabeth “Betsy” Sheehan Garlatti, Glenn J. Fleming Sr. and John A. Anderson to represent the organization for City Council in the June 5 primary election. Garlatti will seek another term on the Council, while Fleming and Anderson hope to fill the seats of Councilmen Robert Recine and Jimmie Cook, who both plan to retire at the end of their terms later this year.

“The committee was gratified by the quality of the interested applicants. They brought a broad base of ideas and impressive qualifications,” explained TK Shamy, Chairman of the New Brunswick Democratic Organization.

The screening committee was made up of eight members from the organization’s executive board and membership. Five candidates appeared before the committee and articulated their views on the challenges and the future of New Brunswick.

“We were impressed by the depth and abilities of those who screened. Betsy’s service on the Council and as Council President for three years made her a clear choice,” added Shamy. “Mr. Fleming and Mr. Anderson demonstrated they know our City well – our neighborhoods, our people, and what’s needed to keep New Brunswick moving forward. Their significant involvement in the community also made a strong, positive impression on our members.” All three candidates were born and raised in New Brunswick.

As new candidates, both Fleming and Anderson are accomplished educators and coaches. Fleming is a teacher in the Hamilton Township school district and has worked in education since 1997. Fleming is an Elder and ordained minister at New Brunswick’s Abundant Life Family Worship Church, with over 3,000 congregants. He is also the founder and organizer of a group of students where he teaches leadership skills and gang resistance to at-risk teens.

Anderson is the Principal of St. Joseph High School in Metuchen. For most of his life he has been an active member of Sacred Heart Church, within the New Brunswick’s Unity Square neighborhood. At Sacred Heart he served as former Parish Council President, athletics coach, and youth advisor with the CYO. He has also held many active memberships in the community.

(Complete bios of all three candidates are attached)

New Brunswick City Council Member Elizabeth "Betsy" Sheehan Garlatti

❖ Career Highlights

- Helping create jobs, economic development, more parking and enhanced services for residents in her key role on the City's Planning Board which enabled the Gateway project and the Wellness Center to come to fruition.
- Fighting to preserve vital municipal services while keeping local property taxes among the lowest in all of Middlesex County.
- Despite challenging economic times, continued to invest in state of the art training and equipment to support our City's police, firefighters and first responders.
- Encouraging continued neighborhood, park and street improvements, clean-up programs and beautification projects.
- Expanding the City's successful services for senior citizens.
- Creating more affordable and quality housing opportunities for seniors, college students and working families.

❖ GENERAL INFO

- ⇒ Born and raised in New Brunswick. Both her father, Daniel M. Sheehan, Sr. and her mother, Patricia Q. Sheehan have served the City as elected officials.
- ⇒ First appointed to the City Council to fill an unexpired term in January 2004.
 - Re-elected in 2008. Selected to serve as Council President from 2007- 2010. Represents the Council on the City's Planning Board.
- ⇒ Married to Louis A. Garlatti, Jr. They have one son, Peter.
- ⇒ Graduated from Benedictine Academy in 1976, received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980, and a Master of Arts from Rutgers University in 1982.
- ⇒ Worked for ten years at Rutgers University in the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs.
- ⇒ Joined Governor Florio's administration in 1991 and served as Policy Advisor for Higher Education and Science & Technology.
- ⇒ Recruited in 1994 by the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine to start up the Office of Sponsored Programs Services.
- ⇒ Betsy served as the Executive Director of the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, a basic science research institute within the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, which focuses on recruiting faculty and raising funds for program development in the area of developmental biology.
- ⇒ Currently works for the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education
- ⇒ Served on Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Metuchen.
- ⇒ Served on Board of Directors of the George Street Playhouse.

New Brunswick City Council Candidate Glenn J. Fleming, Sr.

❖ ACCOMPLISHED EDUCATOR & COMMUNITY LEADER

- ↘ Offering a strong historical and political science background and 16 years of professional education experience.
- ↘ Led a campaign to save one of the State's oldest Catholic Schools.
- ↘ Founder and Organizer of the after-school activities club, "Talented Tenth Leadership Organization" at Hamilton High School. The program teaches leadership and gang resistance to at-risk teens.
- ↘ Ordained Minister at Abundant Life Family Worship Church in New Brunswick.

❖ GENERAL INFO

- ⇒ B.A. degree in Political Science, emphasis in Law and African American Studies, Upsala College, East Orange, NJ (1993).
 - o Served as Student Government Association President from 1991 -1993
 - o Founded and served as President of the African American Leadership Council
 - o 4 year letter winner for football, Captain in 1991.
- ⇒ Elder/Ordained Minister, Abundant Life Family Worship Church, New Brunswick
 - o The church is a vital cog in New Brunswick, with over 3,000 members.
 - o The church has aided in the improvement of the spiritual and social fabric of the community.
- ⇒ Educator with the Hamilton Township and East Orange public school districts.
 - o Social Studies, Economics and Law teacher of various grades, and responsible for educating special needs children.
 - o Founder of a group of students teaching leadership skills and gang resistance.
- ⇒ Leader of the "Save St. Peters" Campaign in New Brunswick.
 - o Served as a leader of a campaign to save what was at the time the oldest Catholic School in New Jersey.
 - o Responsible for organizing and co-facilitating all meetings, communicate with media and supervise all relevant activities associated with campaign.
- ⇒ Head Varsity and Assistant Coach in basketball, football, tennis and fencing.
 - o Awarded "Coach of the Year" a number of times and has served as a mentor to students who have participated in the various sports programs.

New Brunswick City Council Candidate John A. Anderson

❖ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Former New Brunswick Parks Counselor and Library Bookmobile Driver
- Active Softball Team Player: City of New Brunswick Softball League
- New Brunswick Parking Authority Commissioner
- Past Grand Knight and active member, New Brunswick Knights of Columbus, Council #257
- President, New Brunswick Columbian Club Foundation, Scholarship Chairman
- Member, New Brunswick Elks #324, delivers food baskets from surrogate and friends at Christmas to New Brunswick residents

❖ GENERAL INFO

- ⇒ B. A. Degree in History/Education (1974); M.A. in Educational Administration (1993) from St. Peter's College, Jersey City NJ
 - o Certification: Elementary, Social Studies, Principal/Supervisor
 - o Active in Student Education Association, campus radio/TV and Varsity Tennis
- ⇒ Attended Sacred Heart Grammar School, New Brunswick
- ⇒ Currently Serving as Principal at St. Joseph High School, Metuchen NJ
 - o Oversees the daily operations of the school
 - o Responsible for recruiting new faculty and faculty evaluations
 - o Oversees Middle States Certification and Reports to Diocese, Provincial & Districts
 - o Administers School Budget with the President
 - o Former Assistant Principal/Dean of Students
- ⇒ Former Assistant Principal at Mater Dei High School, New Monmouth NJ
- ⇒ Former Dept. Head, Coach and Teacher at St. Peters Elementary, New Brunswick
- ⇒ Former Teacher, St. Peters High School, New Brunswick
- ⇒ Former Substitute and Student Teacher, New Brunswick High School
- ⇒ Award-winning former advisor/interim moderator at Sacred Heart CYO
 - o Coach of the Year Award, Basketball and Volleyball CYO
 - o Selected Top Advisor in Middlesex County, winner of the "For God & Youth Award"
- ⇒ Former Parish Council President, Sacred Heart Parish Church, New Brunswick
 - o Currently serving as an Usher
 - o Former Athletic Association President, Coach, and Central City Representative