



VOICES OF THE PEOPLE

Selected Quotes from Campaign Supporters

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FOR
CHANGE
IN
BROCKTON

“It is exciting to see new faces emerge with the potential to lead Brockton towards a very bright future. As a local entrepreneur, homeowner, community activist, and father, Jass Stewart has demonstrated a commitment to better understanding the diverse needs of this community and to crafting a ‘roadmap for the future.’ My wife, Cindy, and I are very excited to serve as co-chairs for the Jass Stewart Committee. I look forward to the many fresh perspectives and creative ideas Jass Stewart will no doubt present to Brockton, and inspire in us, throughout the campaign.”

- Eddie Byers, Brockton native, Owner of Brockton-based Custom Blends, Co-Chair of The Jass Stewart Committee

“My husband and I have lived in Brockton for almost 20 years. We are very happy in our neighborhood. However, we are looking for change. Everything in this city – home values, insurance, taxes, you name it – is going up, while people’s paychecks are staying the same. Whether it’s helping homeowners like us afford to make home improvements or it’s thinking through ways to provide affordable healthcare, Jass Stewart is the only politician I’ve met who has a real plan to help working-class Brocktonians do more with what we have.”

- Ginny Lowe, Brockton resident and mother of three

“My work centers on the belief that practitioners – members and leaders of the community – have a wealth of knowledge about their communities and how to make them work better. From our experience in the field, the best laid plans for urban development begin with the ideas and participation of everyday people who are empowered to make real change. As a former Research Fellow at MIT, I know that Jass Stewart is committed to this ground-up philosophy because he’s witnessed and learned from its successes first-hand.”

- Dr. Ceasar McDowell, Associate Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning; and Director, The Center for Reflective Community Practice, MIT

“When Jass moved to our neighborhood about five years ago, everything started to click. His son and my son became best friends. And a lot of the families on the block started to reach out to each other. To be frank, I think our neighborhood changed because Jass had the interest and took the time to walk from house to house to simply say hello to the person next door. Ever since that day, he’s has been a good neighbor who I am proud to call a friend.”

- Michael Wish, Brockton resident and small business owner

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“I really feel like a lot of the big issues in Brockton are ignored. People talk about the landfill, that young people don’t care, or that Brockton has a bad reputation. But not a lot of people are talking about why we have a landfill in our city in the first place, or why young people don’t have more pride for our city. What I like about Jass Stewart is that he’s honest enough to take on the real issues. And he’s brave enough to take on the people who are making it rich off of Brockton’s problems – at the expense of everyday people like you and me.”

- Lissy Burgos, Brockton resident and Champion Charter School graduate

“A strong City of Brockton is also a tremendous asset to people living in the Greater Brockton area. Jass Stewart’s forward-thinking ideas will help the City of Brockton be the strong economic leader, premiere education center, and cultural capital that people throughout the area hope to have as their neighbor. It’s clear to me that a renaissance for the City of Brockton is on the horizon, and I believe Jass Stewart will help to transform the vision into reality.”

- Rev. Eric M. Cherry, Parish Minister, Unity Church of North Easton, Massachusetts

“When I came to the US from Cape Verde nine years ago, I was an eight grade student at East Junior High School. I didn't speak a word of English, and I had to learn a lot about American culture. But, through hard work, a belief in the American dream, and the support of my family, I attended Bridgewater State College as an undergraduate student with a full academic scholarship; I’m now a graduate student there. I believe in Jass Stewart's campaign because I know he has a vision and a plan to turn my ‘American story’ into a ‘Brockton story’ for a lot of people in our city who are on the outside looking in.”

- Admar Semedo, Brockton resident and Bridgewater State College graduate student