



CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF STEVEN HAYNES

My name is Steven Haynes, and I'm running for Dover city council. I am a retired advertising executive having worked 32 years for the same company. I am currently the Dover Bay Property owner's association president and voluntarily serve to represent my fellow owners, uphold the rules that govern the planned urban development and practice good financial responsibility overseeing the budget.

I still believe the purpose of government is to serve the people. An ideal many believe is lost in today's political environment. I'm running because I believe I can represent the fine people of Dover and steward the community in a way that makes it better for everyone. The Dover city budget will be positively impacted when the DURA fund ends around 2029. I would like to be part of the short, and long range, planning for how those funds can be used to improve infrastructure and services for all of Dover.

I would describe myself as fiscally responsible. I am part of the team here at Dover Bay that have worked to reduce the budget, renegotiate most of the service contracts, build a better relationship with the city of Dover, improved transparency to our owners and completed some much-needed maintenance in the first three months of our term. I would also describe myself as socially responsible.

For Dover you must be a bit progressive due to the growth. Is the city government progressing at the rate of growth, while conservatively slowing that growth, so it doesn't overrun the infrastructure and capabilities of services. Think of it as driving a car, you can't use the gas pedal without the brakes and vice versa. I would be a candidate that seeks input. Yes, there is a contact us link on the Dover city website, but I believe in three points of contact. If elected I would provide my phone number, my email address and show up in the

neighborhoods of Dover. I do this now as president of the HOA and it's a great way to learn about people's opinions, concerns, and feelings.

I try to live my life with a strong sense of accountability. If you do what's right, there's less to apologize for. And when you're wrong, admit it, make amends, and move forward. You don't have to worry about any conflicts of interest with me. If an issue were to arise that created a conflict between city council and Dover Bay, I would recuse myself from the vote. Remember, no politician ever gets everything they want, but an effective politician usually gets a version of what they want.
I'm asking for your vote.

Sincerely,

Steven Haynes