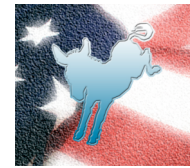


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Dear absentee voter,

2007 is a critical year for the Town of Dryden. While the media covers the presidential race nonstop, the future of our quality of life in Dryden - including land use planning, recreation, taxes and justice - will be decided this November 6th.

Local races are often decided by tiny margins, so your vote truly counts! We have the chance to strengthen our town's government with experienced candidates ready to help Dryden residents improve our community. The Dryden Democrats have nominated two incumbents and two new candidates who will bring professional experience, energy and initiative to Dryden's government.

Mary Ann Sumner, our candidate for Town Supervisor, will give this part-time job her full-time attention. Retired from a career in nonprofit business management, she has served on the Town Board for two years. She has worked to strengthen the Town's finances by actively reviewing its accounting and by making the Town budget more understandable to taxpayers. Mary Ann is passionate about preserving Dryden's agriculture and rural beauty, while strengthening our commercial centers.

David Makar, is finishing his first year on the Town Board, and running for reelection to follow through on projects he's making happen. An Eagle Scout, entrepreneur and volunteer firefighter, David has been creative and energetic in bringing new resources and business development into Dryden. He has championed funding for Dryden's community centers, resulting in the allocation of \$35,000 in grants just this month.

Joseph Solomon, an independent candidate running for his first term on the Town Board, is a structural engineer. His project management experience and engineering expertise will guide the Board through the many complicated projects they face regularly. Joe will be a major asset as the Town and its villages pursue sewer and water upgrades and possible expansions of coverage.

Jason Leifer, running for Town Justice, is a licensed attorney and practicing public defender. He is committed to prosecuting and incarcerating criminals, and he would use all the sentencing options available to the court. Jason will bring a calm, reasonable temperament to the bench, impose appropriate bails and sentences, and work effectively with law enforcement.

Thank you for taking time to participate in our democracy! Please be sure to vote!

Thank you very much for your time,

Simon St. Laurent
Chair, Dryden Democrats