



All the Huntington Town Candidates Support Affordable Housing

On September 27th, all the candidates for Huntington Town Supervisor and Town Board appeared in a live panel discussion hosted by the Huntington Township Housing Coalition, during which each agreed that the Town needs more affordable homes. While they saw the need for more parking and infrastructure such as sewers, they also saw Huntington's need for more affordable housing.

Some opponents of more affordable housing argue that Huntington has reached its population limit and cannot absorb more housing.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: IS THE TOWN FULL?

TOWN SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

GENE COOK: "No we are not full, but we are ... close. Ten years ago, the lowest price of a home in Huntington was \$89,000. Now [the lowest priced homes are] five under \$400,000 and two of them you can't live in. We have to have a balance...."

REBECCA SANIN: "I don't think we are full. We need to look at our traffic. [But] we need to welcome people to come here and have a structure, a plan, to do that. We are closing schools because of a lack of population...."

ED SMYTH: "No, the town is not full. The septic system is full, our intersections are full...Schools are not full...Our housing is a birth-control policy. We have so much over 55 housing that we have a lack of children in our schools."



Columbia Terrace affordable veterans housing in Huntington Station

TOWN BOARD CANDIDATES

DAVID BENNARDO: "We can't close down for business. Huntington is a beautiful place to live. People will never want to stop living here. We don't want them to stop."

SAL FERRO: "I don't think the town is full...We need to look at a master plan. If we don't develop, we die."

JENNIFER HEBERT: "It's wonderful that so many people want to come to Huntington. We need to have balance.... There are places in town where there are more opportunities for people to live."

JOSEPH SCHRAM: "We are not full...I would like to downsize to move to a 55 plus community. We have to ... to create flow [in our housing opportunities.]"