

## Rosario Platform and Key Issues

<p>Enhance and Protect Our Ward's Quality of Life</p>	<p><b>What:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's keep our Ward vibrant, healthy, and <u>inclusive</u> – a place where <u>all</u> Ithacans can continue to be neighbors with safe, easy access to goods and services.</li> </ul> <p><b>How:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore worthy proposals such as a Community Housing Trust that keeps Ithaca <u>affordable</u> generation after generation, while generating equity for the homeowners.</li> <li>• Protect our Ward's fragile borders where high impact commercial and residential zones meet.</li> <li>• Enhance the City's communication with residents regarding zoning variance requests so that we understand, in plain language, what the implications are for our neighborhoods.</li> <li>• Build on City's efforts to address our infrastructure's deferred maintenance.</li> <li>• Ensure our Ward's streets and sidewalks are <u>bike and pedestrian friendly</u>, as well as <u>accessible to all</u>.</li> </ul>
<p>Promote Balanced Development</p>	<p><b>What:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on <u>limiting sprawl</u> by nurturing a compact, vibrant Ward that encourages alternatives to driving, <u>supports our businesses</u> and gives us <u>more choices</u>.</li> </ul> <p><b>How:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use development tools at our disposal <u>as merited</u> and <u>with accountability safeguards</u>.</li> <li>• Continue to actively recruit businesses that provide or attract other businesses providing essential goods and services for downtown residents.</li> <li>• Implement the vision of a <u>mixed income residential new neighborhood</u> in the City's southwest that is integrated into our public transit system, as well as be pedestrian and bike friendly.</li> </ul>
<p>Ensure Fiscal Accountability</p>	<p><b>What:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have an obligation to be good stewards of our limited financial resources, and use them judiciously.</li> <li>• Our tax burden threatens the diversity of our neighborhoods.</li> </ul> <p><b>How:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a thoughtful and hard look at our budget, and determine where we can leverage inter-municipal, agency and taxing entity cooperation to <u>share and save resources</u> and <u>reduce our tax burden</u>.</li> <li>• Support current efforts to adjust state assistance to municipalities like Ithaca that have a disproportionate amount of tax-exempt property.</li> <li>• Continue to move away from borrowing to pay for operating expenses; and aim to be strategic and prudent with our spending.</li> </ul>