

Stop the Power hears from voters; gathers information and endorses candidates for Brockton office.

October 20, 2015 -- Stop the Power, a truly independent voice that derives no income and accepts no donations is a Brockton based grass roots advocacy group with over 4,000 followers and growing on Facebook. We have enjoyed a decade of resident participation, communication and collaboration and have released a citywide mailing to all Brockton registered voters and businesses. We aim to fill a tremendous void of transparency and information in the community.

This is the culmination of years of data collection and an unbiased reflection of the track records of local politicians that have best advocated for residents opposed to a power plant. The developers of this power plant financed and positioned Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter for political office. When he became mayor, they then entered into an unlawful agreement with the now Mayor Bill Carpenter that circumvented Brockton's ordinances, laws, city council and form of government.

Stop the Power's endorsement process cuts through the rhetoric and high profile endorsement stunts others rely on. The entire body of work of the candidates is most important. Our endorsements shine light on the fact that well timed statements made in the media on the eve of election are just that, well timed. Stop the Power endorses those with sustained commitments and sensitive response to resident concerns. We endorse those that have fought for transparency to inform citizens, as well as offer exposure of the true positions behind closed doors and executive sessions of certain elected officials in Brockton.

The Brockton power plant is proposed for a location near Main Street, many homes, senior living towers, and the Davis Elementary School. For years residents have been adamantly opposed to this plant. Mayor Bill Carpenter has worked to politically temper and conceal his zealous support for the power plant. He has played on the fears of residents while simultaneously accepting thousands of dollars in political donations from these developers.

The candidates that have best exemplified their commitment to residents and opposition to a company that is not only tying the city of Brockton in a frivolous lawsuit to gain leverage but also prey upon a vulnerable community are:

Chris MacMillan: Mayor of Brockton

Susan Nicastro: Councilor at Large

Moises Rodrigues: Councilor at Large

Robert Sullivan: Councilor at Large

Tom Sedell: Ward 1 Councilor

Stop the Power partnered with Stand Up for Brockton and Reverend Mark Oliver of the Trinity Baptist Church, Brockton. We traveled to Linden, New Jersey and Atlantic City NJ to highlight the fallout and the false promises of riches that power plants and casinos leave behind in their host communities. Mayor Bill Carpenter has neglected his duty as an elected official by failing to confront and present the very real downsides to residents. He has been, one sided and tone deaf as an elected official. **During his trip to Atlantic City, Rev. Mark Oliver said, "We should all be warned and look for leaders who will raise the bar in Brockton and not lower it."** This mailing is a result of our work, our strong community collaborations and an effort to provide real transparency to this issue. Watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/139612182>

We aim to inform residents of the candidates most committed to advocacy of positive change and to standing up to an unlawful agreement that circumvented our government and residents. We believe a vote for these candidates is a vote for positive change and progress come Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

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