

Biography

Councilor Joseph Gunn, Ward 3

Joe Gunn is the city councilor serving Ward 3. He was first elected in 2019 and was reelected in 2021. He currently serves as the council liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission for the 2023-24 term.

Joe was born in Portland, and grew up attending South Portland and Saco schools. He is a graduate of Thornton Academy, class of 1999, and attended the University of Maine at Orono, class of 2003. Joe has worked in the customer service industry and recently was employed with his parents' distribution business for several years.

Away from council, Joe is an active member of the York County and Saco Democratic Committees, where he supports efforts to recruit and elect Democrats to public office and to educate voters on the issues of the day.

As a councilor, Joe's biggest focus has been reforming the structure of local government to make it more responsive to the needs of all of Saco's residents. It is his desire that more residents will run for office or volunteer to serve on a municipal board, believing that more voices involved in the process will lead to greater trust in government, better economic opportunities for our residents, and a more dynamic community that blends local pride with welcoming new voices and perspectives.

In his personal time, Joe's interests include politics, history, astronomy, and classic films. His favorite examples of leadership and daring come from John Adams and Theodore Roosevelt. He credits his mom for teaching him from a young age that politics and civics are noble pursuits that allow the ordinary person to help people they may never know live better lives.

Joe also loves The Muppets and thinks they are a great example for our nation's youth.