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Candidate for Councilor for District 22
Halifax Regional Municipality
Elections 2008

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I live in Timberlea with my wife, Iona and son, Nicholas. We have a blended family of four children and one granddaughter. I am 43 and have worked for the city of Halifax and then HRM for 20 years. I came here from Falmouth to attend Dalhousie University. I am a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and vice-president of unit 1, CUPE local 108. I am currently on an unpaid leave of absence from my job as a playground technician as per the Municipal Elections Act. This is a very serious decision for my family but I hope it shows how **passionate** I am.

I know I can make a difference. I wanted to effect change in 2004. There were six other candidates running against the incumbent. I did not want to divide the vote further. Still **wanting to make a difference**, I chose instead to run for school board. I placed a "respectable" second. I am not running just to change jobs.

In my role as vice-president, I am **comfortable making decisions** on votes when it is crucial - knowing I make it with the best interests of those I represent. I **speak my mind** when I believe my voice needs to be heard and have received encouragement by both management and the union when I do. I am very skilled at **consensus building** and this is a skill desperately needed at Council. I will act as a liaison between the decision making level and where the work actually gets done. This is something that has been missing. I have shown **leadership** in different ways, in different situations at work as a chair person of the joint OHS committee, and in church as a choir member or armour bearer to Pastor Lennett Anderson JR. In church I learned I have **a heart for service**.

Allow me the honour and privilege of serving you as your representative for District 22.

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For many voters, the super city has been anything but super. We do not feel we are being represented and in the case of the area from Prospect Road out to Glen Margaret even outright ignored. Many councillors have put in their best to move from a collection of different councils to one HRM but now they have lost their way. Witness the commonwealth games bid, the cat bylaw debate, competition with Moncton for big outdoor concerts and recently, the fire boat crash. People have grown weary of politics. **It is time for change.**