

Michael Gutowski (D), Final Candidate Statement, Tax Collector



I am honored to be running for the Office of Tax Collector for Easton because I am passionate about finance, accounting, and helping the community of Easton, where I live with my family. I am excited to bring the skills and best practices from multiple industries in private and public accounting to the tax collector's office.

My goal is simple: Gain efficiencies, automate, enhance internal controls, and provide continuous improvement, while delivering world class customer service to residents of Easton. Simply put, I am not satisfied with status quo operations, and I believe there are improvements we can make to improve the quality of service and increase the value of the Tax Collector's Office.

There is always room for improvement. We must strive to improve every day. My top priorities are great service, automated, and streamlined process and the collection of the more than \$2M in outstanding taxes and interest. The tax collector's office will always work with residents during challenging times. Much of the outstanding taxes and interest have been delinquent for quite a long time. We will work out plans to ensure past due amounts are paid and put those funds to good use for our town.

I promise my Easton neighbors the same thing I promise to my clients, 100% of my

efforts will be dedicated to helping you. Thank you to those of you that opened your doors to talk with me over the past months. I look forward to meeting those whose acquaintances I have not yet met. Thank you in advance for your support and vote on November 2.