

A strong record

Here's a small sample of what Marc has done for Park Ridge residents during his first few months in office as an alderman:

☑ **Fought Residential Water Rate Increases**
Original plans for new water rates contained assumptions that inflated charges for 81% of customers. Marc led the effort in the City Council to craft a more equitable solution for all Park Ridge residents. His work helped save 10,000 homeowners more than \$45 per year.

☑ **Improved School Zone Safety**
By working with concerned parents of Maine South students, Marc helped raise the profile of safety issues at the Talcott crossing, leading to the eventual funding of a crossing guard.

☑ **Cleared Tree Maintenance Backlog**
Marc successfully fought to reprioritize \$30,000 in funding to prune and remove city trees that presented known safety hazards.

☑ **Challenged Fleet Management Practices**
Marc pushed city staff to re-examine and reduce vehicle replacement requests. In the process, he also uncovered a cache of unsold vehicles being stored in the old Public Works Service Center.

☑ **Demanded Responsible Investments**
Rather than settling for "intangible" arguments from city staff, Marc continues to call for formal cost-benefit analysis of all major capital projects, including the proposed \$3.5 million automated water meter reading program.

A clear choice

☑ **Marc Mazzuca has been a relentless advocate for Park Ridge taxpayers and a vocal opponent of government waste.**
Instead of looking for opportunities to improve efficiency and delivery of city services, Marc's opponent (Vincent LaVecchia) is focused on growing government revenues.

☑ **Marc believes that local government should be transparent, accessible, and focused on non-partisan problem-solving.**
His opponent uses his campaign Twitter feed to distribute his strong partisan views, focusing on downstate and national politics instead of the local issues facing Park Ridge residents.

☑ **Marc is working to improve the city's financial management, and is keeping all responsible options on the table.**
His opponent favors trading higher taxes today (even for seniors and struggling homeowners) for the promise of savings in the distant future, saying that he will not support "kicking the can down the road" under any circumstances.

☑ **Marc doesn't think Park Ridge needs to be more like Rosemont or Chicago.**
His opponent says that "most people his age... go to Rosemont and Edison Park."

☑ **Marc wants to maintain a level playing field for all businesses in Park Ridge.**
His opponent wants to create (and serve on) a special team to help "encourage" new business investment, but is silent on how much taxpayer money he wants to use for encouragement.

No fuzzy math.

No empty slogans.

No insider deals.

No partisan agenda.



**Just plenty of hard
work building a
better Park Ridge.**



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Meet the candidate

On June 18, 2012, the Park Ridge City Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Marc Mazzuca to fill the empty 6th Ward aldermanic seat. Prior to his appointment, Marc provided a detailed questionnaire to the mayor's selection committee to explain his qualifications, vision, and priorities for Park Ridge, which are summarized below:

What characteristics, qualifications, and experiences do you have that support your candidacy for alderman?

- **Park Ridge resident since 1981** and Maine South class of 1993
- **University of Chicago MBA with Finance and Economics specializations** plus a BA (Economics) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Years of private-sector work in financial analysis and risk management roles** in the banking industry
- **Years of service** as a board member and treasurer for a local condo association with an annual budget of more than \$2 million

What do you consider the 5 most important city services in order of importance?

- Emergency services (fire and police)
- Infrastructure maintenance/improvement
- Public library programs and resources
- Community preservation and development
- Transparent communication of local government activity in the Spokesman newsletter, parkridge.us, and cable access

What are the 5 most significant problems facing the City of Park Ridge ranked in order of significance?

- Addressing the city's financial issues without compromising the health, safety, and welfare of residents
- Holding city staff accountable for the level/quality of service they provide
- Long-range infrastructure planning that considers changing community needs
- Responsible management of city's role in economic development
- Limiting the negative impacts of the O'Hare Modernization Program

Identify the 3 most pressing issues that are unique or of special significance to the 6th Ward ranked in order of importance?

- Public utility failures, including unreliable electric service and sewer backups
- Pedestrian safety issues, especially near Southwest Park and Maine South
- Prioritization of O'Hare sound insulation projects when funds are made available

Note: After walking through the ward and speaking with our neighbors during the campaign, I would now also include the following items:

- Monitoring progress of the proposed Higgins Road convention center/hotel development, including analysis of its impact on neighboring areas in Park Ridge
- Review of neighborhood traffic/parking and water/sewer system impacts from the proposed Centennial Pool expansion

What would you do to assist existing businesses in Park Ridge? Do you support the City's giving tax dollars to private organizations or businesses?

While the city should make it simple and straightforward to operate a business in Park Ridge, I do not think it should provide any extraordinary financial assistance to private organizations or businesses.

The city should ensure that its transportation and utility infrastructure is sufficient to support a thriving business community. Beyond that, I do not think the City of Park Ridge needs to spend tax dollars on external marketing efforts or in-house economic development staff in order to encourage business development.

What are the most important attributes of Park Ridge? What threatens these attributes most? What would help Park Ridge be a better community to live in?

The people who choose to live and work in our community are the most important attributes of Park Ridge. Actions which cause those people to become disengaged and disinterested in the work of bettering our community are a significant threat to the city. Raising the level of engagement and interest in civic matters among the people that live and work here would be a great benefit to our community.

Vote for Marc Mazzuca

- ☒ Early voting begins March 25th
- ☒ Election Day is April 9th