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Alba announces bid for re-election

SMITHFIELD - Suzy Alba, the first-term councilwoman - and top vote-getter in the 2012 election - has announced she is running for re-election. She will kick off her campaign at an outdoor event open to residents, families, and supporters on Sunday, July 20, at The Last Resort on Farnum Pike.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Smithfield," said Alba. "I am proud to live in this wonderful town, and I would welcome the opportunity to serve another term and continue my work on behalf of all of our hard-working citizens."

Alba, who donated her entire council stipend of \$4,000 to local nonprofit organizations, along with purchasing refreshments and seat cushions for Town Council meetings, said she was instrumental in forging the first-ever agreement in which Bryant University will compensate the town \$25,000 each quarter for costs incurred for providing police, fire and rescue services to campus.

For the first time in several years, the council recently passed a budget that includes no tax increases for the upcoming year, and a significant increase to the school department budget.



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Alba was the only council member to serve on the Smithfield Public Schools Citizens Advisory Group that worked to institute full-day kindergarten, increase the number of advancement placement courses offered to high school students, invest in music education, and implement technology infrastructure upgrades across the district.

Running for her first elected position in 2012, Alba ran on a platform that focused on promoting open, honest and ethical government practices, as well as investing in public education and promoting economic and business development initiatives.

Alba, who holds a bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College where she also currently serves as an adjunct professor, says she is in the process of exploring building a dog park in town and will work to create a leadership program for young girls in Smithfield.

"I am passionate about the town of Smithfield, and my husband and I look forward to raising our family here," said Alba. "It would be an honor to continue to serve a town that I believe has a bright and very promising future."

