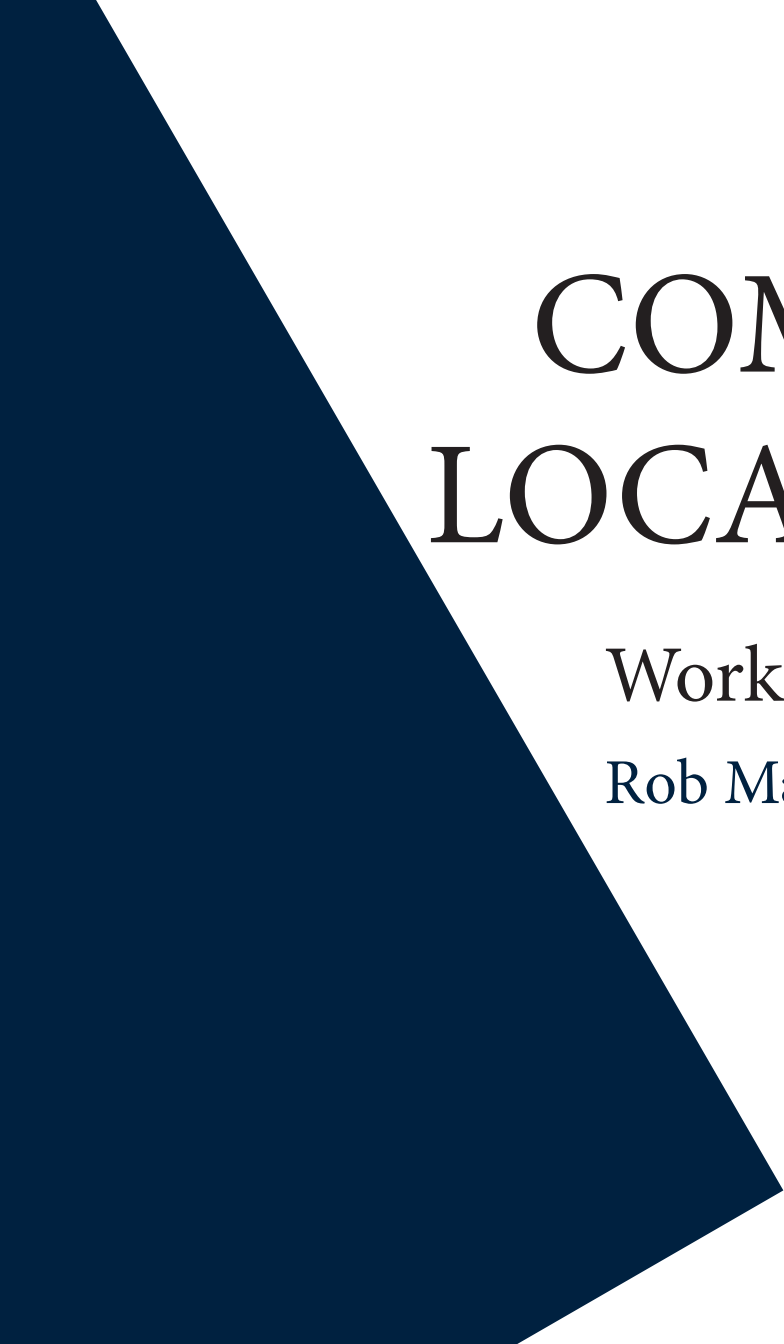


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COMMON SENSE. LOCAL LEADERSHIP.

Working for the Town of Union

Rob Mack • Joe Nirchi • David Kudgus

Common Sense Government

For Rob Mack, Joe Nirchi, and David Kudgus, common sense government begins with the everyday concerns of the people who live here.

Can families afford to stay? Are neighborhoods safe? Will new development have the infrastructure it needs? Are residents being heard?

Town Supervisor Rob Mack brings experience as a planning board member, town councilman, constable, and town supervisor. His background also includes health care management, business ownership, and 16 years as a Certified Financial Planner.

He describes the supervisor's work as carrying both executive and financial responsibility. Mack says "the learning curve for someone not in government is great and our taxpayers should not fund someone to spend their tenure in office learning the job. ***"I know government" Mack said and "my record shows I continue to move the Town of Union forward for the people."***

Councilman Joe Nirchi agrees and adds ***"Government needs to be operated like a business which uses common sense in making decisions that affect our future."*** Nirchi connects that approach to an affordable town budget and attention to residents' concerns.

Councilman David Kudgus emphasizes examining the full picture before deciding whether a proposal serves the community. ***"It's important to look at all aspects of a situation and react with the interests of our residents in mind, using common sense."***

Together, those principles provide a practical standard for local leadership. Necessary maintenance must be planned and funded. Growth must be supported by roads, water, and sewer capacity. Public concerns deserve careful consideration.

Common sense government means asking what a decision will cost, whom it will help, and what it will mean for the people who call the Town of Union home.

Great Leadership. Great Results.

Local leadership matters most when residents can connect it to their own lives: help buying or repairing a home, support for a growing business, or infrastructure that makes a neighborhood work.

"We are out there every day trying to promote and help businesses in our community." - Rob Mack

The Town of Union's Economic Development Office offers financial assistance to start-up and expanding businesses through its Local Development Corporation. Its financing programs are intended to encourage business growth and the creation or retention of jobs.

Housing is another part of that work. The town lists both a First Time Home Buyer Program and a Home Improvement Program.

Mack describes helping seniors remain safely in their homes and helping buyers address major repair needs. He also advocates more senior housing

options, which could open existing homes to younger buyers.

"We also have maintained Home Rule with regard to housing in the community and ensured that necessary infrastructure would be in place to support new developments." - David Kudgus

Kudgus ties development to local decision-making and the capacity to support it. Nirchi emphasizes the importance of affordability to the town's appeal.

"I have continued to support an affordable town budget which makes the town an attractive place to live and work." -Joe Nirchi

The test of leadership is whether these efforts make a practical difference. Mack points residents toward financial reports, completed infrastructure work, and the condition of parks as ways to judge performance. Those are concrete areas where residents can ask questions, examine records, and measure progress.

Stay the Course

Staying the course means continuing necessary work while recognizing how much remains to be done.

For the Town of Union, the priorities described by Mack, Nirchi, and Kudgus include infrastructure, affordability, housing, and public safety.

“We are focused on improving our roads and infrastructure, making responsible investments today that will serve our residents for years to come.” – Robert Mack

Mack identifies infrastructure as his spending priority. He describes aging underground systems and road work that cannot keep pace with the need. He calls for state and federal assistance to help address the cost, alongside continued attention to town finances.

“We allow for responsible spending on necessary infrastructure maintenance.” – David Kudgus

That approach recognizes maintenance as an ongoing responsibility. Roads, water lines, sewer systems, and recreation facilities require planning before deterioration becomes more expensive to address.

Kudgus also advocates capital planning and reserve accounts to help preserve community recreation and historic assets.

“Safety and crime prevention to make the Town a safer place to live and work is a key priority of mine.” – Joe Nirchi

Nirchi’s emphasis on safety complements the work of maintaining neighborhoods and responding to code concerns. Kudgus likewise connects public safety and affordable living to the community’s desirability.

Housing remains part of the next chapter. Mack supports a wider range of housing choices, including senior housing, and favors development that contributes to the tax base. Kudgus stresses that new development must have the infrastructure to support it.

Residents deserve a clear account of what has been completed and what still needs attention. Staying the course should mean consistent follow-through, realistic priorities, and decisions that respect the people paying the bills.

Responsible Government Starts with Communication and Transparency

Responsible transparent government requires ongoing conversations. An open door, public meetings, newsletters, and an understandable report giving residents the opportunity to shape their community.

"I have an open door policy for all residents of my district because it is important to listen to citizen concerns and to answer their questions." - Joe Nirchi

Nirchi says he has worked to improve communication. The updated website, newsletter, and e-notifications offer other ways to reach residents who may not regularly attend a meeting or know where to look online.

"Better yet come to board meetings and listen and ask questions." - Rob Mack

Mack encourages residents to use town meetings, online information, and direct questions to learn

about their government. He points to financial reports, infrastructure work, and park conditions as subjects residents can examine when evaluating the town's performance.

Communication also matters before a decision is made. Kudgus's comments on battery storage proposals emphasize listening to neighbors who will live with the outcome.

"We need to listen to residents regarding concerns and proposed projects as they may not be a good fit in our community." - David Kudgus

That principle extends beyond any single project. Residents need opportunities to explain concerns, ask about costs, and hear the reasons behind decisions. Public information should be accessible, and questions should receive clear answers while respecting legitimate privacy protections.

Protecting the Community We Call Home

A community's quality of life is built through daily attention to the places people share: neighborhood streets, parks, homes, and public facilities. It also depends on careful decisions about changes that may affect those places.

"I have worked diligently to address code issues." - Joe Nirchi

Nirchi's focus on code concerns reflects the importance of neighborhood conditions. He also identifies safety and crime prevention as priorities for making the town a safer place to live and work.

Kudgus describes residents asking about irresponsible e-bike use and says the town remains in communication with law enforcement. His broader message is that residents' safety concerns deserve a response.

"Our investment in public safety and affordable living makes this area desirable." - David Kudgus

For Mack, preserving quality of life includes maintaining parks and recreation facilities and planning for their repair. He advocates capital funds and reserve accounts to preserve historic and recreational assets for future generations.

"Capital funds and reserve accounts need to be established so these treasures in our community are preserved for future generations." - Rob Mack

Protecting the community also means considering whether a proposed project belongs in a particular location. Kudgus calls for listening to residents about battery storage facilities. Mack and Kudgus both identify infrastructure as central to responsible growth.



The Common Sense Team