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I moved to Colonial Beach in 1978 to take a 5th grade position for Colonial Beach Schools. My husband, Larry, began his career at CBHS in 1977 and retired in 2007. I worked for them until 2004 when I left for personal reasons. I ran for a position on school board in 2008 and served in that position from 2009-2018. I also served as vice-chair during my tenure. I currently hold a seat on the Rappahannock Community College Board of Directors. I ran for council in November of 2018, and my current term on council began in 2019.

During my time on council, we have hired a town manager who is degreed and certified to do her job. We have had training to understand our roles in our position as members of council. We have a budget that is well thought out and implemented. Our employees are knowledgeable in their fields. Putting the right people in the right places is paramount to us as a town.

It is imperative we address our growth and be thoughtful about it. As a current councilwoman, we are addressing this. Our infrastructure was sorely in need of repair, and we are currently working on that as well.

When I moved here, our population was approximately 2,000. Obviously, our town has been able to grow and prosper. I want us to continue being "small", so I am not in favor of becoming a city. Becoming a city requires more state stipulations and requirements. It is not advantages, and we don't have the state's required population.

Lastly, I am in favor of keeping our school system. We live in a very close-knit community, and a piece of us would be missing if we didn't have it here.

In closing, I wouldn't be speaking to you this evening, if I didn't want to be a part of the governmental process. Everything is not perfect, and we can't please everyone, but after living here and hoping to live here for many years, I still believe in Colonial Beach and all that it has to offer.

Thank you for your time.