

BIOGRAPHICAL

- John Worden is a graduate of Harvard Law School (LL.B. 1963) and St. Bonaventure University (A.B., summa cum laude, 1960). He was a journalist while working his way through college and law school. He has done pro-bono work in addition to private practice since graduating from law school. He is a homeowner and taxpayer and has always been engaged in activities to benefit the public.
- He is married to Dr. Patricia B. Worden, a former resident of Donegal, Ireland, and of Glasgow, Scotland. She served on Arlington's School Committee, Housing Authority, Human Rights Commission, and currently on the Affordable Housing Task Force.
- Patricia and John have five children (all graduated from Arlington public schools and local colleges) and seven grandchildren. Their children and children-in-law include a son (a former Navy officer) and his wife who are family physicians operating Mercy Family Practice in Gardner. Another son and his wife are engineers and co-founders of Solectria Renewables LLC, a renewable energy systems provider in Lawrence. They also include a child-care provider, a business entrepreneur for renewable energy components in the U.S. and China, and their daughter, a distinguished oceanographer.



John and Patricia were Grand Marshalls in the 2007 Patriots' Day Parade in honor of their many years of service to the community.

23rd Middlesex District
Arlington-West Medford

On Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ELECT



JOHN WORDEN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The Candidate who is:

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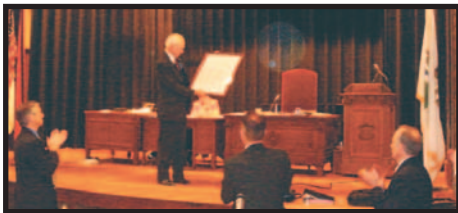
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BEST QUALIFIED

John Worden is graduate of Harvard Law School in private practice. As a State Representative he would continue in practice at a lesser volume with his partner assuming more of their law practice. He has not sought any compromising endorsements and is beholden to no special interest groups. His political actions are done solely with the interests of his constituents at heart. Some of his qualifications are as follows:

- Affordable Housing Committee of the Real Estate Bar Association, member
- Animal Rescue League of Boston, director
- Arlington Boys & Girls Club, former corporator
- Arlington Civil Rights Committee, former member
- Arlington Conservation Association, former president
- Arlington Heritage Trust, former trustee
- Arlington Historical Society, former president, treasurer, director, etc.
- Arlington Preservation Fund, Inc., president
- Arlington Republican Town Committee, former member
- Arlington Residents for Reasonable Redevelopment, former officer
- Assistant Moderator, Town of Arlington
- By-Law Recodification Study Committee, member
- Farmer Trust (financial help for needy elderly women & couples), trustee
- Sanborn Foundation for the Treatment & Cure of Cancer, director
- Historic District Commissions, member and secretary
- Massachusetts Moderators Association, former director
- Metropolitan Ecology Workshop, former director
- Millennium Celebration Committee, member
- Moderator, Town of Arlington 1989-2007 (elected six times)
- Mystic River Watershed Association, former member
- Old Schwamb Mill Preservation Trust, former trustee
- St. Jerome's Church [now closed], former lector
- 350th Anniversary Committee, member
- Town Meeting Member since 1970
- Town Meeting Procedures Committee, member and former chairman
- Vision 2020 Steering Committee, former member
- Zoning Bylaw Review Committee, former member



At the end of the last session of the 2007 Town Meeting John was presented with a large framed parchment, signed by 100 Town officials and Town Meeting Members, which read as follows: "We, the Undersigned, Do Hereby and Hereon Honor and Appreciate John L. Worden III For His Service to the Town of Arlington and Most Especially for his Nineteen Years of Meritorious Conduct Over the Exemplification of Representative Democracy as Moderator of Arlington Town Meeting"

MOST EXPERIENCED

ENVIRONMENT, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND HERITAGE

I have worked hard to address environmental issues related to traffic, flooding, crowding, and global warming. I have attended meetings all over our community advocating for neighborhoods, safeguarding historic districts and structures such as the Jefferson Cutter House, and helping preserve them for municipal purposes or as assets for our neighborhoods. I was involved in the building of the Smith Museum at the Jason Russell House and have participated in planning and appointed committees to celebrate different aspects of our heritage.



John Worden speaking at the January 1, 2008 ceremony of the lowering of the Arlington 200 Flag, marking the end of the year-long celebration of the 200th anniversary of Arlington's existence as a separate community from Cambridge. Worden proposed the committee to Town Meeting, and appointed its members.

LOCAL AID, EDUCATION, AND SERVICES

When Proposition 2^{1/2} was approved because property taxes were getting out of control, I believed that the Legislature would increase local aid to make up the difference. Instead the State has cut local aid. I will work to put local aid at the top of the State budget rather than being funded out of what is left over. In this way property taxes can be kept under control which is essential at this time of escalating prices for everything from food to gasoline.

TRANSPORTATION

Over the years when the MBTA has had hearings on fare increases I demanded that the service be improved before the price went up. We need an efficient, reliable, convenient, and affordable system of public transit. I will work to fix the "T"

HEALTH CARE

Escalating health care costs among others are crippling our budgets and driving young families away. Please visit my website to see my ideas on this. Excesses by insurance companies must be stopped – e.g. the recent \$16 million golden parachute for a retiring executive. Cost-effective patient care should be put ahead of profits.

VOTE MARCH 4th

GREATEST SERVICE

CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE COMMUNITY

I have carefully chosen a number of members of the Human Rights Commission to ensure that the community will be protected from attempted hate crimes or other infractions of human rights. I support initiatives dealing with other threats to community safety and attractiveness such as a new bylaw dealing with graffiti and I have appointed committee members to control excessive noise.

SENIORS

Senior citizens must not be forced out of their homes with higher taxes. I support tax abatements and circuit breaker legislation. Many clients in my practice are seniors and I am familiar with their needs and difficulties gaining affordable healthcare. I enthusiastically support programs such as meals on wheels, wellness, and assisted living programs. As Trustee of the Farmer Fund I have been able to help many needy senior women and couples financially.



John with grandson, Patrick, enjoying some open space

BALANCED DEVELOPMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND OPEN SPACE

Arlington and Medford are already densely populated communities and would suffer from massive indiscriminate development. Our remaining open space, watersheds and woods are being threatened. I have worked to preserve open space in many locations including at Hamilton Farm, Summer Street, Mount Gilboa, and at the Mugar site in East Arlington. We must stop consuming the dwindling supply of open space for unnecessary projects and sprawl. For example, the Belmont Uplands adjacent to Arlington should be added to the Alewife Reservation and kept out of the hands of a 40B developer whose project, if built, will cause flooding in Arlington and create traffic chaos in Arlington, Belmont, and the Alewife Station area.