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BYRNE for COMMISSIONER, City of Rehoboth Beach

Richard Byrne has been a homeowner since 2002 and a full-time resident in Rehoboth Beach since 2009. He lives with his wife Sherri Wright and a rescue dog Joey and a rescue cat Gracie.

Byrne has volunteered extensively in Delaware, Sussex County and Rehoboth Beach:

- ~ Chair, Animal Issues Committee, City of Rehoboth Beach
- ~ Member, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Trees, City of Rehoboth Beach
- ~ President, Sussex Family YMCA Board of Governors
- ~ Board Member, Delaware YMCA Association
- ~ Current volunteer , Brandywine Valley SPCA
- ~ Past Vice-President, DE SPCA Board of Directors
- ~ Chair, Rep Pete Schwartzkopf's 14th District Committee
- ~ President, Park Place Townhomes HOA
- ~ Past Member, Board of Directors ARK HOA

He retired in 2008 after 10-years at the University of MD College Park as an Assistant Dean and Statewide Program Director with the Cooperative Extension Service, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Byrne started his career as a middle school teacher in Minneapolis and went on to the faculty and administration of the University of Minnesota for 22-years as Executive Director of the 4-H Program.

In the course of his career, Byrne was involved in the statewide management and administration of University Extension community-based programs, with a focus on Children, Youth & Families, reaching tens of thousands of residents each year.

Byrne has a B.A in Political Science, B.S. in Social Science Education, an M.A. in Educational Administration, and 3-years additional graduate studies in Human Resources and Educational Administration.

Critical issues facing the City of Rehoboth Beach:

- Open, transparent and common-sense government
- Full citizen participation on issues impacting the City
- Long range financial planning with a vision for the future
- Maintaining the character and quality of life in our City for the long-run
- Protecting our lakes and trees
- Providing a business friendly environment
- Improving infrastructure: storm water run-off, streets, sidewalks
- Parking issues

In his leisure time, Byrne enjoys visits from his 3-grandsons, working out at the Y, biking, gardening and long walks with his dog.