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Bill Davidson acceptance speech at the Democratic Caucus

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Thank you for supporting my candidacy for First Selectman. The Democratic Town Committee has assembled and you have approved a slate of talented and energized candidates. This group is the team for a new direction. We can bring constructive change and competent leadership to our town.

We have a lot of hard work ahead of us to introduce the entire ticket to Brookfield voters and to incent them to vote on November 3. Because it is so important, I want to repeat part of what I just said. We (meaning the candidates, the Democrat Town Committee, all Democrats and interested people who are registered Unaffiliated or even Republican) need to put forth maximum effort to gain support for our team on November 3.

For too long, the Republican Party has held the majority positions on the key boards and commissions in town, including the post of First Selectman. Their ineffective leadership and lack of planning have put the town in a downward spiral. The team you have endorsed this evening, composed of Democrats and those who are registered Unaffiliated, can and will bring effective government and a new, positive direction to Brookfield.

Some of my friends were surprised that I had decided to seek office of First Selectman. They knew that I had decided not to seek reelection four years ago after serving 15 years on the board of finance (including 6 as chairman) and 2 years as a selectman. My short answer to them, to you and to the people of Brookfield is as follows: Leadership, Planning, Vision, Management. These are the skills that I will bring to the office. These are the skills that will move Brookfield forward.

Brookfield has considerable assets that make this Town a great place to live. With the right leadership, we can improve the quality of the lives of all Brookfield citizens. It is time for change, fresh air, a new direction, a positive can-do outlook and honest dialogue. I will respect and represent everyone in the Town and look forward to support from all of Brookfield's residents.