



Dear Haverhill Citizens:

Date: June 23, 2008

*I am seeking your support of my candidacy for Mayor.*

I have lived in Haverhill my entire life and love this city as did my parents and grandparents. I understand Haverhill's great history and I have a strong vision for its future. I have been one of your City Councilors. I have been your Council President. I have also worked in the private sector like you. For more than two decades, I have thrived as a professional manager in private industry.

I offer you and Haverhill my unique blend of both successful public and private management experience. I can promise you the best solutions for all of Haverhill's needs.

*I will professionally manage your hard earned tax dollars by implementing a proactive long range plan upon taking office.*

- Your city government will be accountable with **measurable results**. Haverhill's taxpayers deserve the **greatest value at the lowest cost** and that's what you'll get in a Michitson administration.
- We will implement a capital improvements plan to **fix public buildings, roads** and other infrastructure in a timely manner at the lowest cost.
- Together, we will attain **safe Haverhill neighborhoods** by continuously improving community policing and neighborhood participation, as well as **reducing Haverhill's high drop-out rate** which is nearly double the state average.
- We will establish **financial stability** for Haverhill. We will broaden the tax base by attracting 21<sup>st</sup> century businesses but we won't let new residential developments **overwhelm** our Police, Fire and Schools.

*Together with the School Committee, we will improve academic performance and give our children the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in the world today and tomorrow.*

- We will aggressively identify what is working and what is not and establish **measurable goals and accountability**.
- We will utilize **all of Haverhill's full potential**, calling on parents and our community at large for mentoring and tutoring of our students.
- We will create **partnerships** between our schools and industry to expand our children's horizons about their possibilities.

*Under my leadership, we will reinvigorate Haverhill's economy.*

- I will forge partnerships between industry, government and universities to execute a diversified strategy to position Haverhill as a **regional economic engine**.
- Together, we will **market Haverhill's advantages** to forward looking industries such as energy efficient construction and retrofitting, renewable energy, biofuels and green manufacturing. These are **the jobs of tomorrow** and we will have them in Haverhill.
- We will **broaden the appeal and long-term viability of Downtown Haverhill** by attracting creative and innovative jobs to complement restaurants, shops and new housing.

*I will be accessible to you throughout my candidacy and public service as Mayor.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-373-2231 or at [john@michitson.com](mailto:john@michitson.com). I look forward to an open and energetic dialogue about the issues that concern you, the complete substance of my leadership goals and the City we call home.

Sincerely

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