

# David Ames for Hilton Head Town Council

The Town of Hilton Head Island is at an important juncture as it enters its 4th decade as a municipality. Therefore, after much careful thought, and encouragement from many of you, I've decided to seek re-election for Town Council for three key reasons: First, I cherish our hometown as much today as when I arrived here 47 years ago, and I believe Town Council is the right place for me best to serve the "One Island, One Community" I love. Second, Hilton Head Island is at a pivotal point where citizens deserve solutions that are creative, practical, and also true to our long-standing Island values. I believe my experience and skills can best contribute to those solutions. Third, I want to continue to be a champion for our community's vibrant future. I'm very optimistic about that future, but defining it needs a lot of attention right now – we need to:

- Preserve and safeguard our critical environment – always
- Plan, refresh, redevelop areas in decline
- Protect taxpayers' dollars, businesses, workforce, and home values
- Be resilient and positive during this disruptive pandemic and unsettling time
- Effectively facilitate and support the new town manager's transition with Council, residents and businesses

Working together these goals can become reality. I'm confident my experience and my perspective will continue to be valuable on Town Council, and so, respectfully ask for your support and vote... As your Ward 3 Representative on Town Council I will work achieve the following 5 Objectives:

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## David Ames (DA)

### Description:

Distinguished public servant — David Ames has a distinguished record of almost 50 years of service to Hilton Head Island. Most recently, he was elected to HHI Town Council in a “Special Election” in the Spring of 2016 and re-elected to his current 4-year term that same November... David and his wife Nancy now live in Long Cove. They have two grown daughters and two grandsons.

### Stakeholder(s):

#### Hilton Head Town Council Ward 3 :

Ward 3 for Hilton Head Town Council includes: Neighborhoods of Shipyard, Wexford, Long Cove, Yacht Cove, Point Comfort, Palmetto Bay and Spanish Wells plus streets bordering on southern end of Spanish Wells Road and western end of Marshland Road.

#### Task Force for The Island’s Future :

Previously, he served the community as chair of the Mayor’s Task Force for The Island’s Future and was a member of the Town’s Circle to Circle Task Force and earlier Bridge to the Beach Study.

#### Circle to Circle Task Force

#### Regional Urban Development Assistance Team :

Additionally, he proposed and served on the Regional Urban Development Assistance Team (R/UDAT) that studied Ward 1.

#### Bridge to the Beach Study

#### HHI Boys & Girls Club :

Helping Where Help is Needed — Ames was instrumental in launching the facilities for the Boys & Girls Club as well as the HHI Children’s Center.

#### HHI Children’s Center

#### Community Foundation of the Lowcountry :

He is past Chairman of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and has held positions on several other non-profit boards, serving needs across both Beaufort County and the State of South Carolina.

#### Hopeful Horizons :

Among the numerous philanthropic and humanitarian groups in which David has been involved is Hopeful Horizons, a county-wide children’s advocacy, domestic violence and rape crisis center. David is shown here at the opening of their facility in Bluffton.

#### Alice Glenn Doughtie :

David’s passion for continually advancing the quality of life for all islanders has been recognized with the Alice Glenn Doughtie Good Citizenship Award.

#### Sea Pines Company :

History as Environmental Steward and Community Builder — Ames is a native of Connecticut. He moved to Hilton Head Island in 1973 to work as a land planner with Charles Fraser and the Sea Pines Company.

#### Princeton University :

He is a graduate of Princeton University with a Master’s Degree in Architecture from The University of Pennsylvania with an emphasis in city and regional planning.

#### University of Pennsylvania

#### Hilton Head Plantation :

He planned Hilton Head Plantation and developed Long Cove Club and consulted on projects throughout the Southeast, Mexico and Caribbean. He is best known for his environmental stewardship initiatives.

#### Long Cove Club

## Vision

Solutions that are creative, practical, and also true to our long-standing Island values

## Mission

To reelect David Ames to the Hilton Head Town Council

## Values

- Environment**
- Quality of Life**
- Commitment**
- Accountability**
- Transparency**
- Competence**
- Forthrightness**
- Listening**

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## 1. Environment

*Preserve and safeguard our critical environment – always*

### 1.1. Development

*Enforce strong but fair, achievable environmental standards for all development*

### 1.2. Transportation

*Promote user-friendly modes of transportation – biking, walking, shuttles*

### 1.3. Waters, Beaches, Wildlife & Trees

*Protect the region's pristine waters, beaches, wildlife and trees*

### 1.4. Open Space

*Preserve community open space*

### 1.5. Reputation & Brand

*Safeguard the island's reputation and brand*

## 2. Property & QOL

*Strengthen property values and quality of life through planning for a vibrant future*

### 2.1. Shared Commitment

*Bring the community together towards a shared commitment to our best future*

### 2.2. Planning & Engagement

*Integrate Town planning expertise with resident and business engagement*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Hilton Head Residents**

**Hilton Head Businesses**

### 2.3. Public Investment

*Focus on public investment priorities: Bridge corridor, workforce housing, infrastructure, community facilities, mobility*

### 2.4. Priorities

*Initiate planning for highest priorities of the Comprehensive Plan/Our Plan*

### 3. Planning & Redevelopment

*Plan, refresh, redevelop areas*

#### 3.1. Private Sector Investment

*Target and master plan specific areas for private sector investment*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Private Sector**

#### 3.2. Redevelopment

*Stimulate redevelopment or re-purposing of commercial eyesores*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Commercial Property Owners**

#### 3.3. Promotion

*Promote the Island through the eyes of residents, their stories, and its culture and history*

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## 4. Accountability & Transparency

*Insist upon true accountability and transparency in all Town actions and relationships*

### 4.1. Contracts & Reporting

*Pursue strong contractual and reporting requirements for significant Town vendors and consultants*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Hilton Head Town Contractors**

**Hilton Head Town Consultants**

### 4.2. Public Input

*Provide opportunities for ample public input into major Town decisions*

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## 5. Competence, Forthrightness & Listening

*Address complex Town issues with competence, forthrightness, and active listening*

### 5.1. Traffic & Beaches

*On-going traffic concerns and over-crowded beaches*

### 5.2. Neighborhoods

*Increasing loss of intact permanent residential neighborhoods*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Hilton Head Neighborhoods**

### 5.3. Roads & Sewers

*Roads and sewer service for all Islanders*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Hilton Head Islanders**

### 5.4. Gullah-Geechee Task Force

*Gullah-Geechee Task Force recommendations*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Gullah-Geechee Task Force**

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