My name is Christine Brown. I'm running for re-election and feel I'm best suited to represent the voters of the Fairfield Beach area because for the last two years I've proven to be an enthusiastic, engaged and hard working member of the RTM. I've attended all of our 35 RTM meetings where I am a moderate, calm, rational voice who is there to solve problems.

You're electing us to do two primary jobs for you - approve the budget and enact ordinances. As an RTM member, I've drawn on my business background and my volunteer leadership experience to dig into issues that impact this district, and I try to fairly and accurately represent my constituents' views within a framework of fact-based research.

I've knocked on hundreds of doors this campaign season to hear what's on your minds. Based on what you've told me, here are some of the issues of greatest concern to the FBRA membership and what I intend to do about them....

Taxes and the budget - I take seriously the job of providing excellent municipal services within a tax structure that can be supported by our community. I'll continue to support strong funding for our public education system, the jewel that brought so many of us here in the first place, as well as increased services for seniors, while continuing to advocate for stronger financial controls across the board.

Traffic and speeding - I'm a proud co-sponsor of Bill Gerber's "Safe Streets" ordinance which will ensure that our roadway infrastructure is designed not only for cars, but for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and bikers equally.

Noise - I voted in support of the recent Noise Ordinance updates which added daytime restrictions and enforcement abilities so you can enjoy your property without undue, burdensome noise violations.

Flooding and climate resilience - My vote on the Penfield Pavillion rebuild was contingent on inclusion of \$100,000 for a climate resilience study so that we can take steps to protect our neighborhood from flooding.

Penfield Pavilion - My colleague, Dru Georgiadis, and I held a Listening Session at the public library to hear your views. I continue to press for answers on our ability to obtain construction insurance and stay on budget.

Digester - I advocated for our neighborhood at WPCA and Town meetings about the digester failure at the sewage treatment plant.

UI Monopoles - I joined the Southport neighbors' advocacy group to fight the UI Monopole project.

I take seriously my responsibility to do the research, be prepared, and vote in a way that respects my constituents. I've enjoyed the job and having climbed the steep learning curve of local government, I feel I can be even more effective in shaping Fairfield's future in a second term. I hope to earn your vote on November 7! Please reach out with any questions to cbrownrtm9@gmail.com.