

**Gwen Wisler a leader and a partner**

Our city is struggling and for that reason it matters very much to me that we re-elect Gwen Wisler. Though I serve as a county commissioner and Gwen serves on Asheville City Council, we have worked together and we have shared values. Gwen has especially been a leader and also my partner on advancing equity and being a government watchdog.

Gwen shares my dismay over the inequity in our town, inequity that's visible in everything from education to housing and jobs to policing. True to form, Gwen has applied her skills and passion to the issues. She was instrumental in establishing the community committee that is focused on these issues. Gwen works for real change. She walks the talk.

Being a retired banker myself, I can tell you that there is untold value in Gwen's experience as an accountant and retired chief financial officer and chief executive officer. Her attention to detail shows. I know firsthand that Gwen listens, brings people together, and follows the money.

Gwen has been pushing for equity and for transparency before those words became catchphrases on the campaign trail. Gwen applies her skills and passion to every issue. Please join me in voting for Gwen.

Al Whitesides, Asheville