

Candidate Statements for 2020 Maryland Council Representative

Candidate: Richard Rosenthal

Candidate Residence: Silver Spring

Candidate Status: New Candidate

Why are you interested in serving in a NARP/RPA Leadership Position?

As a long-standing member of NARP/RPA and lifelong resident of the eastern seaboard (MD, NJ, and PA) I am committed to increasing situational awareness and advocacy for sustainable and improved rail passenger services in this region. In a Council Leadership position I would look forward to gaining greater insight into our region's transportation needs and desires from both a consumer, operational and legislative point of view.

If elected to a Council position, what are the primary goals you personally would pursue?

I am hoping to serve as a visible conduit and facilitator of communication between the transportation needs and desires of Maryland and surrounding states citizenry and available rail transport options. Specifically I will use the knowledge gained from this role and my own further research to help promote the benefits and viability of rail transportation to broader customer bases and ideally help support statewide and local legislative support and investments in rail.

What is your passenger rail advocacy experience?

I am currently a volunteer at RPA's DC headquarters and focused on membership development.