

2025 COMMUNAL ELECTIONS
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

groupement
POUR LES INTÉRÊTS DE GENTHOD

YESTERDAY, TODAY, **TOMORROW WITH YOU** FOR GENTHOD



Pratik Bhatnagar | Bastien Guex | Olivier Joss | Yoann Dürmüller | Bettina Decosterd
Olivier Norer | Anne-Claude Semon | Karen Guinand | Ludovic Mareemootoo | Mônica Merkt

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GIG has been actively involved in local Genthod life for nearly 80 years

Independent of any cantonal or national party, we favour a pragmatic, non-ideological approach to politics, always keeping in mind the overall interest and well-being of our community. Our focus is on local issues, meaning that we are strongly involved in the life of the commune, its clubs and associations, while participating in various events and functions.

Our 2020-2025 achievements



- > Established dedicated spaces for our young and elderly residents and promoted the development of socio-cultural activities
- > Introduced new social services, including tax and debt-reduction counselling, support for caregivers, and workshops to develop administrative autonomy
- > Modernised the public lighting system
- > Improved public transportation services
- > Redesigned the green spaces around the Centre Communal
- > Enhanced schoolchildren's safety through a "schoolchild mobility plan"
- > Strengthened municipal communications efforts
- > Contributed to sound and transparent financial management

Our goals for 2025-2030

- > Improve the energy efficiency of buildings owned by the commune
- > Develop childcare facilities
- > Enhance support for local associations, as well as sports, youth and senior activities
- > Preserve the oak-lined avenues and encourage biodiversity
- > Continue our fight against airport-related nuisances
- > Improve and secure access to the Creux de Genthod train station via the chemin de la Petite-Voie
- > Address urban heat island effects
- > Maintain responsible financial management in light of volatile tax revenues

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The Groupement pour les Intérêts de Genthod in a nutshell: Local roots, diversity, dynamism

“Combining local and inter-communal interests, striking the right balance between heritage conservation and societal change, and reconciling the needs of the different population groups that make up our beautiful commune: that is how I wish to pursue my commitment, in a spirit of constructive dialogue.” Karen Guinand

“To be proactive in responding to the needs of residents, such as strengthening the network of associations, supervising cantonal projects within our territory, or renewing the oak tree-lined avenues, is a priority for me in order to reconcile evolution and preservation.” Bastien Guex

“I am dedicated to preserving and enhancing Genthod’s unique environment and its exceptional character, so that all its residents can lead a healthy, connected and fulfilling life here.” Pratik Bhatnagar

“My priorities are to promote a cultural programme for all generations and to develop support for young people and the elderly, within the limits of our public finances.” Bettina Decosterd

“I want to help maintain a peaceful environment, by strengthening security measures and responding firmly to any incivilities that might disturb the peace and tranquillity of our village.

In asking for your support, I pledge to be a solid and reliable elected official, ready to protect the interests of our village and guarantee its integrity.” Yoann Dürmüller

“With a deep understanding of the commune, as well as its past, present and future issues, I am determined to continue my work within the municipal council and its various commissions, so as to maintain a pleasant living environment and high-quality infrastructure for all Genthod residents.” Olivier Joss

“I wish to get involved so as to represent the interests of young people and to promote Genthod as a dynamic village where life is good.” Ludovic Mareemootoo

“My intent is to contribute to a rich social life and always be in touch with the population.”
Mônica Merkt

“I committed to improving collective prosperity by building upon my experience and personal life journey.” Olivier Norer

“My motivation for this commitment is to be at the heart of the discussions, projects and decisions that will impact the lives of Genthod residents.” Anne-Claude Semon

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Karen Guinand

Karen Guinand | 54 years old | Freelance financial analyst | Deputy mayor, member of the committee of the Association des Communes Genevoises, president of the social commission of the Groupement des Communes de la Rive Droite du Lac, member of the committee of the Association Transfrontalière des Communes Riveraines de l'Aéroport

Born in Geneva, mother of three children aged 19 to 22, she has lived in Genthod since 2000.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from Cambridge University and a Master's degree in finance from Geneva. She began her career in auditing and then worked for a major private bank for almost 20 years. Promoted Director in 2008, her skills in financial analysis and team management were widely recognised.

Since 2014, she has worked as a freelance financial analyst and writer, giving her time to serve first the Genthod School Parents' Association, which she chaired from 2014 to 2018, and then the commune.

She served on the Municipal Council from 2017 to 2020, before being elected Deputy Mayor in 2020. She has put a lot of energy and discipline into this function, carrying out major projects in the social and planning arenas. Her motivation to continue her commitment to the benefit of the Genthod residents is as strong as ever.

Involved in several inter-municipal groups and committees, she has developed important links with the executive authorities of other municipalities, particularly neighbouring ones, enabling shared management of certain matters, an exchange of best practices and a joint approach to broader issues, such as the airport impacts (noise and financial) or early childhood care.



Bastien Guex

Bastien Guex | 44 years old | Biologist, Scientific assistant | Former president of the local council, member of the committee of the Genthod-Bellevue gymnastics society

Born in Geneva, married with a son, he has lived in Genthod since 1987.

He holds a Master's degree in science, and has been working as Assistant Scientist at the Cantonal Environment Office since 2012.

He spent several years with an engineering firm in the fields of environmental impact and pollutants. His current role involves soil and groundwater protection within interdisciplinary projects. Active at the heart of the canton's major issues, he knows how to collaborate with all of a municipality's partners.

He has served on the Municipal Council for 13 years and is currently its secretary, having chaired it on a couple of occasions. He has headed the Environmental commission for the past two terms, and is a member of the Planning & Mobility commission and the Buildings & Public Works commission. His years in politics have enabled him to participate in all commissions, outside of the Safety one. This gives him a comprehensive view of the functioning of the municipality. His commitment naturally brings him to offer to put his time, his experience, both private and public, and his professional network to the benefit of the Administrative Council.

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Pratik Bhatnagar | 54 years old | Economist, Expert in global health and sustainability | Deputy Municipal Councillor

Born in India in 1970, father of two children aged 16 and 18, he has lived in Genthod since 2005.

With degrees in economics and international relations, as well as an MBA from IMD Lausanne, he has been active for over 25 years in the private sector, NGOs and international organisations. He has worked to set up public-private partnerships for concrete impacts in the fields of health and environment, and has also sat on the boards of several Geneva-based international organisations.

The son of diplomats, he grew up in the four corners of the world, but Genthod has become his anchor. His two daughters grew up and went to school here.

An avid cyclist, he enjoys riding in and around the commune.



Pratik Bhatnagar

Bettina Decosterd | 52 years old | Accountant | Municipal Councillor

Born in Geneva, married, mother of three children aged 18 to 24, she has lived in Genthod since 2004.

After more than 27 years in a major private bank, she chose to move into the public sector, becoming an accountant for the commune of Chêne-Bourg in 2021. She holds various qualifications, including portfolio management, IT project management, accounting and human resources.

A Municipal Councillor since 2020, she is member of the Finance, Administration & Public Economy, Social & Naturalisation, as well as Culture, Sports & Leisure commission.



Bettina Decosterd

Yoann Dürmüller | 37 years old | Gendarme | Municipal Councillor

Born in Geneva, father of two daughters aged 8 and 12, he has lived in Genthod since 2016.

After being posted for 5 years in various Gendarmerie stations in the canton, 10 years ago he joined a brigade that specialises in maintaining public order.

A Municipal councillor since June 2020, he is member of two commissions: Safety and Planning & Mobility.

He is committed to strengthening security, preserving the heritage and defending communal autonomy, in order to guarantee a peaceful environment for the commune's residents.



Yoann Dürmüller

Olivier Joss | 46 years old | Master of Science, Department head | Municipal Councillor

Born in Geneva, married with a daughter, he has lived in Genthod since 2003.

For 22 years, he taught mathematics and computing at the Colombières cycle d'orientation in Versoix. The past two years have seen him undertake a new professional challenge in the cantonal department heading compulsory education, while part of his evenings, as a 10-yearlong Municipal Councillor, are devoted to Genthodian politics and the well-being of the commune's population.

Member of the "Bellevue-Genthod Badminton Association" and "MonFabLab", he enjoys being involved in local life.

He is a member of the Buildings & Public Works, Environmental, as well as Planning & Mobility commissions.



Olivier Joss

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Ludovic Mareemootoo | 25 years old | EPFL Graduate | Co-founder and former president of the Jeunesse de Genthod

Gentousian by birth.

Having obtained a Bachelor's degree in microtechnology and a Master's in sustainable management and technology, he now works in the fields of finance and innovation.

Born into a family that has lived in Genthod for three generations, he is deeply attached to his community. With a group of friends from Genthod, he co-founded the Jeunesse de Genthod in 2022, which he chaired for two years before handing over responsibility to the current team.

He is committed to making Genthod a dynamic, welcoming and intergenerational village.



Ludovic Mareemootoo

Mônica Merkt | 55 years old | OMNI-MHP Hypnotherapist | Municipal Councillor

Born in Rio de Janeiro, mother of three daughters aged 17 to 22, she has lived in Genthod since 2003.

She worked for several years in the fashion industry in Switzerland and abroad before focusing on raising her daughters. A fashion entrepreneur from 2016 to 2020, she has since opted for a career change. After successfully completing several therapeutic training courses in Switzerland, she recently opened her own practice as a master hypnotherapist.

Very involved in the local community, she is vice-president of the Genthod-Bellevue music committee and member of the Genthod tennis club committee. She also enjoys artistic activities and walking in the mountains.

A Municipal Councillor since June 2020, she is vice-chair of the Culture, Sports & Leisure commission and member of the Finance, Administration & Public Economy and Security commissions.



Mônica Merkt

Olivier Norer | 51 years old | Geographer, Transport engineer | Former Member of Parliament

Born in Geneva, married, with two children aged 12 and 14 and a 26-year-old stepdaughter, he has lived in Genthod since 2020.

A geographer by training, he has been working for the TPG since 2007, where he is transport engineer for the region situated on the right bank of Lake Geneva.

In the past, he served as Municipal Councillor in the city of Geneva (2001-2005) and a member of the Geneva Parliament (2007-2011). He also chaired the ATE-Geneva (2005-2009) and remains a member of associations active in the fields of mobility, the environment and heritage.

Having grown up in Collex-Bossy and been confirmed at the Genthod temple, it was important for him to be able to settle in the commune. Already an active member of the chemin de la Fauvette committee, he is now engaging in local politics.



Olivier Norer

Anne-Claude Semon | 50 years old | Early childhood educator | Former Municipal Councillor

Gentousian by birth, married and mother of three daughters aged 21 to 25.

She has been working at the village kindergarten, Les Petits Loups, for 13 years as an educator and co-head of the structure.

A gymnastics instructor for children aged 4 to 8 during the past 18 years, she is also a flautist in the Genthod-Bellevue brass band.

She served as Municipal Councillor from 2007 to 2015. After a break, she is once again eager to serve the residents of her municipality.



Anne-Claude Semon