

2018 Primary Election Guide

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How do I check my registration status?

The deadline to register for the primary has passed, but you can still register for the general by 8pm on October 17th. We recommend checking your status to make sure there are no problems when you go to your polling place. Check this by:

- Visiting <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>
- Calling the Lowell Election Department: 978-674-4046

Where do I vote?

It depends on where you live and the voting precinct you live in. You can find your polling place by:

- Calling the Lowell Election Department: 978-674-4046
- Entering your address online at: www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx
- Asking a neighbor who lives on the same side of your block.

Can I vote by mail?

Yes. If you will be out of town or can't go to the polls because of a health issue, you or a family member can fill out an application for an absentee ballot. You can do this anytime up to noon the day before the election. Get an application at:

- Lowell Election Office
375 Merrimack Street
- Online at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleabsentee/absidx.htm>

Do I need an ID to vote?

Only people voting for the first time need an ID to vote in Massachusetts. We recommend every voter bring an ID with their current address on it, like a driver's license, passport or recent utility bill or bank statement.

Can I help someone vote?

Yes. If you need help with translation or marking the ballot (because English is your second language or you have a disability), you can bring someone with you to help you vote.

Can I bring a guide into the booth?

Yes. You can bring a voter guide, notes, or anything else you need to help you remember who to vote for. Just make sure to not leave it in the booth when you leave!

Polls Open Sept. 4 7am - 8pm

**Candidates Appear
in Alphabetical Order**

U.S. Congress Survey Answers

**10 Democratic
candidates, including
three Andoverites, a
Hillie, & the former
Ambassador to
Denmark, vie to
challenge Republican
& Independent
candidates in the
general election
to represent you in
the U.S. Congress.**

**LCWELL
VOTES**

MA-3 District U.S. Congress



Jeffrey Ballinger
Andover, MA



Alexandra Chandler
Haverhill, MA



Beej Das
Lowell, MA



Rufus Gifford
Concord, MA

What makes you different from the other candidates in this race?

I'll spend less than \$40,000 and will fight to make that the norm! You need a lifelong organizer's skills to get big money out of politics. Those sitting in Congress are certainly not going to do it. I can get people in the street to force change and end corporate control of our government.

I am a Russian-speaking lawyer with 13 years experience at the Office of Naval Intelligence, leaving as a Counterproliferation Division Chief. I am also a transgender wife and mom. I will accomplish things in Congress for the vulnerable.

I'm the only candidate who has paid weekly payroll and health insurance. Paul Tsongas believed that our representative to Washington must understand the challenges of being an employer and dealing with regulations and the true cost of American capital. I'm the only one in this field who has.

I am the only candidate that has served at the top levels of federal government and politics. I served as a senior aide to President Obama for 10 years and was the US Ambassador to Denmark. I also think the best way to stand up to Donald Trump is to stand for something, not just against something.

How should our immigration system be reformed?

I have no problem with securing our borders. The problem of visa over-stayers needs attention. Both parties have ignored this problem for decades. The employers who have benefited from people "living in the shadows" should pay fines. We need to extend TPS for Haitians, Salvadorans and Hondurans.

Fix DAPA, DACA, and TPS, offer a path to citizenship for Dreamers: America is great in large part because of immigration. Streamline our immigration bureaucracy as there are over 180 different types of visas for residency in the United States.

America must always be the beacon for the world's best and brightest minds. As such, we need to expand, not restrict, immigration from education visas, to H1B and J1, to visa to incentivize investment in the United States. Moreover, we should never restrict the reunification of families.

We need to get at the root of the problem and pass comprehensive immigration reform along the lines of the bipartisan 2013 Gang of 8 bill. In the near term, we need to keep families together, protect DREAMers, and stand up against President Trump's racist and xenophobic immigration policies.

How will you ensure equitable funding and resources for public schools?

We need to seriously reduce the Pentagon budget to adequately fund our schools. For the next several years, the Department of Defense must give the Congress a list of 20 bases to close domestically and 20 overseas. We also need to drastically cut back our orders for the F-35 fighter jet.

Resist privatization of public schools, including charter schools. Zero debt college, free community college. At least 1 year of universal pre-K. Empower teachers.

Mom has been a professor at UMass Lowell for 46 years. The main issue is of resource allocation. We must focus on ensuring the cost of education is affordable while still ensuring infrastructure is top notch. Focus on true education - vocational, college, and graduate, that empowers students.

I am focused on increasing federal funding for public education overall, so that we are able to provide state-of-the-art resources for all of our schools, and pay teachers an adequate wage. I oppose school privatization efforts that would divert critical resources for public schools.

What's your plan for creating more jobs in our state? How will you ensure that these jobs pay a living wage?

We have two stellar examples in the 3rd District: New Balance making shoes and Southwick making shirts and suits. By incentivizing the re-shoring of jobs, apparel and footwear manufacturing can return to our towns. The only way to ensure good wages is to truly protect workers' right to organize.

Start with a federal job guarantee to address long-term unemployment. Increase the federal minimum wage. Encourage profit-sharing. Provide a federal emphasis on apprenticeships as an alternative path to middle-class prosperity.

Ensure that innovation and small business can thrive in this district. For too long, the political focus has been to ensure that Boston succeeds at the expense of other iconic cities like Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill and Fitchburg. As a development minded Democrat, I will demand we get our fair share.

I'm a huge advocate for green jobs—advanced manufacturing jobs in the renewable energy industry, building things wind turbines. I worked on these issues when I was Ambassador to Denmark, and know bold investment in industries of the future is not just good for the environment, it's a jobs creator.

How should we address climate change?

Put a 6% federal tax on purchases made at drive-through windows, no matter what kind of businesses involved; revenue to poorest areas that have suffered the most from environmental degradation. We need to increase development aid to the world's poorest (off-the-grid, burning most-polluting fuels).

Urge reentry to the Paris Climate Agreement. A 100% renewable economy by 2050. Make long-term climate sustainability a requirement for projects to receive federal infrastructure funding support and loan guarantees.

Climate change is real and here, and we need to address it. The theories we've heard from the political elites are untested in practice. I run a small business in district that has reduced its carbon footprint every year while increasing employment. We need more people in government who can do that.

We need bold, aggressive actions on climate change. I support placing a price on carbon, accelerating our transition to 100% renewable with big investments, and empowering the EPA. We also need to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and return to values-based U.S. leadership.

MA-3 District U.S. Congress

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Len Golder
Stow, MA



Dan Koh
Andover, MA



Barbara L'Italien
Andover, MA



Bopha Malone
Bedford, MA

What makes you different from the other candidates in this race?

I have over 28 years experience as an elected official in local government more than all the other candidates combined. I'm the only one with a plan to improve wages.

My family immigrated here from Lebanon and Korea; today, Trump would stop us at the border. We need new progressive leaders to stand up to Trump and fight for universal healthcare and economic justice. That's what I did as Mayor Marty Walsh's Chief of Staff, and that's why I'm running.

I'm the only candidate in the race with a history of fighting for bold, progressive change you can trust, and the legislative experience and skill to deliver for this district. I haven't just made promises; I've made laws to get more people health care and more kids a great public education.

As a refugee, working mom and community activist, I bring a unique voice. For over 10 years at Enterprise Bank, I advocated for families and helped build small businesses. As a refugee that came from Cambodia with nothing, I know what it's like to overcome obstacles to achieve the American dream.

How should our immigration system be reformed?

We should give asylum to those fleeing despotic governments and drug lords. They should be encouraged to enter the border without being separated from their children. We should eliminate the ICE enforcement and the gestapo tactics.

My life is possible because of an inclusive America. President Trump's policies – from travel bans to ripping families apart at the border – are un-American. In Congress, I will advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship and focuses on family reunification.

My mission in Congress will be achieving comprehensive immigration reform. Undocumented immigrants who have no criminal record and meet key standards should have a path to citizenship, and immigration enforcement should be fair, just, compassionate and reflect the values of a nation of immigrants.

As an immigrant, it saddens me that America today is turning its back on people seeking a better life. I will fight to defend DACA and pass a clean Dream Act, create a clear path to citizenship for law-abiding citizens, and protect families seeking refuge at our borders.

How will you ensure equitable funding and resources for public schools?

Increased federal aid. Increased aid for special ed. Increased aid for underperforming districts that meet standards

Donald Trump and Betsy DeVos are trying to dismantle our public education system. We need to fight back against this agenda, and invest in our students and teachers. My education platform, at Koh2018.com/ education, focuses on universal Pre-K, free community college, and strong public schools.

Fighting for public education has been central to my service. I'm the teachers' candidate in the race, endorsed by both major teachers' unions. We must stop diverting funds from public schools to charters and abandon the property tax model. Quality of education shouldn't depend on your zip code.

Every child should have access to a high-quality education, from preschool through high school and beyond. Young Americans are being crushed by student debt. I'm committed to offering student loan refinancing, forgiveness for public service workers, and making debt-free college a reality.

What's your plan for creating more jobs in our state? How will you ensure that these jobs pay a living wage?

Tax incentives for companies that hire with a living wage.

I've laid out a detailed plan to generate good-paying jobs at Koh2018.com/jobs. It focuses on investing in infrastructure, creating clean energy jobs, and supporting workforce development programs. We also have to create a fair economy, with a \$15 minimum wage and strong worker protections.

I'll fight for massive infrastructure improvements to create jobs now and lay the groundwork for more growth in the future and investment in the dynamic area of renewable energy. I'm also supporting a pilot for a federal guaranteed jobs program, which would set a wage floor for the private sector.

It's long past time we reform laws to protect workers who want to bargain collectively for better pay and working conditions. Without those protections, workers are taken advantage of when they are blocked from participating in unions. I support a minimum \$15 living wage for all workers.

How should we address climate change?

A carbon tax and increase in the gas tax for additional public transit. Tax incentives to car companies that make more efficient electric cars.

When President Trump pulled out of the Paris Climate Agreement, I worked with Mayor Walsh to re-commit Boston to go carbon neutral. We need to transition to 100% clean energy and leave a better planet for future generations. To read my full platform, visit Koh2018.com/ environment.

I'm the only candidate in the race who has worked with activists and as a legislator to make real progress towards the 100% renewable energy economy we need to address climate change. I'm running to continue my work to put a price on carbon, expand green energy and keep fossil fuels in the ground.

We must rejoin the Paris Agreement, strengthen the EPA, and transition to renewable energy. I will end fossil fuel subsidies, support clean energy incentives, and expand investment of renewable energy projects. I support moving the U.S toward a 100% clean energy economy by 2050.

MA-3 District U.S. Congress

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Juana Matias
Lawrence, MA



Lori Trahan
Westford, MA



Rick Green
Pepperell, MA



Mike Mullen
Maynard, MA

What makes you different from the other candidates in this race?

The Third District has been my home since I was 5 years old. I've committed my career to being of service to this district, first as a social worker, then as a Justice AmeriCorps legal advocate defending minors in deportation proceedings, and today as the State Rep for the City of Lawrence.

I was born & raised in Lowell and stayed in the district to raise my family. I've delivered results for this district as a congressional chief of staff. I've helped women into corporate leadership through my business. I will always stand up for working families, women, and the most vulnerable.

My 10 opponents agree with one another on most every issue. In many cases, I am the only candidate that doesn't agree with the rest of the field. More importantly, I am the only candidate who will be able to work with the Administration and the leadership in Congress to deliver real results for MA3.

I'm running as an independent because I think the political and electoral process is broken. I believe the fundamental challenges created by the divisiveness and focus on special interests prevents meaningful work on all the other issues that are important to the majority of citizens.

How should our immigration system be reformed?

It's time that our immigration system reflects our values as a nation. We need to abolish ICE, protect Dreamers and TPS holders, and keep families together. In Congress, I'll fight to pass comprehensive reform that brings compassion back to our immigration system.

We need to:

- Create pathways to citizenship and support DREAMers
- Immediately reunite separated families and end inhumane ICE practices
- Provide smarter border security by focusing on technology - not a wall
- Do our part in the global community by providing refuge and foreign aid

First we must all agree that we are a nation of laws and that the rule of law must be respected. We must reject "sanctuary" policies. Successful immigration policy requires both certainty and humanity. Citizens and immigrants alike benefit from a well-defined system that is not applied arbitrarily.

We need to modernize the system, provide a path to citizenship for those who are here and are contributing members of our communities as well provide support for a clear and compassionate enforcement policy go forward. I believe something like the 2013 "Gang of Eight" bill is a good model.

How will you ensure equitable funding and resources for public schools?

In a state with one of the best public education systems in the country, it's shameful that 60% of our students of color can't read at grade level. We must update school funding formulas to ensure that students with the greatest need are receiving the resources and attention they deserve.

The federal government has a responsibility to help close gaps in opportunity for underserved students. We can reemphasize Title I funding and use standardized tests as one of many tools to identify and support schools in need, instead of using them to punish schools that are already struggling.

The appropriations formulas must be constantly reviewed to ensure equitable distribution of resources. I would eliminate unfunded mandates imposed on our local school districts. Any mandate enacted by federal or state governments must also be adequately funded.

The state legislature should update the foundation budget. I'm against voucher programs that drain resources from public systems. While it is good to see the innovation in many charter schools we need to pause to ensure there is the proper oversight in place before expanding further.

What's your plan for creating more jobs in our state? How will you ensure that these jobs pay a living wage?

I was proud to help pass a \$15 minimum wage in the State House and I'll fight to do the same in Congress. We need to make higher education - whether it be college, vocational school, or on-the-job training - affordable and accessible, so that all people have access to a good job & a meaningful wage.

Investing in infrastructure and clean energy creates skilled jobs, revitalizes our cities and towns, and helps combat climate change. We need to reinvest in trade and apprenticeship training to bridge the skills gap and to help more people find good paying jobs. I also support a \$15 minimum wage.

My brother and I built a business out of a garage into one of the largest online auto parts companies in the U.S. We created over 500 jobs with locations in Westford, Littleton, and Pepperell. I know what it takes to transform old mill economies into 21st-century economies because I've done it.

I support the recent "Grand Bargain" bill that works toward a \$15 minimum wage over the next few years. In addition I believe we should leverage our leadership in healthcare and education to attract business related to those industries.

How should we address climate change?

We have a moral obligation to leave our children and grandchildren with a healthy planet and, right now, the United States is failing to meet that obligation. I've laid out a comprehensive plan that would reduce carbon emissions, develop the green economy, and advocate for environmental justice.

We must continue President Obama's legacy of leadership. We must return to the Paris Agreement and the Clean Power Plan. We need to invest in renewables and the infrastructure needed to protect people from the consequences of our changing planet, and hold big polluters accountable.

The market for renewables is expanding rapidly as production costs decline leading to rising demand. My warehouse in Littleton boasts one of the largest solar installations in the state. I've done, with my own money, what others only talk about.

To start we should rejoin the Paris accords. An area that needs added attention is a rework of our national electrical grid included adding long distance direct current (DC) capability to be able to take advantage of our renewable resources in an efficient manner.

Coming Soon...

The winner of the Sept. 4th Democratic primary will face these candidates in the general election, held on Nov. 6th

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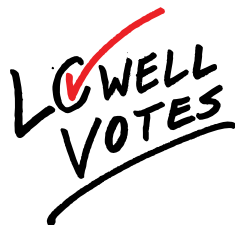
INDEPENDENT

RICK GREEN
U.S. CONGRESS

MIKE MULLEN
INDEPENDENT FOR CONGRESS
"WITH YOU"

State Senate Survey Answers

**Five Democratic
candidates, including
four Lowellians and
three former Mayors,
vie to challenge the
Republican candidate
in the general election
to represent you in
the MA State Senate.**



1st Middlesex District State Senate



John Drinkwater
Lowell, MA



Rodney Elliott
Lowell, MA



Ed Kennedy
Lowell, MA



Bill Martin
Lowell, MA

Why are you running for State Senate?

I've spent my career as an advocate for social and economic justice, and have experienced both successes and disappointments at the State House. Those disappointments, coupled with election of Donald Trump, convinced me I had to step up my level of service and do more to create positive change.

I am running for State Senate because I enjoy helping people. It really does drive me. Whether it's something simple like replacement of a street sign or more complex issues such as a nuisance property disrupting a neighborhood. I'd like to bring that can do spirit to the State Legislature.

During my time as a city councilor and as mayor, I have become acutely aware of the impact that state government has on cities and towns. I will bring experience and tenacity to the State Senate and be a strong advocate for all six communities and those who need a louder voice on Beacon Hill.

To continue my work improving people's lives. The state's economy isn't working for everyone and I'll fight for our district's fair share of jobs and development opportunities. I'll be our voice to fund education, protect the environment, give tax relief to seniors, and address the opioid epidemic.

How will you ensure equitable funding and resources for public schools?

By passing legislation to implement the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, which will result in more state funding for public schools, particularly in districts like Lowell. The legislature must also support new sources of revenue to fund these important recommendations.

The formula to fund schools is outdated. One of the planks in my platform is to advocate for full education funding by the state. For too long the burden has been placed on local jurisdictions. New revenue from casino and marijuana funding need to be considered in the equation.

As the former mayor and chairman of the Lowell School Committee, I am a strong proponent for revamping the funding formula that the state uses to fund public schools. I am strongly committed to identifying a revenue source dedicated exclusively to funding public schools throughout the state.

I'll work to implement the recommendations in the legislature's own Foundation Budget Commission, increase state reimbursement for charter schools, and provide funding for full day kindergarten and pre-k programs

In addressing the opioid crisis, is it better to focus on treatment or criminal justice?

Treatment. When those who are addicted to opiates interact with the criminal justice system we must use that critical moment to divert them to detox and treatment if possible; or if they must be incarcerated, to ensure that they are receiving quality treatment, counseling, and post-release planning.

We need every available strategy including 'recovery coaches' and more beds. We have reached a crisis point. Drug kingpins need to be removed from our communities and incarcerated. For individuals with addiction issues, treatment should be our primary focus.

The primary focus in combating the opioid crisis should be on treatment, education, and prescription drug monitoring programs. However, I would support stiffer penalties for people convicted of selling heroin and fentanyl.

Treatment. I'll work to provide treatment and aftercare programs, and to enforce new restrictions on prescription abuses. The criminal justice system should be used to prosecute dealers.

How should Massachusetts respond to recent and proposed changes in federal immigration policy?

Under the Trump Administration, ICE has demonstrated a departure from basic American values in how it has enforced immigration law. It's important for Massachusetts to send a strong signal that our police departments are not the local arm of ICE. We can do so by passing the Safe Communities Act.

Our federal immigration policy is not working. The Congress owes us a fair system. We can't have children separated from their parents. It's unjust. The issues that are of utmost concern are child trafficking and drug smuggling. I've lead the effort for a Human Rights Commission in Lowell.

The policy in Lowell is that the Lowell Police Department does not enforce federal immigration laws. I support that policy and believe the Commonwealth should have the same policy until the United States Congress comes up with a sensible policy for immigration.

Local police need to focus on keeping communities safe and maintain an environment where immigrant victims of crime aren't afraid to report. Massachusetts should also prohibit use of state data for any registry based on national origin or religion.

What major change to our transportation planning would you make to reduce traffic?

First, existing mass transit networks must operate more reliably to encourage ridership. This can be addressed through prioritizing deferred maintenance. Long-term, the commuter rail should be extended to the South Coast and west to Springfield, and we should invest in the North-South rail link.

I would fight to increase Chapter 90 funding to pave more streets, address traffic and fix our bridges. As someone who travels on the commuter rail every day to Boston I understand better than most that the system is antiquated and failing. We need to deal with the pension issue at the MBTA.

I support the North-South Rail Link that has been proposed by many transportation leaders as a way of increasing commuter rail ridership and decreasing the number of commuters traveling in motor vehicles on interstate highways. I also support increased funding for regional transit systems.

Provide more reliable public transportation. Even small amounts of cars coming off the highways can dramatically improve travel times for those who have limited public transportation options and need to drive.

Turn the page for one more Democratic candidate and the Republican challenger!

1st Middlesex District State Senate

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Terry Ryan
Westford, MA

Why are you running for State Senate?

I believe I am what this district needs right now. I am experienced in high tech, business creation, and education; I have lived and worked in both urban and suburban communities; and I have the temperament, work ethic, and leadership skills to bring people together to create positive change.

How will you ensure equitable funding and resources for public schools?

We need to analyze our current budget, identify programs that can be revamped and streamlined, and be smarter in how we allocate funding. We ask too much of our taxpayers; we need to work harder to spend our existing funds more prudently and efficiently rather than default to increased taxes.

In addressing the opioid crisis, is it better to focus on treatment or criminal justice?

We have seen the failure of treating addiction as crime, rather than a disease. We must treat opioid addiction as the public health crisis that it is, focused not on prosecuting those addicted, but finding them appropriate treatment that paves the way towards recovery.

How should Massachusetts respond to recent and proposed changes in federal immigration policy?

Our state must pressure the federal government to establish an immigration policy that is fair, humane, and clearly defined, with multiple paths to citizenship. As a country and as a state, we should not separate families, and it is not the job of local communities to enforce immigration laws.

What major change to our transportation planning would you make to reduce traffic?

We need a commuter rail system that is convenient, reliable, and affordable, including new and more efficient trains and infrastructure, and a link between North and South stations. When possible, these improvements should be developed and manufactured in Massachusetts to drive job growth.



John MacDonald
Lowell, MA

I want to put the people of the 1st Middlesex... First Again. I'm going to fight for controlled state spending and taxes, state government reform and will fight for veterans and citizens in need. I will never support Massachusetts becoming a Sanctuary State.

Teachers need more input to identify what works in the classroom. We should eliminate unnecessary programs and create a formula that doesn't penalize teachers and school administrations for saving money. Local aide in most towns have been frozen, we need to increase local aide, which can be found by eliminating \$10 Billion in state entitlements fraud.

Both need to be better.

We need to comply with federal law. I'm a law and order candidate and do not support illegal immigration. I support legal immigration. I support the legal immigration process. I do not support sanctuary state initiatives or Lowell becoming a sanctuary city.

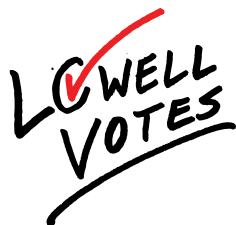
We need to invest in our transportation infrastructure. Roads and bridges (especially the Rourke Bridge) need dramatic attention and our commuter rail system needs modernization. The current commuter rail system is aged and costly to maintain. A modern commuter rail system would reduce traffic.

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House of Representatives Survey Answers

**Four Democratic
candidates, including
two former City
Councilors, vie to
unseat incumbent
Rady Mom to
represent the 18th
Middlesex.**



18th Middlesex District House of Representatives



Jim Leary
Lowell, MA



Sam S. Meas
Lowell, MA



Rady Mom **INCUMBENT**
Lowell, MA



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Lowell, MA

Why do you want to be a State Representative?

To provide excellent customer service to all the resident of the 18th Middlesex district. Using my experience as a business person to provide an insight on how to raise much need funding for all of Lowell.

I am running for State Representative to serve the people of the 18th District and be the bridge between the diverse communities and Beacon Hill; tackle opioid crisis; strengthen our public safety in our neighborhoods and public education. I want to provide a robust constituent services.

I've been doing my job as State Rep. for over 3.5 years. I am happy with the work and humbled by it because it is never done. I am passionate about the environment; ensuring equitable access to education, housing, medical care; ensuring safe streets and that EVERYONE knows housing/food security.

I want to improve access to education & housing opportunities, and to provide good constituent services. I want to ensure that state government is accessible to its people and represent the distinct needs of the Acre and Highlands.

How will you ensure equitable funding and resources for public schools?

I will file legislation on a number of specific funding issues that are causing problems with the Lowell Public Schools, one example...to change the special educational funding in order to ensure that each school district is 100% reimbursed for out of district tuition.

The formula for foundation budget needs to be modified. This is a priority. The state needs to fully reimburse cities and towns for transportation costs.

We worked hard to re-address areas where the Foundation Budget falls short. The 2019 budget provides more health benefits for teachers and special education monies, but the formula for funding education of both low-income students and English learners (ELL) needs more work.

The state needs to reexamine the Foundation Budget for funding school districts. Lowell has unique needs such as higher percentages of students that require special education, are English language learners, or other challenges. The legislature should have acted on this during the last session.

In addressing the opioid crisis, is it better to focus on treatment or criminal justice?

I believe treatment and education to replace the opioid crisis. Education must start at the elementary school level and include the treating medical providers.

We need a two prong-approach, both treatment and criminal justice. It is a collaboration of both fed, state, local communities. Dealers/traffickers need to be severely punished.

Treatment, absolutely, and education. Punishing does not cure the disease of addiction, end stigmas or lower rates of relapse. Overdose is on the rise in Lowell. We must continue coordination of services across multiple agencies and focus on programs for youth at risk: UTEC, Youth Build, BCGC.

The two are intertwined. People in treatment must be connected to housing & jobs in order to recover from addiction. We need to educate our youth early about substance abuse. We must ensure our police & probation officers have training to address substance abuse or mental health issues.

How should Massachusetts respond to recent and proposed changes in federal immigration policy?

We should continue to lobby with our federal representatives for changes in the current administration's policies, which are currently hurting families and our economy.

We are nation of laws. But we Americans are also compassionate people. Congress needs to find a bipartisan compromise to fix our flawed immigration system. We need a pathway to citizenship for all.

With a clear message about who we are as a state with gateway cities and a nation built on the backs of hard-working immigrants. In Lowell, we have put more police on the street and worked to diversify and build trust in all of our public safety officers. We cannot compromise this trust, in any way.

We should support immigrants & refugees that were protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy and those who have Temporary Protected Status. I support the Lowell Police Department's current policy regarding immigration status inquiries.

What major change to our transportation planning would you make to reduce traffic?

Increasing and having better access to walkable roads and increase in bike traffic.

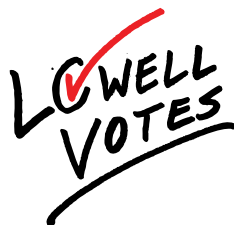
Finish link the North and South Station by fully funding it - thus allowing commuters to take the train from anywhere from the North shore to work in South Shore and vice versa with ease while reducing vehicular traffic and pollution.

In our city of Lowell, I support the staunch activism for slow streets, enhanced walkability and a broader public trans system. In each of my two terms I've brought resources back to my district for improving streets and sidewalks along the Westford Street corridor and Thorndike St.

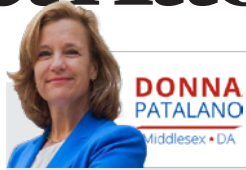
The State should look comprehensively how regional transportation authorities develop bus maps & schedules, making sure that there are connections between jurisdictions to help people access jobs, healthcare & education. We need to invest & modernize our commuter rail system to reduce auto traffic.

District Attorney Survey Answers

**Donna Patalano vies
to unseat incumbent
Marian Ryan as the
Northern District DA.
This is for all the
marbles – there is no
general election
opponent for these
Democrats!**

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Northern District District Attorney



Donna Patalano
Winchester, MA



Marian Ryan INCUMBENT
Belmont, MA

Why are you the best candidate for District Attorney?

Experience & vision. I've been a prosecutor and a defense attorney, and the SJC [Supreme Judicial Court] appointed me Chair of the BBO [Board of Bar Overseers] to oversee the ethics & integrity of attorneys. I will shine a bright light on our courtrooms in a way my opponent has not & will not. Real reform requires this transformative transparency.

A vote for my re-election offers the choice of a proven progressive prosecutor. In addition to taking bold stands on criminal justice reform, I have helped to lead the fight against the opioid epidemic in Lowell and around our County.

What new systems or programs would you like to put in place?

As DA, I will create a Juvenile & Emerging Adults Bureau to prioritize rehabilitation for young people. I will also create an Immigration Counsel to advise on cases with non-citizen defendants to avoid unjust consequences, including deportation. Everyone must feel safe in the justice system.

As someone who has been the victim of gun violence, I plan to place an increased emphasis on reducing gun violence in our communities through pushing for meaningful regulations and also through expanding our workplace safety initiatives.

What can we do to ensure people of different races and backgrounds are treated equally in the Middlesex County justice system?

The MDAO [Middlesex District Attorney's Office] doesn't release demographic data about who is diverted, charged, or held on bail. We don't know if the kid in Lowell gets the same fair treatment as the kid in Weston. I will track data from our courtrooms to trace why racial & economic disparities persist in our justice system.

I have taken many principled and public stands to this important end. I was one of the state's only District Attorneys to endorse the criminal justice legislation which called for the elimination of many mandatory minimum sentences. I have also abolished cash bail for low-level, non-violent offenses.

What changes can we make to the system to help people struggling with addiction?

As DA, I will address the opioid crisis in three ways: prevention and education efforts; expanding access to drug courts and diversion programs; and reporting data on the handling and outcome of drug cases. We need to focus on rehabilitation, rather than criminalization.

I have aggressively confronted the opioid issue in Middlesex County. One way I have done this is to ensure that we offer meaningful treatment programs as an alternative to prosecution for those who are struggling with addiction. My Office offers a 16-week treatment program as such an alternative.

Keep going to see web-only bonus questions from many of the primary races!

Web Bonus Questions!

In addition to the five questions in our print guide, we asked the candidates from all three races about wealth inequality, Medicare for all, and other topics suggested by you.



MA-3 District

U.S. Congress: Web Bonus!



Jeffrey Ballinger
Andover, MA



Alexandra Chandler
Haverhill, MA



Beej Das
Lowell, MA



Rufus Gifford
Concord, MA

Can we find a solution to address wealth inequality in our own district?

New opportunities must be created for young people. I have been advocating for resuscitating the Division of Economic Research at the National Labor Relations Board. We need to know what jobs are coming in the near- and medium-terms. In other "rich" countries, businesses are training these skills.

Yes! Underemployment is the silent crisis of our time, where people are working at jobs where they cannot fully utilize their skills or potential. Free community college, apprenticeships, a higher minimum wage, and support for labor unions are just the start.

Yes. An economy that respects all of our people is what we need. I've grown up in the middle class and believe that it needs to thrive, not be squeezed. Let's ensure we build an economy that allows that.

We can, and we must. Wealth inequality contributes to many of the disparities we see in our district. We must focus on creating good-paying jobs while reining in the rising costs of health care, housing, and education.

Do you support Medicare for all? Why or why not?

Yes, we need to protect the health of all people, not just those who can afford it. We have 40 million Americans living in poverty and that means that many children don't get proper healthcare, that is simply a disgrace. The insurance companies add only complexity and extra cost.

Healthcare is a human right. I support universal healthcare as both a moral imperative to provide healthcare to those who don't have it and good for the health and finances of people that do have healthcare. My experience as a community healthcare center leader showed me that it can be done.

Yes. Single payer healthcare is critical. America is the only country that requires employers to be the source of health care solutions. That's absurd. Let's return the power to the people: health care belongs to the people, not to corporations.

I support Medicare-for-all, because health care is a right. I believe Medicare-for-all is the only way, in the long term, to bring down the skyrocketing costs of healthcare while ensuring everyone in our society has access to quality, affordable care.

MA-3 District

U.S. Congress: Web Bonus!

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Len Golder
Stow, MA



Dan Koh
Andover, MA



Barbara L'Italien
Andover, MA



Bopha Malone
Bedford, MA

Can we find a solution to address wealth inequality in our own district?

Increase in the minimum wage. Stronger labor laws to protect and encourage unions.

Yes. Instead of passing a tax giveaway that further rigs the system in favor of big corporations, we need to give our middle class families a break. I support reversing the Republican tax scheme and investing in universal healthcare, a comprehensive jobs plan, and strong public schools.

As a state legislator, I've fought for economic justice for working families by supporting a \$15 minimum wage, strong unions and single-payer health care. I've also pushed to establish a millionaires' tax in Massachusetts so everyone pays their fair share. I'll continue this work in Congress.

Recent tax cuts benefit corporations and the wealthy more than working families, who already feel insecure about their future and health care. I want a tax code that puts them first. We need people in Congress who truly represent middle class and low-income families – not corporations.

Do you support Medicare for all? Why or why not?

Yes. It's affordable, comprehensive, and efficient.

Yes. Healthcare is a fundamental human right. I strongly support Medicare for All, so every American has access to quality, affordable healthcare. I also believe we need to do everything in our power to strengthen the ACA and prevent Donald Trump from taking away healthcare from millions of people.

I've cosponsored single-payer health care as a legislator for more than a decade, long before anyone thought it was good politics. I've stayed up nights trying to figure out how to afford basic care for my son. No parent should have to live with that fear. I'm proud to be Mass-Care's candidate.

Yes. Healthcare is a right for all human beings. We need to ensure universal healthcare for all Americans, whether by making Medicare for all a reality or by other means. No one should have to go untreated or bankrupt due to their medical bills.

MA-3 District U.S. Congress: Web Bonus!

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	 <p>JUANA MATIAS FOR CONGRESS</p>	 <p>Lori Trahan U.S. CONGRESS</p>	 <p>RICK GREEN U.S. CONGRESS</p>	 <p>MIKE MULLEN INDEPENDENT FOR CONGRESS "WITH YOU"</p>
	<p>Juana Matias Lawrence, MA</p>	<p>Lori Trahan Westford, MA</p>	<p>Rick Green Pepperell, MA</p>	<p>Mike Mullen Maynard, MA</p>
Can we find a solution to address wealth inequality in our own district?	Over the last 40 years, productivity has grown by 70%, but wages have barely moved at all. We need to repeal the Trump Administration's billion dollar tax cut for the 1%, and invest that money in programs that strengthen and support the middle class in the Third District and throughout the country.	The first steps toward closing the income inequality gap are: 1. Ensure access to quality public education for all 2. Eliminate the influence of corporate money in policy, so that we can pass a tax plan that works for working & middle class families 3. Increase access to affordable healthcare	Yes, transform our economy as explained in the question "What's your plan for creating more jobs in our state? How will you ensure that these jobs pay a living wage?"	I think the recent "Grand Bargain" bill signed into law by Governor Baker this summer is a good start. I would also work to revise the federal tax reform bill to make it more equitable and support middle and lower income individuals.
Do you support Medicare for all? Why or why not?	Absolutely. It's disgusting that in 2018, we're still debating whether health care is a privilege or a basic human right. In the wealthiest country on earth, we have an obligation to ensure that everyone has access to the care they need to live a healthy, dignified, and productive life.	Yes. Healthcare is a human right. I believe that we're on a path toward Medicare for all, but it will take time to build that consensus. There are things we can do now to make care more affordable - reduce the cost of prescription drugs, increase Medicaid coverage & protect women's health services.	Adding 275 million new people to Medicare who haven't paid into the system will jeopardize care for the 44 million seniors currently enrolled who paid into the system their whole lives. "Single payer" means single decider. Patients need more choice, not less, in our healthcare system.	I support this because it makes sense economically and morally. Three of the largest cost drivers of the existing system are limited negotiating power with providers, lack of transparency on cost & complexity of payment system. Single payer helps address all of these.



1st Middlesex District State Senate: Web Bonus!

	 <p>JOHN DRINKWATER State Senate</p>	 <p>RODNEY ELLIOTT STATE SENATE</p>	 <p>Ed Kennedy ★ STATE SENATE ★</p>	 <p>BILL MARTIN STATE SENATE</p>
	<p>John Drinkwater Lowell, MA</p>	<p>Rodney Elliott Lowell, MA</p>	<p>Ed Kennedy Lowell, MA</p>	<p>Bill Martin Lowell, MA</p>
What's your vision to bring the state to a more sustainable energy plan?	Our goal should be more clean sources of energy sited here in Massachusetts. Solar panels and wind turbines = good jobs in manufacture and installation; all while reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. To accomplish this we must require public utilities to increase their renewable energy portfolio.	I will work to expand Energy Storage Initiative to address clean peak standard to minimize use of fossil fuel during peak use. Expand net metering for solar, wind, and anaerobic digestion, to help meet the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008.	I support the Global Warming Solutions Act which requires that we reduce the 1990 level of greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent as of 2020 and by 80 percent as of 2050.	Massachusetts needs to do more of what it has been doing, mandating that utility companies provide energy from renewable sources. My vision is to continually raise the percentage of energy required from renewable sources.
Should Massachusetts build more housing that is affordable? Should our region?	Yes and yes. The cost of housing is reaching crisis levels for working families. Affordability can be addressed both through supply, and direct requirements on developers to include more affordable units. To increase supply we must make it easier to build multi-family housing through zoning reform.	Affordable housing needs to be a statewide effort. The State needs to take a proactive approach to providing affordable housing for the most vulnerable amongst us. We haven't lived up to our commitment to care for veterans. Many are suffering from mental health issues and live in homeless camps.	Yes. I believe that everyone, at every economic level, should be able to live in a dwelling that is clean, safe and affordable. I will support legislation that is aimed at achieving that goal throughout the First Middlesex District and the Commonwealth.	Yes to both. The state should increase the tax credit programs that are the primary financing source for affordable housing. We should also provide more first time homebuyer programs like the 2 for Lowell program I implemented in Lowell.

1st Middlesex District

State Senate: Web Bonus!

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		Terry Ryan Westford, MA	John MacDonald Lowell, MA
What's your vision to bring the state to a more sustainable energy plan?	We must restore funding/staffing to the DEP, achieve 20% solar energy supply by 2025, make environmental justice a legislative mandate for regulatory agencies, and expedite the process for eliminating contaminants from our rivers and water sources, including abolishing Combined Sewer Overflows.	We need to continue working towards cleaner and more efficient energy. Massachusetts needs to continue to invest in clean energy and sustainable energy research. We need to apply commonsense in this area.	
Should Massachusetts build more housing that is affordable? Should our region?	Both our region and the state should create more affordable housing, focusing on innovative housing solutions aligned with improved public transportation, employment opportunities, and a walkable environment. This provides far more than just housing; it provides a pathway to better quality of life.	Yes.	

18th Middlesex District

House of Representatives

				
		Jim Leary Lowell, MA	Sam S. Meas Lowell, MA	Rady Mom Lowell, MA
				Rithy Uong Lowell, MA
What's your vision to bring the state to a more sustainable energy plan?	Continued balance with all forms of energy. I support tax credits and other similar incentives for solar, wind and alternative forms of energy.	We need to educate, encourage and incentivize the use of alternative green energy sources such as hydro, solar and wind.		My vision is hopeful, but practical. This is a long term, multi-level process. MA is a national leader in environmental policy. I am proud of this year's environmental bond bill which dedicates \$2.4 billion to climate change resiliency/adaptation and environmental/natural resource protections.
Should Massachusetts build more housing that is affordable? Should our region?	Yes.	Yes, MA should build more affordable housing. To achieve the goal, we need to modify zoning rules and provide incentives to builders and make credit widely available potential owners. And so should our region.		We need to build vital communities. This year, the House passed legislation to spur economic development across the Commonwealth: public infrastructure projects like street and sewer improvements; multi-family housing and mixed-use development; and transportation in communities across the State.

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