



2025 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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(A) Your Candidacy

1. What would be your top three priorities if elected to serve?

Safeguard taxpayer dollars – Quincy has had its share of financial mishaps. After a city official was indicted, the council only responded by saying “we need stronger internal controls.” I’ll actually deliver them. On top of that, I’ll create a \$500,000 community fund where residents vote on how to spend it — whether on roads, schools, or public art. That’s accountability and democracy in action.

Smarter city contracts – Too often, Quincy uses the same vendors year after year, even as their rates climb without added value. I’ll revisit contracts, push for open bidding and competition, and demand better pricing so every taxpayer dollar works harder for residents.

Build up our people – A strong Quincy means healthier minds and bodies. I’ll expand access to mental health resources, advocate for more public fitness spaces, and make wellness a real part of city planning.

2. What qualifies you to hold this office?

I’m a Certified Public Accountant and former IRS agent specializing in cross-border activities, trained to sit across from executives and ask tough questions to keep profits in America instead of offshore. At PwC, I worked with business leaders to strengthen diversity and inclusion policies and trained

global hires in financial accountability. Those skills — financial oversight, accountability, and building fair systems — are exactly what Quincy needs in a City Councilor At-Large. I know how to protect taxpayer dollars while making City Hall work for everyone.

3. What is the one policy you've seen pioneered in another city that you'd most like to adopt locally?

The policy I'd most like to bring to Quincy is participatory budgeting, which lets residents directly vote on how part of the city's budget is spent. Cities like Vallejo, California used it to fund parks, streets, and community programs, and thousands of people got involved. It's a proven way to give Quincy residents a bigger voice and make local government more transparent and connected.

(B) Open-Ended Policy Questions

1. Given state law, municipalities in Massachusetts are limited in their taxing power. What opportunities do you see for the city to raise revenue to support essential city services?

Lucky for us, Quincy is already an economic powerhouse. The state has invested in us with things like the ferry, and with Boston hosting the world cup that means there are real opportunities to poach visitors to our hotels and restaurants. These bring in real revenue without raising taxes. The opportunity now is to work with the state to keep building infrastructure along our main public transit corridors so we can welcome more people, support our businesses, and strengthen the city's tax base for essential services.

2. What are your top priorities for ensuring that all students in your city can receive a high-quality public education?

My priorities for ensuring a high-quality education in Quincy rest on three pillars. First, we need to meet students where they are and keep them engaged. A "creator ticket fund," built on partnerships with digital creators, can turn attendance and achievement into opportunities that excite young people in ways that traditional incentives no longer do.

Second, equity matters — but only if it is real. I would review Quincy's diversity, equity, and inclusion programs to make sure they are current, effective, and

actually help students succeed, not just repeat corporate models that looked good on paper but failed in practice.

Third, we must prioritize mental health. A recent Quincy Public Schools survey found that nearly 60% of parents are concerned about their children's well-being. I am prepared to help reduce stigma by being open about it myself and making sure our schools invest in counseling and resources so that every child is healthy enough to learn.

3. What can your city do to help protect immigrant communities under attack from ICE and ensure genuine community safety?

It's a shame we even have to remind people how damaging anti-immigrant rhetoric can be to families who are simply trying to live and work in peace. In Quincy, I believe our focus should be on community safety, not fear. That means making sure immigrants can go to school, work, and seek medical care without harassment — just as we protect workers from being disrupted by debt collectors. ICE has resources to focus on genuine threats, and that's where enforcement should be directed. Our city can do its part by partnering with community organizations, keeping public spaces safe and welcoming, and making clear that everyone who calls Quincy home deserves dignity and respect.

4. What are your top three policy priorities for making your city climate-resilient, and how would you ensure that equity is at the center of any such efforts?

My first priority is protecting Quincy's 26 miles of coastline, especially Wollaston Beach, through sustainable and responsible economic development. Businesses and residents alike benefit when our shoreline is clean, accessible, and resilient, so new development must come with coastal protections built in. By aligning economic growth with environmental safeguards, we can ensure that protecting our waterfront is everyone's shared responsibility.

Second, I want to modernize Quincy's stormwater and sewer systems. Too many of our roads flood during storms, and as we rebuild streets, we should also be installing rain basins and water storage in flood-prone areas. This approach will protect homes and neighborhoods—especially those most vulnerable—while saving taxpayers money in the long run by addressing the problem proactively instead of reactively.

Finally, we need to keep our city clean at the ground level. Quincy's street sweepers do good work, but they aren't enough to stop trash and litter, particularly in neighborhoods with commercial zoning, from spilling into people's yards and breaking down into harmful microplastics. Adding crews to maintain sidewalks and prevent waste from entering our ecosystem is both an environmental and public health priority. By focusing investments where the impacts are greatest, we can ensure that equity remains at the center of all climate resilience efforts.

5. What steps would you take to reduce dependence on cars and better facilitate the ability of city residents to safely get around by walking, biking, or public transit?

This one is personal! I got hit while on my electric scooter in the bike lane in Quincy Center! We need smarter planning around our bike lanes. The busy bike lanes should have their own stop light.

Now that the ferry is in Quincy. I will take lead on connecting the ferry to our current transit system. I'll ask our major corporations that are set up there if they would like to match the city spending and sell it as a shuttle service for their employees.

6. What policies will you advocate for to ensure that your city can be a place that is affordable for residents to live at any stage of life?

I will advocate for policies that follow the governor's lead, cut red tape and make it easier to build housing that meets people's needs at every stage of life. For example, responsibly built senior living communities — including along Quincy's waterfront by Squantum and moon island — would allow older residents to retire in comfort while freeing up single-family homes for younger families. At the same time, expanding options for apartments and condos gives young people and working families a foothold in Quincy's housing market. By ensuring that seniors, families, and new residents all have affordable choices, we can keep Quincy a place where people can live and thrive throughout their lives. There were a few "working class" apartments that provided incentives for being a young professional, we'll have more of those built.

7. [If relevant] How would you assess your city's MBTA Communities Act rezoning efforts so far?

The MBTA Communities Act requires Quincy to zone for multifamily housing near our Red Line stations, and I see this as both a challenge and an opportunity. So far, our efforts have been slow and cautious, but the key is to make sure new housing strengthens the city instead of straining it. That means focusing growth around our transit hubs, while also building out safe bike lane corridors and walkable connections so working families can actually get to their commutes affordably and efficiently. If we do this right, Quincy can meet the state mandate while improving quality of life and protecting the character of our neighborhoods.

8. What strategies would you employ to resist federal overreach from the Trump Administration while protecting critical services and funding for residents?

Quincy is unique because many of our departments, roads, and public safety programs rely on federal support. For example, our police have state-of-the-art technology funded federally, with the expectation that it's shared with neighboring communities. I value these partnerships and the stability they've provided, but if there is ever federal overreach that threatens Quincy's values or services, I would work closely with the state and our legislative delegation to restore balance and protect residents. My priority will always be to maintain critical funding while ensuring decisions are made in the best interest of Quincy families.

9. How would you model transparency and accountability if elected?

Transparency starts with listening. I will bring back town halls where residents can ask real questions and get real answers, not just sit through scripted compliments. I'll push for more public hearings, fuller discussions on the budget, and clear reporting on how taxpayer dollars are spent. Unlike what we see today, I'll be actively engaged in meetings — asking questions, taking notes, and making sure decisions are explained to the public. Quincy residents deserve a city council that is open, accountable, and not afraid of tough conversations.

(C) Yes/No Policy Questions

1. Do you oppose the expansion of charter schools? **YES/ NO**

2. Do you support the creation of an unarmed, community-based emergency response program, separate from the Police Department, to respond to mental and behavioral health crises? **YES/ NO**

We are already doing this in Quincy btw!

3. If your community has not already, do you support adopting the new specialized stretch code, which would require new construction and major renovations to be built to a very high-efficiency standard with all-electric (as opposed to fossil fuel) heating and cooling systems? **YES/ NO**
4. Do you support fare-free public transit? **YES / NO**
5. Do you support the expansion of the network of permanent, protected bike lanes in your city? **YES / NO**
6. Would you support a home rule petition to establish a small transfer fee on high-end real estate transactions to create dedicated funding for affordable housing production and preservation? **YES / NO**
7. Would you support a home rule petition to enable the city to stabilize rents? **YES / NO**
8. According to the American Library Association, in 2022 there were at least 45 attempts to restrict access to books in MA schools, disproportionately books that speak to the experiences of LGBTQ students and students of color. Would you oppose such book-banning efforts if they occurred in your city? **YES / NO**

(D) Additional Comments

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