



2025 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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(A) Your Candidacy

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

- Rent stabilization (local option).
- Invest more in workforce development and training for high skilled jobs.
- Open the new Pickering Middle School in 2027.

2. What qualifies you to hold this office?

I have held this seat since 2016. I pride myself on meaningful and impactful constituent services and being accessible to all Lynn residents. I have a proven track record of getting things done and revolutionizing the way my colleagues now approach the difficult job of being a city councilor in Lynn.

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

I would love to be able to take a more aggressive approach on rodent control. I would like to see Lynn mirror the programs in Boston and Somerville, to name a couple, who seem to be investing in this out of control situation.

(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?**

Support Gov. Healey's Local Communities Revenue opportunities.

Tax to the levy each year.

Maintain the highest Meals and hotel taxes.

Increase fees for all shows and performances at Lynn Auditorium.

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

This is my full time work as I am the Director of Organization at AFT Massachusetts. We continue to need every dollar the state invests under the Student Opportunity Act. We combatted KIPP Charter expansion in Lynn this past winter and we are solving our space crunch with innovative use of existing space for new programs like STEAM academy, early college programming and early child pre-k classrooms. I will continue to be the go to person on the Lynn City Council for all things related to and advocating for public education.

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

-Know your rights training.

-Distribution of red cards to all residents in most impacted neighborhoods.

-Be sure our Lynn PD is not assisting in any way Federal ICE Agents.

-Continue to work with Mayor Nicholson and his office to be vigilant toward ICE and deny their access to our city whenever possible.

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?**

-Build green schools

-Support more HVAC and retro fitting of our public buildings

-Support creative initiatives like the UV ray Project to clean up the algae at King's Beach so the water is safe and clean to use.

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?**

- Free transit (ferry, bus, subway and commuter rail from Lynn)
- Electrify the rail
- Extend the Blue Line to Lynn
- Support the Bike to the Sea effort
- Approve of new state and federal roadway construction that now includes bike lanes, walk signals, dimpled curbing for wheelchairs etc.

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?

- Rent stabilization local option bill
- increase Lynn housing authority vouchers
- build veteran housing
- adopted an accessible dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance that gives homeowners and tenants more options

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

Lynn has adopted and we are still understanding the positive impact this will have on our community however we just approved approximately 48 new single bedroom, affordable rentals in Downtown Lynn under this Act. Close to transit and walkable.

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

Work with my colleagues and other Lynn stakeholders to continue to push back on the authoritarianism we are seeing under the Trump admin. Call them out whenever possible. Out march, protest and maneuver them whenever possible. Stay engaged and turn this around in 2026 mid terms.

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

I use my social media pages to keep constituents updated on Lynn matters. Continue to remain accessible by phone, email, text, Messenger etc. Return all calls, regardless of issue.

(C) Yes/No Policy Questions

1. Do you oppose the expansion of charter schools? **YES**

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 (Lynn has launched its CALM Team this past July)**
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**
4. Do you support fare-free public transit? **YES**
5. Do you support the expansion of the network of permanent, protected bike lanes in your city? **YES**
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**
7. Would you support a home rule petition to enable the city to stabilize rents? **YES**
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**

(D) Additional Comments

(Use this space to make any final comments you deem important for progressive voters assessing your candidacy.)

Thank you for considering me for your endorsement. It is an honor to work with you to improve Lynn and the Commonwealth as a whole. I look forward to that opportunity and hearing back from you.