



2025 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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(A) Your Candidacy

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

-promote a more respectful and positive atmosphere in the way we relate to each other. It is essential to communicate and listen respectfully so that we can achieve our goals.

2. What qualifies you to hold this office?

-I have served for one term

Before being elected:

-I started Indivisible Northampton, organized 25+ marches and rallies where i got to know and work with activists, politicians, and grassroots groups.

-I was Vice President of the Northampton Democratic Committee

-Appointed Ward Chair for Ward 2

I have worked hard to understand all aspects of the budget, have formed excellent relationships with department heads, the Mayor, fellow councilors, and constituents.

-I communicate with my constituents through monthly newsletters, bi-monthly office hours, and quick responses to emails.

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



I would support physician-assisted suicide in Massachusetts. I worked in Radiology for 40 years, where many of the patients I worked with were terminally ill and suffering. People I know have spoken about this as an option when they were faced with a terminal diagnosis. Unfortunately, when the time comes, people are often too ill to access this type of help, and they don't want to be in an unknown place away from family and friends.-

(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?

- I support the Stabilization funds, which set aside money for emergencies, long-term projects, and the city's financial health. They are financed through the undesignated funds, free cash. We have the General, Fiscal stability, and Capital stabilization funds, as well as the special purpose Climate change mitigation fund and the new NPS Special Education Stabilization fund, which I voted positively for last year. In light of what is going on with money and funding being taken away during this administration, I think it is essential that we maintain these funds and not deplete them as some are suggesting.

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

-continue to increase their budget as much as is fiscally sound.
-work with the school committee to find standardized systems to teach reading so that all schools are using the same method and system. There would be one-time funds used to train the teachers.
-Have long-term stable leadership in the schools.

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

-I cosponsored a resolution to make Northampton a sanctuary city to protect transgender and gender diverse people.
-Northampton has plans in place if/when ICE comes here. I support those plans

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?



-I am on the Energy and Sustainability Commission and work with this committee to upgrade equipment to new energy efficient, cost saving items
-New buildings for all income levels are climate and energy resilient
-Northampton is part of a grant-funded Energy Advocate to help residents, small businesses, and low-moderate income folks with no cost energy assessments for weatherization and energy efficient heating and cooling upgrades, including heat pumps

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?

Picture Main Street, which I wholeheartedly support, will have separated bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and shorter crosswalks, which will make our downtown much more walkable, rollable, and bikeable for everyone.

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 cosponsored the resolution approved by the city council in support of an act which calls for the support of a bill in support of an act enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants.

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

-Not relevant

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

-I support the Fiscal Stabilization Fund, which allows us to cover faster-rising and unforeseen costs.

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

-Over my first term, I have sent out monthly newsletters, held semi-monthly office hours, responded to emails quickly, regularly met with constituents and spoke with department heads, fellow councilors, and the mayor to get accurate information for myself and my constituents. I will continue giving accurate information to my constituents in my second term.



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(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 Northampton has the division of community care for this purpose**
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 Northampton has one and I voted positively for it.**
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**
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 I cosponsored Northampton's resolution for rent stabilization**
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.)