



2025 Boston Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire

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(A) Your Candidacy

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

Humanity!

Education, Economics, Public Safety, Housing, Infrastructure, Health care. We as a city have more than three matters needing addressing, Bostonian as a whole are looking for basic human rights to live.

- 2. What qualifies you to hold this office?**

As a 23-year veteran of Boston's Centers for Youth and Families department staff member, 15 years as president of SEIU Local 888/BCYF chapter, former member of the Great Boston Labor Council, current president of the Boston Bengals Pop Warner Football Program, co-founder of the South End-Roxbury Community Partnership, co-founder of the Needles in Park, co-founder of Friends of Clifford Park, former member of the Anne Case foundation, former member of the Cabo Verdean community task force, member of the Poor People's Campaign of Massachusetts, former member of the Orchard Garden K-8 parent community group, form member of the DSNI, current member of the Franklin Park Coalition, former Vice President of the Madison Park Alumni association, former Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee member (Boston METCO students representing), 35 years of community service in and around Boston, mentor and life coach to many.

3. **What do you see as the role of the City Council in our strong-mayor system?**

To connect residents to city resources, address matters & concerns they face, keep them informed on current changes within the city, advocate for basic human rights at all levels of government.

4. **What is the one policy you've seen pioneered in another city that you'd most like to see Boston adopt?**

There are 2 policies I would adopt in Boston, an elected school committee and Planning & Developing board.

5. **Which of the following groups have you chosen to reject / would reject campaign contributions from?**

- a. For-profit developers
- b. Fossil fuel executives or lobbyists
- c. Charter school advocates and lobbyists
- d. Police unions

We will not be accepting contributions from any of the listed below, we are only accepting contributions from family, friends and community members who support our efforts to run for mayor of Boston.

(B) Community Engagement

1. **What steps would you take, if elected/re-elected, to engage all the diverse communities of Boston in policymaking, and what past actions of yours should give voters confidence that you will follow through?**

I would continue to have public hearings and meetings at a reasonable and accessible time, locations and dates designed to utilize all forms of communication in all languages, with consistent, regular, and intervals for all residents with a particular focus on historically marginalized and ignored communities. I will promote, market, and advertise in community and local newspapers, Boston mainstream media.

2. **The future of democracy depends on robust youth engagement. Describe how you engage youth formally in your work as mayor, or would plan to do so if elected.**

I have engaged, recruited, trained, and encouraged our youth by including them in the process of signature collection, phone banking, canvaassing, policies discussions, voter registration drives, and forums. I have also created a youth group between the ages 16-25 year olds to ensure their views and opinions are included in this campaign.

3. **What is one aspect of community process in the City of Boston that should be improved, and why?**

One aspect of the community process in Boston that needs improvement is community engagement in decision-making, especially in the neighborhoods that have historically been marginalized or underrepresented. Too, often, critical decisions regarding schools, housing, and development happen without fully hearing the concerns of residents most affected. This leads to mistrust and policies that don't reflect the community's true needs. The time and locations when conducting community engagement also plays a key role in the process. I would prioritize creating more accessible, inclusive and transparent engagement opportunities- like multilingual forums, neighborhood advisory councils, and stronger partnership with local organizations. By actively listening and involving residents early and often, we build trust and craft solutions that truly serve Boston's diverse communities. Residents' voices come first!

(C) Budget & Revenue

1. **Describe how you would prepare or are preparing the city for a significant reduction in federal funding.**

I would launch a comprehensive budget audit review to identify inefficiencies in budget allocation and prioritize core programs that directly impact

residents' quality of life-like education, public safety, and housing. I would aggressively pursue diversification of revenue sources, including expanding partnership with private sector, philanthropic organizations, and leveraging local economic development to grow the tax base responsibly. I would strengthen collaboration across city departments to streamline services and reduce duplication. I would engage community stakeholders in a transparent and accountable budgetary review process and prioritizing where resources go. Together, we can navigate federal funding cuts without sacrificing the progress and support Boston families depend on.

2. **How much funding do you think the City should allocate to participatory budgeting? For context, \$2 million was appropriated for the current fiscal year. The Better Budget Alliance has advocated for \$40 million.**

I support significantly increasing funding for participatory budgeting, with a goal of reaching at least \$40 million, as advocated by the Better Budget Alliance. Participatory budgeting empowers residents to decide how taxpayers funds are spent and builds civic engagement, city resources, community events and builds trust in government.

3. **How will you work to create a stronger PILOT system that expands community engagement, defines community benefits, and creates a fairer system to meet the needs of residents of the city of Boston?**

I will push for a more transparent and enforceable PILOT system, ensuring that large institutions like hospitals, colleges, and universities meet their full commitments. I support trying PILOT contributions to community-defined benefits like low income housing, youth programs, elderly and veteran services, and climate resilience.

4. **Do you support the City of Boston's home rule petition to shift some of the tax burden away from residential owners to commercial owners in order to mitigate residential property tax spikes? YES/ NO**

YES.

I would support Boston's home rule petition to temporarily shift a portion of the property tax burden from residential to commercial properties. This approach is a prudent and balanced response to the challenges posed by declining commercial property values, which have led to increased tax burdens on homeowners. This shift is necessary to protect working-class

homeowners and tenants from rising costs. Large commercial property owners can and should contribute more equitably.

5. **Given state law, Boston is limited in its taxing power. What opportunities do you see for the city to raise revenue?**

The city can add admission taxes on attractions like museums, concerts, and other tourist areas like Faniuel Hall, Government Center, and Boston Common. We could negotiate with Boston's institutions and event planners on the percentage. Non-residents who use city resources who don't pay local income and property taxes will be the ones charged a fee.

6. **The City of Boston has a history of leveraging its financial power for social good, including its decision to divest from fossil fuels. Given this precedent, how would you make sure Boston's investments align with the city's values, such as, but not limited to, policies requiring transparency, disclosure, and divestment of public investments or procurement contracts with companies or countries that profit from war or are implicated in human rights violations?**

I would ensure that our city's investments fully reflect our commitment to social justice, sustainability, and ethical governance. I would work with the city council to establish a clear, binding policy that explicitly prohibits investments in companies or countries profiting from war, human rights abuses or environmental destruction. Require positive screening to invest in businesses advancing social equity, environmental sustainability, and good governance. Mandate quarterly public disclosure of all city investments, and procurement contracts through an accessible online platform. Publish clear reports on how our investments align with our ethical standards and the social impact they generate. Establish a citizen investment ethic committee composed of experts in human rights, finance, environmental justice, and community leaders. This body will review investment decisions, monitor compliance with ethical guidelines, and advise the mayor and council on necessary actions. Embed human rights and environmental criteria into all city contracts, with clear consequences for violations. Require vendors to demonstrate compliance with labor rights, anti-corruption laws, and ethical business practices. Host regular public forums where residents can learn about investment decisions, offer feedback, and propose priorities. Create an online portal for continuous community input and transparency. When divesting from unethical actors, pair the action with public statements encouraging reform. Collaborate with other cities and institutions to increase pressure on companies and countries that violate human rights or fuel

conflict. By institutionalizing these measures, Boston will not only safeguard the integrity of our financial power to advance justice, peace, and sustainability-ensuring every dollar reflect our city's highest values.

(D) Education

1. What are your top priorities for improving Boston Public Schools?

My top priorities for improving BPS is to support voters of Boston and fulfill their decision of an elected school committee, address achievement gaps through equitable funding, expanding mental health support, increase school nurses, hire develop and retain more educators of color, investing in multilingual and inclusive education, upgrade school facilities (repair all swimming pools in order to teach swimming and life saving skills including CPR and first aid, provide clean water and safer buildings), create a pipeline for Madison Park Voc Tech High School to ensure we increase enrollment at the school by introducing trades to our youngest student in elementary school level, introduce 7am-7pm school schedule with a before and afternoon school programs by consolidating BPS and BCYF (this collaboration will provide students with extracurricular activities such as swimming lessons, swim team, sports teams, computer classes, art, music and more), ensure all students have access to STEM, colleges and universities, and a career pathway, retool all schools to levels of exam schools to eliminate the need to change the admission quotas to the exam schools, create students and parent advisory boards at all our schools. Add civic, financial literacy, home economics, wood shop and more back into our schools.

2. Do you oppose the expansion of charter schools in Boston? YES/ NO

YES.

Charter school expansion drains resources from public schools. I support strengthening BPS and ensuring all families have access to high-quality neighborhood schools.

3. In 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education actively considered a takeover of the Boston Public Schools. Do you oppose any such future efforts at state takeover of BPS? YES/ NO

YES.

Local communities-not the state-should govern our public schools. State takeovers lack accountability and often ignore the voices of students, parents, and educators.

4. **Boston voters overwhelmingly supported a 2021 ballot question to change BPS governance to allow Boston voters the right to elect school committee members. Do you support a fully elected school committee? YES/ NO If so, what would your ideal structure be? If not, why not?**

YES.

The structure I propose is an eleven member committee with nine districts and two at-large to ensure every Boston neighborhood has a dedicated voice while preserving a citywide perspective. Members would serve four-year staggered terms so that the committee maintains stability while new members are welcomed. Candidates would be required to demonstrate a strong commitment to education and community engagement to ensure we elect candidates with the experiences and dedication our school deserves. I also believe we must invest in civic education and outreach to ensure all Boston voters-especially those in historically underrepresented communities-are informed and empowered to participate. By shifting to a fully elected committee, we strengthen democracy and establish a clear path for improving Boston Public School.

5. **What is one policy from another school district that you would like to see implemented in Boston schools?**

An elected school committee.

6. **What do you believe the progressive position on the White Stadium project is, and why?**

I strongly disagree with the manner in which White Stadium was managed by the city and the RFP format. I believe that it is a disservice to BPS students (most of our high schools have their only athletic facilities at the school facilities, our athletic programs have lost participants to the point that Madison Park, East Boston, South Boston and a few others have no football programs). Our children should NOT be used as bargaining chips!!!! We as a city should ONLY use public funds to rebuild White Stadium! The stadium was built for Boston's students and their families to enjoy our student athletes! My position is to oppose privatization of public resources and ensure any use of White stadium centers student's needs and community control. Public funds

and spaces should be prioritized by public school students, not be used for private profit or exclusive partnerships.

7. **Since the passage of "An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement" in 2020, Boston police officers have not been stationed inside Boston Public Schools. Are you committed to maintaining police-free schools? YES/ NO**

YES.

I support keeping police out of our school and investing instead in counselors, restorative justice practices, and trauma-informed staff. Safety comes from support, not surveillance!

(E) Public Safety

1. **Do you support Boston's Trust Act? YES/ NO**

YES.

I support the Trust Act by enhancing its effectiveness by engaging in regular conversation with federal agencies to address concerns and ensure public safety remains a top priority. Community education and outreach programs are important to inform immigrant communities regarding their rights and the protections afforded by the Trust Act. Establishing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the impact of the Trust Act on community safety and making adjustments as necessary to address emerging challenges. The Trust Act does NOT prevent local law enforcement from cooperating with federal authorities on criminal investigation or serious public safety issues, such as human trafficking or violent crimes. Policies like the Trust Act help build trust between the immigrant communities and local authorities.

2. **Given the Trust Act's limited scope, what additional steps will you take to prevent information sharing and collaboration with ICE and other federal agencies?**

I would strengthen local policies and protocols, set clear guidelines prohibiting sharing of information.

3. **Do you support shuttering the Boston Police gang database? YES/ NO**

YES.

4. **Do you support ending Boston's engagement in the BRIC? YES/ NO**

YES.

The Boston Regional Intelligence Center operates with little oversight and has been used to surveil communities of colors and political activists. We need public safety strategies rooted in accountability and community trust.

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

YES.

Mental health crises should be treated as public health issues, not criminal matters, I support expanding programs like BEST (Boston Emergency Services Team) and creating a new city-wide alternative response system.

6. **Current and former Boston police officers were found to be involved or actively supporting the January 6, 2021 insurrectionist attack on the federal government and attempt to overturn the 2020 election results, and white supremacist organizations have used police departments as recruiting grounds. What steps would you take to combat white supremacist affiliations or sympathies in BPD?**

I will mandate comprehensive background checks, implement anti-bias training and establish an independent civilian oversight board with the power to investigate and remove officers affiliated with hate groups. Zero tolerance for extremism in public service.

7. **Do you support the legalization of overdose prevention centers? YES / NO**

NO.

Some worry these centers might normalize or even encourage drug use rather than discourage usage. There are fears that such centers could attract more drug activity and related crime to the surrounding neighborhood. Questions arise about the legal framework, liability, and illegal drug use. Critics argue that funds used for these centers could be better spent on prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. Expanded

treatment programs increase access to medication-assisted treatment like methadone and buprenorphine, which help reduce dependence safely. Prevention and education campaigns educate the community on the risks of opioid use and safe prescribing practice. Target drug trafficking networks and provide resources for law enforcement to focus on supply reduction. Wide distribution of naloxone kits and training will save lives.

8. How do you evaluate the City's response to the humanitarian situation at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard ("Mass & Cass")?

The city's response has lacked long-term, coordinated strategies. While some progress has been made, we need sustainable long-term treatment and low-threshold housing solutions, expanding mental health care, and coordinated case management. We must treat every person with dignity and compassion. Despite the city's efforts several challenges persist. Insufficient long-term treatment and low-threshold housing options exceeds supply, leading to delays in transitioning individuals out of encampments. Displacement issues have forced individuals into more precarious living situations, such as alleyways, or train stations, due to the lack of available long-term and low-threshold housing. The discontinuation of certain harm reduction programs like the needle exchange services, has led to concerns about increased health risks among the user population, and discarded needles across Boston. To address these ongoing issues we must expand long-term treatment and low-threshold housing capacity statewide aiming for 1000 units to meet the growing demand. We as a city must rehab Long Island, Long Island is a key resource to managing this humanitarian crisis. We can NOT allow the open drug use and market to continue to grow across Boston's neighborhoods. Reintroduce and expand harm reduction programs to ensure individuals have access to necessary services. Involve the user and unhoused individuals in the planning and implementation of solutions to ensure their needs are met effectively. Continue to utilize data dashboards to track progress and identify areas for improvement By adopting a more compassionate and comprehensive approach, we can better support our most vulnerable residents and work towards a more equitable and human response to substance use and homelessness in Boston.

9. What would be your priorities in reducing gun violence in the city?

Reducing gun violence in Boston requires a multi-faceted, community-centered approach. Investing in the city of Boston youth programs and community-based organizations that work directly with at-risk

youth and their families. Expand youth programs, provide year round jobs and training, mentorships, conflict resolution, school sports, arts, music, and educational opportunities. We also have to address the underlying socioeconomic factors that contribute to violence. Use data-driven, targeted policing strategies to identify and intervene with individuals most likely to commit or be victims of gun violence. Strengthen partnerships between police, social worker, youth worker, and community leader to ensure interventions are supportive and not purely punitive. Advocate for stronger gun laws, including enhanced background checks, safe storage laws, restrictions on illegal firearms, and teach gun safety. Expand access to mental health and substance abuse treatment to address factors that often contribute to violence. Integrate social worker and youth worker with law enforcement to provide comprehensive support to individuals and families affected by gun violence. Maintain transparent data on gun violence incidents to guide policy decisions and measure progress. Engage the community regularly on outcomes and adjustments in strategy. This approach combines prevention, enforcement, and support to reduce gun violence sustainably while fostering trust and collaboration with the community.

(F) Environment & Transportation

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

Expand green infrastructure in vulnerable neighborhoods. Invest in affordable, energy-efficient housing. Create climate jobs for local residents, equity must be central by prioritizing resources for low-income communities most impacted by climate change and environmental injustice.

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

I support fare-free public transit, audit protecting bike lanes, improving pedestrian infrastructure, repaving streets, traffic enforcement and cameras. All investments must center accessibility and input from community members.

3. **Do you support the City of Boston's zoning code update requiring new buildings to achieve net zero carbon emissions standards upon opening?
YES/ NO**

YES.

Every new building must be part of the solution to climate change. I support strong green building codes and incentives for renewable energy use and electrification in construction.

4. **Do you support expanding the fare-free bus pilots and making fare-free buses permanent in Boston? YES / NO**

YES.

Fare-free buses increase access to transit, reduce traffic congestion and lower emission. They support working families and reduce racial and economic disparities in transportation access.

5. **Do you support the expansion of the network of permanent, protected bike lanes in the city? YES / NO**

YES.

I support permanent bike lanes on roads that are major arteries with the capacity for safe installation and usage.

6. **Do you support expanding the renewable energy content in the Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) program? YES / NO**

YES.

Boston must lead on climate action. Expanding renewable energy through BCCE helps lower emissions and utility bills while creating green jobs and improving public health.

(G) Housing

1. **How would you expand affordable housing in Boston and ensure development without displacement?**

I would prioritize affordable housing on city-owned land, expand funding for low-income housing, and strengthen anti-displacement tools like rent stabilization and tenant protections. Community engagement must be central to development decisions to ensure residents are NOT pushed out of their neighborhoods.

2. **What opportunities do you see for leveraging city-owned land for expanding affordable housing?**

We can repurpose underutilized city-owned lots-especially near transit-for deeply affordable housing developments. Partnerships with non-profit and community land trust can ensure long-term affordability and community stewardship.

3. **Do you support the City of Boston’s Home Rule Petition to establish a small transfer fee on real estate transactions over \$2 million? YES / NO If so, how do you plan to advocate for it at the State House?**

YES.

This fee would generate critical funding for affordable housing without burdening working families. I will advocate for it at the State House to ensure Boston can meet the scale of our housing needs.

4. **Do you support rent stabilization, i.e., limiting the amount that landlords can increase rent for tenants year to year? YES/ NO Do you believe that the City of Boston’s current Home Rule Petition goes far enough, doesn’t go far enough, or goes too far—and why?**

YES.

Boston needs tools to keep rent affordable and protect long-term residents. It is a strong start, but I believe we can go further-ensuring exemptions for small landlords while capping excessive increases and closing loopholes that lead to displacement. I would advocate by building coalitions working closely with other mayors, city councilors, affordable housing advocates, and community organizations across Massachusetts to demonstrate broad support. Meet with key members of the Massachusetts legislature, especially those on housing and revenue committees, to present data on Boston’s housing needs and the benefit of the transfer. Share examples from other cities that have implemented similar fees successfully, showing positive impacts on affordable housing funding. Emphasize that the fee targets luxury real estate transactions, ensuring that those with the greatest ability to pay contribute to the solution. Mobilize public support through media campaigns and town and city hearings to create constituent pressure on state lawmakers. Be ready to engage in constructive dialogue to address concerns and find workable solutions that can pass the legislature.

5. **Would you support a Tenant Opportunity to Purchase ordinance, enabling tenants to purchase a building if the owner seeks to put it on the market? YES/ NO**

YES.

TOPA policies empower tenants to stay in their homes and build community wealth. With adequate financing tools and technical assistance Boston can lead on this model.

6. **Boston recently updated its inclusionary development policy (IDP) to raise the required number of income-restricted units in new developments to 20%. Do you support this policy? YES/ NO**

YES.

This is a crucial step in addressing the city's housing affordability crisis and ensuring that economic diversity is integrated into our urban fabric.

7. **Do you support requiring that a majority of new affordable units be built on-site, in order to ensure communities are diverse and integrated? YES/ NO**

YES.

Affordable housing should not be segregated. On-site requirements promote mixed-income communities, reduce concentration of poverty, and offer equal access to neighborhood resources.

8. **Would you support expanding the City's Condo Conversion ordinance to cover buildings with 2 or 3 units, ensuring that more tenants can access protections against displacement? YES/ NO**

YES.

Currently, many smaller multi-unit buildings fall outside the ordinance's protections, leaving tenants vulnerable to sudden evictions or steep rent increases when owners convert rentals into condos. Expanding coverage ensures more tenants, especially those in low-incomes or vulnerable communities-have access to legal safeguard.

9. **Massachusetts recently passed legislation to enable renters to get eviction records sealed. What steps would you take to ensure that renters know of this new right?**

With community outreach and partnership we would make sure renters know about their rights to seal eviction records. I would prioritize strong community outreach through partnership with tenant advocacy groups, legal aid organizations, and local nonprofits. These groups already have spread the word through workshops, informational sessions, and direct outreach in neighborhoods with high renter populations.

10. **What specific steps would you take to expand access to supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, and those with mental health needs in our community?**

I will prioritize a 'housing first' model by converting city-owned properties into supportive housing units, increase funding for wraparound services including case management, mental health care, and job training, and push for regional collaboration to scale permanent supportive housing.

11. **Do you support the current Squares + Streets process? YES/ NO What is one change you would make to the current process?**

YES.

It is a good foundation for fostering walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods.

One change I would make would be to ensure more meaningful community participation and require racial equity impact assessments on any zoning change or development approved through this process.

12. **Boston recently eliminated parking minimums for affordable housing developments. Would you support eliminating parking minimums for all residential developments? YES/ NO**

YES.

Eliminating parking minimums help lower housing costs, reduce car dependency, and promote sustainable development. Developers should still provide parking where appropriate, but it should not be mandated by outdated zoning rules.

13. **The City of Boston is currently assessing possible reforms to the Article 80 process. What do you view as the appropriate role of community engagement in the development process, and how do you weigh community input against other factors when considering a development?**

Community engagement should be foundational, not symbolic. I support requiring early and ongoing consultation with residents, language access for meeting, and prioritizing community-identified needs like affordable housing or green space. While we must meet housing and climate goals, no major development should proceed without community-informed benefit.

(H) Democracy

1. **How can Boston increase youth/college turnout in municipal elections?**

I would expand on-campus early voting locations, partner with high schools, colleges and universities to implement civic education on the importance of local government. Making voting a culture norm for young residents is key.

2. **Do you support allowing 16- and 17-year-olds the right to vote in municipal elections? YES/ NO**

YES.

Young people are impacted by local policy and deserve a voice. Lowering the voting age will boost civic engagement and strengthen our democracy.

3. **Would you support Charter Change to allow for Ranked Choice Voting in Boston? YES/ NO**

YES.

Ranked choice voting leads to more representative outcomes, reduces negative campaigning, and allows voters to express their preference more fully. Rank voting is a great tool to select school committee members.

4. **Do you support making hybrid access to public meetings permanent? YES/ NO**

YES.

Hybrid access increases transparency and ensures people with disabilities caregiving, responsibilities, or work obligations can participate in civic life.

5. **The current administration has been revoking student visas of international students for exercising rights protected under the First Amendment to criticize US foreign policy and specifically Israel's war on Gaza. But this attack is less a radical break from than an escalation of past tactics from politics of both parties and university administrations to criminalize dissent, especially around US policy on Israel. How will you *proactively oppose efforts to criminalize dissent and protect the civil liberties of all residents*?**

I will publicly condemn attempts to punish political dissent, especially from students and immigrant communities. I support policies for international students, prohibit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement based on political activity, and protect the right to protest as a cornerstone of our democracy.

6. **The Trump Administration has used the threat of withholding funding to universities to demand, among other policies, a ban on masking which has been used by students to obscure their identities during protests against the genocide in Gaza in response to doxxing, harrasment, and now, the threat of deportation. A municipal "Right to Mask" ordinance would remove this decision from universities. Will you support a Right to Mask ordinance to protect students from doxing for participating in peaceful protests? YES/ NO**

YES.

Everyone has the right to protest safely and anonymously. I support a local Right to Mask ordinance that upholds privacy, especially for those vulnerable to harassment, retaliation, or deportation.

(I) Inclusive Boston

1. **Name three accomplishments you've been able to achieve to advance racial justice or equity.**

As a community activist committed to racial justice and equity, I am proud to advocate for recovery and transitional housing programs that prioritize underserved communities, including BIPOC, unhoused, substance use, and LGBTQ+. These initiatives were developed in collaboration with local organizers and have successfully increased recovery and shelter access while centering dignity and cultural responsiveness. I led a citywide initiative to assist Boston's youth gain access to resources to college in historically underfunding neighborhoods by partnering with grassroots organizations. We were able to provide guidance in and out of school to maintain the requirements to graduate highschool and fulfill the obligations to apply for college.

2. **The Trump administration has previously used the threat of withholding federal funding to pressure cities into complying with federal policies that may be contrary to the values of progressive governance—such as sanctuary city policies, protections for LGBTQ+ residents, DEI policies, or environmental regulations. If faced with such a scenario, how would you respond? Specifically, what strategies would you employ to resist federal overreach while protecting critical services and funding for residents?**

I would not compromise Boston's values of inclusion, equity, and justice. We must never allow our commitment to sanctuary policies, environment justice, or LGBTQ+ protection to be undermined by partisan overreach. If confronted with threats to federal funding I would immediately collaborate with legal experts and other mayors across the country to file coordinated legal challenges against unconstitutional federal threats. To cushion the impact of potential funding loss, I would propose the creation of a locally-backed resilience fund supported by public-private partnerships and philanthropic organizations. This fund would be used to protect critical services like housing, public health, and education. I would also engage Boston residents directly through community meetings, multilingual updates, and public campaigns ensuring transparency and rallying collective action. Our greatest strength is our community-when informed and unified, we are powerful defenders of our values.

3. **Will you fight to ensure that shelters in Boston do not preemptively comply with any trans-exclusive federal directives? YES/ NO**

YES.

Every shelter must be a safe haven for all, including transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals. I will defend inclusive policies and fund shelter that affirm the dignity and identity of all residents

4. What steps would you propose to reduce Boston's income and wealth inequality, especially the racial wealth gap?

I will establish a city-run baby bonds program for children from low-income families, expand affordable homeownership opportunities through community land trust, support worker cooperatives and minority owned businesses, and overhaul city contracting to ensure BIPOC-owned businesses get equitable access to public work.

5. What steps would you take to achieve greater diversity in City contracting?

The council should mandate race-and gender-conscious goals in procurement, increase transparency in contract award, and fund technical assistance to minority-and women-owned businesses. I also support creating a public dashboard to track spending equity by race and neighborhood.

6. Will you support legislation to protect residents from the discriminatory use of algorithms and AI? YES/ NO

YES.

AI systems can replicate and worsen existing biases. I support legislation requiring transparency, audits, and accountability in any algorithm used by the city, particularly in policing, housing, and hiring. Residents must be protected from automated discrimination.

(J) Additional Comments

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

Boston stands at a crossroads-between deepening inequality and the chancer to build a city rooted in equality, inclusion, and justice. As mayor, I wil;l govern in partnership with communities, not in isolation. Changes must be driven by those most impacted. I invite all Bostonian to help shape a city where everyone belongs and thrives.