



## 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, alternative emergency response, expanding per-K and afterschool for all ages

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

I have been a social worker for over 26 years and have worked to advocate at the city, state and federal level for progressive policies

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

In Bronx NY they partnered alternative response with EMS.

### (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?**

Licensing fees and permits.

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

We need to be ensure that our educators are paid a livable wage

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

Continue not to cooperate with ICE and provide resources to ensure our immigrant communities have their basic needs met.

**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?**

Strengthening our infrastructure, including vulnerable communities in the conversation and education.

**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 public transportation.

**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 and funding for assistance for rent/small homeowners.

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

Somerville has done well in Union Sq and Assembly Row. However, other parts have been more delayed because of financing.

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

We need to have more progressive revenue within the city and state for services and funding.

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

I would advocate for a more transparent city website that is easy to navigate.

**(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**
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. 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.)*

*I have supported progressive revenue legislation and ballot initiatives. The Fairshare amendment is one example. I canvassed multiple times per week to educate voters.*