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Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Maura Healey at the State Democratic Party convention in Worcester on June 4, 2022.

Maura Healey at the Massachusetts Democratic Party convention in Worcester in June.

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PORTLAND, OR - OCTOBER 22: Democratic gubernatorial Candidate Tina Kotek (Middle Left)) cheers on the crowd during a rally on October 22, 2022 in Portland, Oregon. Kotek was joined by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) Jeff Merkley (D-OR) to energize potential voters in a hotly contested gubernatorial race where Republican Candidate Christine Drazan has drawn within striking distance of victory. Oregon has not elected a republican Governor since 1982. (Photo by Mathieu Lewis-Rolland/Getty Images)

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tina Kotek cheers on the crowd at a rally in Portland on Oct. 22.

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Vermont state Sen. Becca Balint, who is seeking the Democratic Party nomination to run for Vermont's vacant U.S. House seat, speaks to voters in Colchester on July 24, 2022.

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