

The Bummer City Historical Society & Civic Engagement Coalition

2018 Massachusetts Primary Election Voter Guide

What follows is a voter guide for the upcoming Massachusetts primaries on 9/4. Primary elections pit members of each political party against one another to determine who will represent the party in the November 2018 General Election.

We have included all of the people running for each position, but note that the primaries take place within the parties so Democrats are running against other Democrats and Republicans are running against other Republicans. We offer our suggestions for all of these primary races, Democratic and Republican.

Favored (soft support)

Straight-Up Endorsed (firm support)

In Massachusetts, voters not registered with a party (aka Independents) are able to vote in a primary of their choosing. You can decide which party primary to vote in at your polling place on election day.

Check your voter registration status and double-check your polling place here:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

**Note* The suggestions we make in this voting guide are the suggestions of ordinary people and should ABSOLUTELY NOT be taken as gospel. We have provided links to the campaign websites so you can do your own reading!*

Federal Government

The Legislative branch...

o US Senator (in Congress)

Republicans:

Geoff Diehl - <https://diehlforsenate.com/issues/>

John Kingston - <https://johnkingston.com/issues/>

- Whereas Diehl and Lindstrom embrace a more hardline right-wing rhetoric, Mr. Kingston claims to seek a restoration of civility to politics. Frankly, this goes out the window when discussing incumbent Senator Warren, but Kingston does seem to offer a more nuanced, compassionate approach to divisive issues like healthcare and immigration compared with his competitors who sound like Trump proxies. He is the most sensible candidate among this pool of Republicans to represent Massachusetts. - James

Beth Lindstrom - <https://bethforsenate.com/issues/>

Democrats :

Elizabeth Warren (unopposed incumbent)

o US Representative (in Congress)

- 7th Congressional District

Republicans: (none running)

Democrats :

Michael Capuano - <https://mikecapuano.com/issues/>

Ayanna Pressley - <https://ayannapressley.com/>

- 8th Congressional District

Republicans: (none running)

Democrats :

Stephen Lynch (Incumbent) - <https://lynch.house.gov/issues>

Christopher Voehl m- <https://electchristopher.com/issues/>

Brianna Wu - <https://www.briannawu2018.com/issues>

- I admire the work Congressman Lynch has done but Brianna Wu speaks to a new generation of people and our concerns. Honestly, her first-hand experience with alt-right trolling gives her valuable insight into the worst excesses of our current political moment and

she will bring genuine passion to issues like the defense of net neutrality and combating climate change. - James

Massachusetts State Government

The Executive Branch...

o Governor

Republicans:

Charles D. Baker - <https://www.charliebakerma.com/issue>

Scott Lively - <https://www.livelyforgovernor.us/>

Democrats :

Jay Gonzalez - <https://jay4ma.com/issues/>

Robert Massie - <https://www.bobmassie2018.com/issues-page/>

- Massie won me over with his interest in new home ownership models, his suggestion to streamline home rule petitions to give municipalities more freedom to address their housing issues given their particular circumstances, his support for LGBTQ people and his interest in helping people living with HIV, his support for safe injection sites for people living with addiction, and his bolder (albeit less detailed) approach to reducing prison populations and reforming our criminal justice system. — James

o Lieutenant Governor

Democrats :

Quentin Palfrey - <https://www.quentinpalfrey.com/policy>

- They both seem like good options and Tingle obviously has the more compelling backstory, but Palfrey's defense of the rights of transgender people won my support. Trans rights are scarcely mentioned on the issues pages of the candidates this primary season despite the relevant ballot question and as such I feel compelled to support Palfrey. To be clear, Tingle supports yes-on-3, but Palfrey included the issue in his online platform. - James

Jimmy Tingle - <https://www.jimmytingle4mass.com/issues>

Republicans:

Karyn Polito (unopposed incumbent)

o Councilor (on the Governor's Council)

- 3rd District

Democrats :

Marilyn Petitto Devaney (Incumbent) - no official website

Nick Carter - <https://www.nickcarter.org/why-nicks-running/>

- Honestly, dinosaur incumbents who don't even bother to connect with voters...No super strong feelings but this feels like the right move. - James

Republicans: (none running)

- 4th District

Democrats :

Christopher Iannella (Incumbent) - no official website

Mark Rooney - <https://votemarkrooney.com/why-mark/>

- Same as above.

Republicans: (none running)

o Attorney General

Democrats :

Maura Healey (unopposed incumbent)

Republicans:

James McMahon - <https://www.attorneyjaymcmahon.com/new-page-1/>

Dan Shores - <https://www.danshores.com/>

o Secretary of State

Democrats :

William "Bill" Galvin - <http://www.billgalvin.org/>

Josh Zakim - <https://www.joshzakim.com/>

- BCHS dreams of a time when everybody will be registered to vote where they live. The Secretary of State has the power to expand access to voting. Galvin can be credited for the new policy of automatically registering voters through the RMV and MassHealth, and he has worked to expand access to voting and to ensure the integrity of our election systems over the course of his career. That said, Galvin has occupied the Office for decades and change has come much too slowly. While it is not clear whether Zakim will be any more effective, he is forthright about his commitment to making

Massachusetts a leader in voter participation. Given the number of unregistered (but politically interested) people that we encounter every day, it is clear that we need a more enthusiastic and energized person leading the charge on this issue. Untested though he may be, we are willing to put our support behind Zakim.
- James

Republicans:

Anthony Amore (unopposed)

Green Party:

Juan Sanchez (unopposed)

o Treasurer

Democrats :

Deborah Goldberg (unopposed incumbent)

Republicans:

Keiko Orrall (unopposed)

o Auditor

Democrats :

Suzanne Bump (unopposed incumbent)

Republicans:

Helen Brady (unopposed)

o Register of the Deeds

- Suffolk District

Democrats :

Stephen J. Murphy (incumbent) - <http://www.murphydeeds.com/>

Katherine Victoria Forde - <http://www.katieforde.com/>

- Register of Deeds is such a thankless job and whoever holds this office has to really love the work. To be honest, Murphy has done a fine job (the pre-2016 website was an embarrassment) but I think Forde has the vision to really transform the office for the better. - James

Republicans: (none running)

The Judicial Branch...

o District Attorney

- Suffolk County

Democrats :

Evandro C. Carvalho - <http://www.evandrocarvalho.com>

Linda G. Champion - <http://championforda.com>

Gregory D. Henning - <http://www.greghenning.com>

Shannon McAuliffe - <http://www.mcauliffeforda.com>

Rachael S. Rollins - <http://rollins4da.com>

- I mean, just check out the website and read any of it. No-brainer.

Republicans: (none running)

o Clerk of Courts

- Suffolk County (Civil Business)

Democrats :

Michael Joseph Donovan (incumbent) - no official website

Kerby Roberson - <http://www.kerby4clerk.com>

- Roberson proposes providing accommodations for children whose parents can not afford childcare while in court and is, as a multilingual immigrant, committed to providing robust language services in court for people who need it. So much of the injustice built into our criminal justice system plays out at a level so low that nobody without direct experience even realizes it and Roberson has the first-hand experience, vision, and passion to know what important (and frankly modest) reforms are needed to protect the poor and vulnerable from some of the routinized practices and administrative failures that hurt them the most. - James

Republicans: (none running)

The Legislative Branch...

o State Senators (in General Court)

Democrats : No contested races in the Boston area

Republicans: No contested races in the Boston area

o State Representatives (in General Court)

- 25th Middlesex District (part of Cambridge)

Democrats:

Marjorie Decker (incumbent) - <http://www.decker4rep.com>

Lesley Phillips - <http://www.facebook.com/Phillips4StateRep>

Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 4 (Boston)

Democrats :

David Biele - <http://twitter.com/votedavidbiele>

Matthew Rusteika - <http://twitter.com/votemattr>

Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 5 (Boston)
 - Democrats :
 - Darrin Howell** - <http://twitter.com/darrindhowell>
 - Brad Howze** - no official website
 - Liz Miranda** - <http://twitter.com/votelizmiranda>
 - Roy Owens** - <http://royowensboston.mysite.com>
 - Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 9 (Boston)
 - Democrats :
 - Byron Rushing (incumbent)** - <http://byronrushing.org>
 - Suezanne P. Bruce** - <http://www.suezannepatrice4ma.org>
 - Jon Santiago** - <http://jonsantiago.org>
 - Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 11 (Boston)
 - Democrats :
 - Elizabeth A. Malia (incumbent)** - <http://replizmalia.com>
 - Charles Clemons Muhammad** - <http://www.charlesforboston.com>
 - Ture R. Turnbull** - <http://www.voteturnbull.com>
 - Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 12 (Boston)
 - Democrats :
 - Dan Cullinane (incumbent)** - <http://www.dancullinane.com>
 - Jovan J. Lacet** - no official website
 - Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 14 (Boston)
 - Democrats :
 - Angelo M. Scaccia (incumbent)** - no official website
 - Segun A. Idowu** - <http://segun4ma.com>
 - Christopher Obi Nzenwa** - <http://chrisnzenwahouserep.com>
 - Virak Uy** - <http://virakuy.com>
 - Gretchen Van Ness** - <http://gretchenvanness.org>
 - Republicans: (none running)

- Suffolk District 15 (Boston)
 - Democrats :
 - Jeffrey Sanchez (incumbent)** - <http://www.jeffreysanchez.org>
 - Nika Elugardo** - <http://electnika.com>
 - Republicans: (none running)

