2022 ELECTION GUIDE



Vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polls are open 7:00am – 8:00pm



This Election Guide was prepared by the Rosie's Place
Public Policy Department

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Rosie's Place reached out to all candidates listed on the ballot in each race noted in this voter guide.

VOTING LOCATIONS

If you are registered to vote at:

Rosie's Place (889 Harrison Avenue, 02118) vote at:

Orchard Gardens Community Center, 2 Dearborn St.

Woods Mullen (794 Massachusetts Avenue, 02118), Pine Street Women's Inn (363 Albany Street, 02118), Pine Street Men's Inn (444 Harrison Avenue, 02118), vote at:

Cathedral High School Gym, 1336 Washington St.

Women's Lunch Place (67 Newbury St, 02116), vote at:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 15 Newbury St.

St. Francis House (39 Boylston Street, 02116), vote at:

Metropolitan Community Room, 38 Oak St.

If you are registered to vote at a different Boston address, please call the City of Boston elections department at **617.635.4635**, visit **wheredoivotema.com** to find your polling location or reach out to the Rosie's Place Public Policy department for assistance.

YOUR RIGHTS

Q: Do I have to register to vote every election?

A: No. You should register to vote if this is your first-time voting, after you move, or if you have not voted in a while. If you are not sure if you are registered, you can still register.

Q: Can I register to vote on election day?

A: No. If you need to register or want to update your voter registration, you must do so by October 29, 2022 by 8pm.

Q: Can I register to vote or update my registration online?

A: Yes. You can register to vote or update your registration online anytime if you have a Mass ID or Driver License by visiting <u>registertovotema.com</u>. You can also pick up a paper application at the front desk at Rosie's Place, or go to Boston City Hall and register to vote in-person.

Q: Can I vote by mail in this election?

A: Yes. If you have not received an application to vote by mail, go to boston.gov/departments/elections/how-vote-absentee-ballot or call Boston City Hall for assistance: 617.635.8683.

YOUR RIGHTS

Q: I forgot where my polling is location, can I vote anywhere?

A: No. Unless you are voting early or by mail, you must vote at your polling location. You can find where you vote at wheredoivotema.com.

Q: Do I have to show a photo ID to vote?

A: No. You may be asked for identification if you are a first-time voter or have not voted in a long time. You may show a piece of mail with your name, voting address or a letter from a shelter where you are registered.

Q: Can I bring this guide into the polling booth?

A: Yes. You can bring this guide, your own notes, and any other helpful information you might need. You can even bring along a friend who can help you vote if you need assistance.

Q: I was once incarcerated, can I vote?

A: Yes. If you have a criminal record, are on parole or on probation, you can vote! Only people currently incarcerated for a felony cannot vote.

Q: What if they can't find my name at my poll?

A: You can still vote! Ask for a <u>provisional ballot</u> and your vote will be counted once your registration has been confirmed.

Have your rights been violated?

Contact the Election Protection Hotline (866.OUR.VOTE), the Dept. of Justice Voting Rights Hotline (800.253.3931), an attorney, or Rosie's Place Legal Program!

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Q: Which items are covered in this Election Guide?

A: In this Election Guide we are covering the races for Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Suffolk County District Attorney and the Congressional race in the 7th District – as well as the 4 ballot questions up for consideration this year.

Q: How many candidates may I select for each race?

A: For each race on the ballot, you may select 1 candidate.

Q: What am I supposed to do in regard to the ballot questions?

A: After reviewing each question, you are to choose either YES or NO.

Q: What is the responsibility of each office up for election?

A: There is a brief description about each office and the candidates in this voter guide.

Q: How do I choose who or what to vote for?

A: Voting is your constitutional right and it is exclusively YOUR choice. It is up to you to determine who will represent YOUR interests best. It is also ultimately up to you to determine if you agree with a ballot question or not.

GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are the highest and second highest ranking officers respectively in the executive branch. The Governor is the head of the executive branch of Massachusetts government and serves as chief administrative officer of the state and as commander-in-chief of the state's military forces. The responsibilities of the Governor include preparation of the annual budget, nomination of all judicial officers, granting of pardons (with the consent of the Governor's Council), appointment of the heads of most major state departments and agencies, and the acceptance or veto of each bill passed by the legislature. The Governor can call special sessions of the General Court with the consent of the Governor's Council. In the absence, resignation, death, or disability of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor performs all the duties incumbent upon the chief executive and has all the Governor's constitutional powers. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor is a voting member of the Governor's Council and is delegated certain responsibilities at the Governor's discretion.

There are 3 tickets on this year's ballot.

Geoff Diehl and Leah Allen (R)
Maura Healey and Kim Driscoll (D)
Kevin Reed and Peter Everett (L)

Website: diehlallen.com
Website: maurahealey.com

Website: none

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Massachusetts Attorney General is the chief lawyer and chief law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The officeholder also acts as an advocate and resource for the Commonwealth and its residents in many areas, including consumer protection, combating fraud and corruption, protecting civil rights, and maintaining economic competition.

There are 2 candidates on this year's ballot.

Andrea Joy Campbell (D) Website: andreacampbell.org

James R. McMahon (R) Website: attorneyjaymcmahon.com

SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State is a constitutional officer in Massachusetts. The responsibilities of the Secretary of the Commonwealth include custody of the state seal, the administration of elections, maintenance of public records, filing and distribution of regulations and public documents, corporate registration, recordings of appointments and commissions, the storage of historical data, the preservation of historic sites, the administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Uniform Securities Act. and information and referral on all aspects of state government, as well as State House tours, and the Registry of Deeds offices that have been placed under the Secretary's supervision.

There are 3 candidates on this year's ballot.

William Francis Galvin (D) Website: billgalvin.com Website: raylaforma.com

Rayla Campbell (R)

Juan Sanchez (G-R) Website: none

STATE TREASURER

The Treasurer is the custodian of all state funds and is the only party authorized to make payment from those funds. Every state agency must deposit receipts and revenues, which it has received with the Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for the issuance and marketing of state bonds and for the investment policy of the state. In addition, the Treasurer is the Chairperson of the State Board of Retirement and oversees the retirement system for state workers, as well as administers the Deferred Compensation Plan. Divisions include the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Unclaimed Property Division, Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Office of Economic Empowerment and Veterans' Bonus Division.

There are 2 candidates on this year's ballot.

Deborah B. Goldberg (D) Website: debgoldberg.com

Cristina Crawford (L) Website: none

STATE AUDITOR

The State Auditor's office audits all state entities and related activities at least once every two years. The purpose of these audits is to review and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of state operations and to ensure that state resources are used in accordance with applicable law.

There are 5 candidates on this year's ballot.

Anthony Amore (R) Website: amore2022.com
Diana Dizoglio (D) Website: dianaforma.com

Gloria Caballero-Roca (G-R) Website: none
Dominic Giannone (W) Website: none
Daniel Riek (L) Website: none

SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Suffolk County District Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer/chief prosecutor in Suffolk County and is responsible for prosecuting crimes. The District Attorney works to reduce crime through community engagement, working in tandem with neighborhood organizations and police departments throughout the county.

There is 1 candidate on this year's ballot.

Kevin Hayden (D) Website: kevinhayden.org

MA – 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The United States Representative from the 7th Congressional district is the elected official representing the district's federal interests in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Representative votes on federal legislation in the House and provides constituent services and advocacy to residents in the district.

There are 2 candidates on this year's ballot.

Ayanna S. Pressley (D) Website: ayannapressley.com

Donnie Dionicio Palmer Jr. (R) Website: none

Question 1: Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

Additional Tax on Income Over One Million Dollars

"Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on June 12, 2019 (yeas 147 – nays 48); and again on June 9, 2021 (yeas 159 – nays 41)?"

Summary

This proposed constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4% state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

A YES VOTE would amend the state Constitution to impose an additional 4% tax on that portion of incomes over one million dollars to be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, on education and transportation.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state Constitution relative to income tax.

Rosie's Place is a member of a coalition working to secure a \underline{YES} vote on Question 1. 501(c)(3) organizations may legally express positions on ballot initiatives.

Question 2: Law Proposed By Initiative Petition

Regulation of Dental Insurance

"Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?"

Summary

This proposed law would direct the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. The medical loss ratio would measure the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members' dental expenses and quality improvements, as opposed to administrative expenses. If a carrier's annual aggregate medical loss ratio is less than 83 percent, the carrier would be required to refund the excess premiums to its covered individuals and groups. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to waive or adjust the refunds only if it is determined that issuing refunds would result in financial impairment for the carrier.

A YES VOTE would regulate dental insurance rates, including by requiring companies to spend at least 83% of premiums on member dental expenses and quality improvements instead of administrative expenses, and by making other changes to dental insurance regulations.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the regulations that apply to dental insurance companies.

Question 3: Law Proposed By Initiative Petition

Expanded Availability of Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

"Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2022?"

Summary

This proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for "all alcoholic beverages" and for "wines and malt beverages") that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031.

Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of "all alcoholic beverages" licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses.

The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers.

A YES VOTE would increase the number of licenses a retailer could have for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises, limit the number of "all-alcoholic beverages" licenses that a retailer could acquire, restrict use of self-checkout, and require retailers to accept customers' out-of-state identification.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.

Question 4: Eligibility for Driver's Licenses

"Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2022?"

Summary

This law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a standard driver's license or learner's permit if they meet all the other qualifications for a standard license or learner's permit, including a road test and insurance, and provide proof of their identity, date of birth, and residency. The law provides that, when processing an application for such a license or learner's permit or motor vehicle registration, the registrar of motor vehicles may not ask about or create a record of the citizenship or immigration status of the applicant, except as otherwise required by law. This law does not allow people who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a REAL ID. To prove identity and date of birth, the law requires an applicant to present at least two documents, one from each of the following categories: (1) a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired Consular Identification document; and (2) a valid unexpired driver's license from any United States state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card, a valid unexpired foreign driver's license, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by any state or territory of the United States. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. The registrar may review any documents issued by another country to determine whether they may be used as proof of identity or date of birth.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which would allow Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver's license or permit if they meet the other requirements for doing so.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

Rosie's Place is a member of a coalition working to secure a \underline{YES} vote on Question 4. 501(c)(3) organizations may legally express positions on ballot initiatives.

FOUR QUESTIONS

We asked 4 questions to all the candidates about issues impacting our community:

Housing:

For far too many people with extremely low income or no income it is nearly impossible to find an affordable rent in Boston, and even with a voucher there are stigmas and biases that make it challenging to find housing. What will you do to ensure we have housing that is affordable and accessible?

Homelessness:

We believe homelessness is not a human qualifier but a circumstance a person is experiencing. Yet, far too many women experiencing homelessness feel unseen and unheard. What will you do to ensure the voices and needs of those experiencing homelessness are listened to and met?

Supporting Low-Income People:

Given the challenges people face to afford housing, utilities, transportation, food, and attend to their basic survival even while employed, how would you work to improve the financial well-being of low-income people in Massachusetts?

Immigration:

Recently, Massachusetts has been the epicenter of news surrounding immigration policy. How will you work to make Massachusetts welcoming to immigrants of all backgrounds?

ANDREA CAMPBELL

Running for Attorney General

Housing

Housing affordability and homeownership are critical building blocks that allow families to thrive and workers to pursue opportunity, but for too many this is out of



reach. I grew up in public housing, am a first generation homeowner, and have long championed legislation that creates affordable housing and fosters community development. I'll continue this leadership as Attorney General by promoting increased development of affordable housing, fighting housing discrimination, and advocating for capital equity.

Homelessness

Housing is a human right. We need to think holistically about treatment and addressing the root causes of homelessness, especially for those in recovery, to ensure they have the necessary support to stay in stable housing and on the track to recovery. As Attorney General, I will lead with a bottom-up approach, always listening to and learning from those who have lived experiences with the very issues we are trying to solve.

Supporting Low-Income People

Everyone deserves access to economic opportunity. One of the most critical roles the Attorney General can play here is making sure that when you go to work, you are getting paid. I will fight against employer wage theft and advocate for the passage of wage theft prevention legislation. Additionally, I'll work with the Governor to make sure we're tackling high costs of living and holding those who drive up prices accountable.

Immigration

I am incredibly grateful to the Martha's Vineyard community and local electeds who mobilized and led with compassion to ensure those who landed on the island had everything they needed. As Attorney General, I will prioritize using the resources of the office to support our immigrant communities and address discrimination, and the practices of unscrupulous employers, predatory businesses and irresponsible landlords that target and harm members of our immigrant communities.

ANTHONY AMORE

Running for State Auditor

Housing

I will launch a comprehensive audit of housing projects in the Greater Boston suburbs that I believe have failed from pushback at the local level. Right now, no one is connecting the dots on how these multi-family dwellings are being killed using the same NIMBY arguments. This audit will arm lawmakers with the information to enforce pro-housing laws, especially when adding multi-family dwellings in MBTA communities.

Homelessness

Upon taking office, Governor Baker successfully diverted 1,500 homeless families from motels into permanent housing. I would like to audit this effort and speak with the individuals who experienced this transition and learn where they are today. I believe sharing their experiences with lawmakers and the public will inform the way we treat future populations facing homelessness.

Supporting Low-Income People

Direct cash payments to low-income residents is a proven model that helps our poorest residents make ends meet. I would like to launch an audit of these models in cities like Cambridge, which combined public and private funds to give residents up to \$500 in monthly payments. In addition, I would like to audit how many of our poorest residents are taking advantage of the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, a number that has fluctuated.

Immigration

With drivers licenses for immigrants poised to pass a referendum in November, I would like to offer my services as a former immigration officer to help the Registry of Motor Vehicles learn to process personal documents from around the globe to ensure fraud is not used to obtain licenses. We must be a welcoming Commonwealth for all, and that includes allowing our undocumented families to have access to vehicles for work and family needs.

DIANA DIZOGLIO

Running for State Auditor

Housing

As Auditor, I will work to identify the most cost-effective approaches of producing affordable housing. That will include converting existing housing stock to affordable; preserving existing housing that is already affordable to residents; and expanding transit-oriented development. Communities that fail to comply with affordable housing laws such as 40B are not eligible for funding under the Housing Choice Initiative, Local Capital Projects Fund or MassWorks Infrastructure Fund. I will report on whether the Commonwealth is enforcing these requirements.

Homelessness

As an elected official, I have secured funding for Citizens' Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA), the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program, HomeBASE initiatives, and many other programs to address homelessness and ensure those who need housing have access. As Auditor, I will compile existing research and audit current initiatives on reducing homelessness to promote data-backed best practices. I will seek the input of persons experiencing homelessness to ensure their perspectives are taken into account.

Supporting Low-Income People

Born to a 17-year-old, single mother, and having grown up housing-insecure, we would not have gotten by without the support of financial assistance. Every wasted dollar is another child's future opportunity put at risk. We need to ensure that public dollars are not being misappropriated and strengthen the general public's support for public assistance by increasing transparency, accountability, and equity. Ensuring that struggling families are able to obtain access to vital services will be a top priority of mine.

Immigration

It is important that the Commonwealth take leadership in protecting and advancing the rights of our immigrant communities and making clear that all are welcome. I have voted multiple times as a member of the Legislature to remove immigration status as a barrier to applying for a license or learner's permit. I am a strong and vocal advocate of voting yes on Question 4. I will use the bully pulpit of the Auditor's Office to continue to fight for the rights of our immigrant communities

AYANNA PRESSLEY

Running for U.S. Representative, MA -7th District **Housing**

Safe, affordable housing is a fundamental human right. In Congress, I have introduced legislation and advocated for



policies that will make housing more affordable and accessible, including specific housing supports for grandparents raising their grandchildren, expanded funding for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, more than \$100 million in federal funding to combat homelessness, introduce my Tenant Protection Act which would provide tenants with essential protected rights and more. I'll continue this work to ensure that housing policies reflect the intersectional challenges facing individuals and families.

Homelessness

From the beginning of my work in public service, I've believed that those closest to the pain should be closest to the power, driving and informing the policymaking. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness, advocates, and community-based organizations were critical partners in our work to secure more than \$100 million in federal funding to address homelessness in Massachusetts, and I will continue to ensure that those experiencing homelessness have a seat at critical decision-making tables.

Supporting Low-Income People

I've advocated consistently for investments and policies that will improve the affordability and accessibility of every necessity and basic service our community members need, from food and transit to housing and healthcare. In addition, in my role on the Financial Services Committee, I've pushed to end discriminatory credit and banking practices that disproportionately harm low-income people and families. I've led efforts to pilot free public transit and I've advocated for stimulus checks during the pandemic and student debt cancellation to lift that financial burden from millions of families.

Immigration

In Congress, I have advocated to strengthen protections for DACA recipients and TPS holders, and to create a clear, humane path to citizenship for all immigrants who want it. We must also work to make our systems here in Massachusetts – from education to housing to banking – more accessible and welcoming to immigrants and their families, which is why I've fought for policies to make these systems more inclusive and reduce barriers to access.



"Community and democracy must work hand in hand, otherwise we have neither." -Kip Tiernan

Founded in 1974 by Kip Tiernan, Rosie's Place was the first drop in and emergency shelter for women in the United States. Rosie's Place is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment to help poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity, and find security in their lives.

The Public Policy department works to seek social justice on behalf of Rosie's Place guests. We work to achieve this goal through direct lobbying, coalition building and by empowering guests to be actively involved in civic life.

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MY POLLING LOCATION IS:

I WILL VOTE AT (time):