



Progressive Framingham/MetroWest 2023 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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What would be your top three priorities if elected to serve?

New Southside elementary school, public pool and community center, more pedestrian and bike-friendly policies

What is the one policy you've seen pioneered in another city that you'd most like to see adopted in Framingham?

Homeshare program that connects seniors with larger empty homes with young families seeking housing with reasonable costs

1. Same Day Registration is one of the best-proven methods of increasing voter participation in elections. Do you support allowing voters to newly register or re-register at the polls on Election Day and during the Early Voting period? (Y/N)

YES.

2. What steps would you propose to reduce income and wealth inequality in Framingham?

A new Southside elementary school would help level the educational playing field, enforce fair labor laws, ensure our municipal employees and paid a living wage

3. Do you support local government investment in the fight against climate change including solar panel programs, purchasing electric or hybrid vehicles, and encouraging composting? (Y/N)

YES.

4. Do you support Metrowest communities including Framingham adopting the opt-in stretch energy code that would increase sustainability in construction? (Y/N)

YES.

5. Do you support or oppose the expansion of charter schools in Massachusetts? (Y/N)

Oppose.

6. Do you believe that Black Lives Matter and support police accountability measures and policies that will protect black lives? (Y/N)

YES.

7. Do you support a careful examination of the role of school resource officers (SRO) in Metrowest schools in the context of potential psychological harm done to students of color? (Y/N)

YES.

8. How would you expand affordable housing in Framingham?

Enact a homeshare program to connect seniors with larger homes with vacant rooms with young families and veterans seeking housing, flexible zoning for tiny houses, incentives for condo ownership including city grants

9. Do you support local measures to address misinformation coming from crisis pregnancy centers? (Y/N)

YES.

10. The Supreme Court's Dobbs decision has threatened abortion access throughout our country. Do you agree that Massachusetts should take the lead on protecting the right to reproductive health for all residents? (Y/N)

YES.

11. The Supreme Court recently sided with a web designer who argued she had the right to refuse service for a same-sex marriage. Do you support legal mandates that mandate businesses to provide good and services without regard to a person's background including sexual orientation, race, and gender? (Y/N)

YES.

12. What impact do you feel social media has on participation in local elections? How can we encourage greater participation in local elections?

Social media plays an important role in conveying information to residents, but the toxic nature of much online content has made running for office unpalatable for many as shown by the number of unopposed candidates. We need to empower the next generation of municipal leaders so that Framingham elected government better represents our city's diversity, and we need leaders who will stand up to online toxicity.