



## **Solidarity Lowell 2024 Legislative Endorsement Questionnaire - Karen Cassella for Register of Deeds**

### **Why are you running for this office? What are your top three priorities if elected?**

I am running for this office because I know the job and have been doing it for 32 years. I know what changes are needed. I want to help the customer and the public with their property questions and make sure their needs are addressed. My top 3 priorities are if elected to open a south satellite office, a lawyer of the day program, and an out reach program in all towns for the towns real estate needs.

### **What prepares you to serve as Register of Deeds?**

I have been in the office for 32 years. I have decades of hands on experience and knowledge of the job. I have the training in the Land Court Department and know what it takes to record these documents.

### **What do you think are the most significant challenges facing the office, and how do you intend to address those challenges?**

The most significant challenges the office faces is the need to hire staff and train them. In order to become an office that will help the residents in the community well we need to hire employees. I intend to review the budget and see what it will take to hire more staff. Keeping the Deeds safe from fraudulent deeds being recorded. If all of the Register's work together we can find a solution with all Registries in Massachusetts to prevent this from happening.

### **What progressive policies or programs will you implement if elected?**

The Registry is a unique office and is staffed by union employees. The employees follow a contract that is negotiated with the state. All actions in the office are based on contract negotiations. If elected one policy I will implement is to make sure employees are cross trained in all departments.

### **What values will you demonstrate as a public official?**

My values are being honest, caring, supportive, helpful, strength.