



## Progressive Framingham/MetroWest 2023 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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

1. Developing a vision statement for the city.
2. Traffic safety throughout the ward, especially Rt 20.
3. Addressing the homeless situation in the city, especially single women.

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

A vision statement similar to the one in Framingham.

### **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 Marlborough?**

Work with corporations to create training programs, especially in the life sciences.

**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, but only within reason and the city's budget.

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

NO.

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

SUPPORT. Strongly support, look at the recent US News rankings in Massachusetts. Most charter schools produce results.

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

NO. I believe that police and all public servants should have policies that protect all citizens.

**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 our community?**

Partner/incentivize with developers to offer additional units.

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

NO.

**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, within reason.

**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 goods 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 a big part in local elections, however, you still need to knock on doors.