



Progressive Framingham/MetroWest 2023 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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

Downtown Revitalization, public schools, senior housing/transportation

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

The success of the Hudson Business Improvement District

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?

I would start with our own city employees. Many cannot afford to live in the city where they work. Addressing income inequity and inventorying affordable housing for current and prospective employees. Living in the city where you work instills a greater sense of pride in our shared community.

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)

We currently utilize hybrid vehicles in most city departments. I would expand the use of hybrids and propose solar panels where practical.

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

It is my understanding that the City opted-in back in 2012 and I am happy to see that standard has been upheld to keep energy efficiency a priority. It's important to be mindful of sustainability while also keeping in mind the costs associated when it comes to businesses and developers. Marlborough has always been considerate of the effects different decisions have on all parties while doing what's right and I hope to continue that mindfulness.

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

I do not oppose the expansion of our successful charter schools but my focus would be on addressing the issues and inadequacies of our public schools.

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

This question is far more nuanced than a Y/N answer.

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)

Same as my previous response. This is not a Y/N answer. I believe in the SRO program and have seen first hand the positive impact it has on kids of all colors.

8. How would you expand affordable housing in our community?

Partnering with agencies like the MEDC to facilitate development of more affordable housing

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

I haven't seen any such measures proposed in Marlborough.

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)

MA already leads the way with the passing of the Reproductive Rights Bill passed in the aftermath of Roe v Wade being overturned.

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)

Another question that deserves more than a Y/N answer. I don't believe anyone should be discriminated against based on sexual orientation, race and gender but I also do not believe you solve problems with mandates

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

We need online voting. We spend our lives online. We should vote online and have almost instant results.

Any other comments or questions?

You really need to allow for more detailed answers. The Y/N questions are far too nuanced and important to just comment Y/N

I'm happy to elaborate on my responses or any other issues you would like to discuss.