

**1. Name:** Will Brownsberger.

**2. Will you advocate for the reversal of recent HUD budget cuts?**

Yes

**Please explain:** HUD budget cuts disproportionately affect the most vulnerable Americans, including the elderly, the disabled, and the homeless. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan has stated that cuts under sequestration will cause 125,000 individuals and families to lose assistance of the Housing Choice Voucher program, 100,000 formerly homeless people (including veterans) to be removed from their current housing, and families harmed by the housing crisis to lose counseling services, among many other affects. We need to maintain our national commitment to provide stable access to a safe living environment for those most in need.

**3. Will you support the protection of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC)?**

Yes

**Please elaborate:** Yes, I would support this within the current tax framework. I would, however, support broad simplification of the tax code that eliminated most special purpose tax breaks.

**4. If elected, what efforts would you take to help workers afford to live and raise their families in Massachusetts and support low and moderate income people, elders, and people with disabilities who need assistance?**

Access to safe, affordable housing is a fundamental human right and a high economic development priority both for Massachusetts and federally. The biggest challenge is to ease local restrictions on density — local large-lot zoning is what creates incentives for developers to build expensive homes. I am in favor of “smart growth” initiatives that offer rewards and planning assistance to help communities absorb greater housing density near centralized public transportation.

I have been a strong and consistent advocate for state housing assistance programs under the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, and will continue this work at the federal level when I get to Congress.

I also support vigorous implementation of the regulations that Senator Warren championed to protect consumers from unsafe mortgage products.

Besides housing initiatives, I am an advocate for raising the minimum wage, redesigning our education system to promote lifelong learning and training to prepare people of all ages for the jobs that are available in our modern economy,

reforming our immigration system to provide a path to citizenship for undocumented people living and working in this country, and rethinking the way our criminal justice system interacts with non-violent lawbreakers to eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing for drug crimes and emphasize rehabilitation and reintegration into productive society.