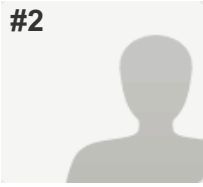


District 5 Candidate Questionnaire on Housing

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Q2: Will you advocate for the reversal of recent HUD budget cuts?

Yes,

Please explain:

It is important that we protect programs that are a lifeline to the most vulnerable in our society. Access to safe, affordable homes for our citizens, particularly seniors and people with disabilities, is paramount to improving the housing crisis, and we must make sure that we can provide the support needed to accomplish these goals.

Q3: Will you support the protection of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC)?

Yes,

Please elaborate:

I strongly support federal and state programs that support the development of new affordable housing such as the LIHTC.

Q4: 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?

In a high-cost state such as Massachusetts, ensuring that we increase our supply of affordable housing is essential to helping our economy grow. Access to safe, affordable housing is vital for families with children throughout the 5th District since having a safe place to live improves student performance in school while reducing health care costs. I support programs at the state and federal levels that support low- and moderate-income rental housing and homeownership opportunities as well as programs that provide a path out of homelessness for our most vulnerable citizens. While we must continue to fight for additional federal funding for housing programs, we must also be more creative here in Massachusetts to support programs that develop affordable housing near transit hubs and other innovative solutions to our current affordable housing shortage.