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Kim Rivera

A single mother of three who's survived homelessness, Kim Rivera now works as a parent facilitator in the Springfield Public Schools and also as a personal care attendant.

In March, Kim came home from a Citizens Police Academy training to find there'd been a shooting outside her home. "This is why I'm running for City Council," Kim said. "We need to build trust between police and our communities to make the city safer, so people aren't afraid to live in our neighborhoods. Some of our elected official are afraid to come into

some of our communities. We need to make sure everyone's involved...because we have to work together for safe and vibrant communities," she said.

In addition to working to curb violence, Kim is campaigning to bring more assistance to small businesses in Springfield, to ensure every community in Springfield has a neighborhood center, to provide more support for families stricken by violence, and to revitalize her neighborhood's commercial district.

She's running against the sitting Ward 6 City Councilor, who endorsed Republican Scott Brown for US Senate against Elizabeth Warren and Republican Gabriel Gomez over US Senator Ed Markey.

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Ayanna Pressley

Honored this March with Emily's List's "2015 Rising Star" Award, Ayanna delivered an acceptance speech at the organization's 30th anniversary gala in Washington, DC that floored the high-profile, national audience. She told her story of being raised by a single mom whose voice still guides and inspires Ayanna today, four years after her passing.

She talked about being sexually abused as a young girl and then sexually assaulted again as a young woman. She talked about her journey to City Hall and why she refuses to stay silent: "Because there are countless girls and women across the country who have no voice...who live silent existences in homeless shelters and suburban split level homes. Girls and women who have had their voices stolen away by violence and exploitation. Girls and women who have had their voices legislated away." After her speech, the Twitter world was on fire with comments from those who had seen Ayanna speak. "I have seen politics' future and it is Ayanna Pressley" tweeted the New Republic's Rebecca Traistor.

Undoubtedly, she has been a relentless advocate on behalf of women and girls in Boston, creating and chairing the Committee on Healthy Women, Families and Communities and successfully pushing for change with the passage of the Boston Public School's first-ever sex education and condom availability policy. She's worked collaboratively to focus law enforcement's approach to combating human trafficking on those who exploit vulnerable women and girls rather than on the women and girls themselves. And, she convened and led hearings on sexual assault, working with advocates to push local colleges to change their policies and incorporate more support services for victims.

Ayanna has also spearheaded reform on Boston's liquor license policy and co-sponsored policy to require the city's insurance to cover gender reassignment surgery, among her many other accomplishments.

Ayanna Pressley is running for re-election as a Boston City Councilor At-Large. Five candidates are running for four seats in November and Ayanna herself says that she is taking nothing for granted.

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Damali Vidot

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, Damali is a former youth worker and currently runs a small business in Chelsea. After seeing her property taxes rise and development projects initiated without any attempts at community engagement, Damali led her neighbors in organizing a push for greater transparency from City Hall and greater

community input in decision-making.

Damali says that her nine-year old daughter Nina is her biggest inspiration in running to become the first Latina elected to the Chelsea City Council and to work to end violence in her city as a Councilor. "I know what it's like to live in an area where crime is too high," she says.

Her other priorities include ensuring that development projects do not displace longtime residents from their homes and investing in Chelsea's young people by increasing youth service and programming in the City.

Of the three candidates we're endorsing, Damali is the only one with a primary battle. There are eight candidate hoping to earn enough votes to win a spot in the top six in September 22nd. Of the six who make it past the preliminaries, Chelsea will vote to elect its three at-large city councilors in November. With a strong field campaign fueled by some of the best volunteer organizers in the state, door-knocking and calling voters every day and night, we believe she has a strong chance of making history with our help.

STATE TREASURER

Deb Goldberg, Treasurer

Tom Conroy, Treasurer

Barry Finegold, Treasurer

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Deb Goldberg

Deb Goldberg's family grew a small neighborhood grocery store into the original Stop & Shop supermarket. The family eventually brought in the unions themselves and strived to provide fair working conditions and a valuable service to the community. Although the business was eventually sold, this experience exposed Deb at a young age to management challenges, taxation issues, and the retail economy. It shaped her understanding of creating opportunities for everyone.

Deb also has experience as an elected official in Brookline, where she was a member of the Board of Selectmen. As Chair of the Board, she championed initiatives to revitalize commercial areas and develop affordable housing. In addition, she is the President of Adoptions with Love and an Advisory Board member of the Greater Boston Food Bank, among other nonprofit, civic and community endeavors. For instance, she was one of the founders and the treasurer of a school for kids with severe cognitive disabilities. Deb holds a law degree from Boston College and an MBA from Harvard.

In her race for Treasurer, Deb's platform includes a focus on wage equality (she publicly recognizes even greater gaps for African American and Latina women), college savings plans for kindergarten students and financial literacy. In addition, she will explore the creation of a state-owned public bank "which could provide critical funding for our transportation, infrastructure, schools and local economies statewide" following a North Dakota model. Finally, she plans to continue with the current Treasurer's practice of leveraging the power of the pension fund to push for more diversity in corporate boards.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Deb Goldberg could potentially become the fourth female elected as a constitutional officer in the Commonwealth this cycle. Deb demonstrates a strong capacity to listen and point to issues of inequality and fairness. She has built a strong campaign to reach voters across the state and she appears first in the polls conducted by Suffolk University and in second place in the polls conducted by The Boston Globe. A good number of progressive legislators, mayors, women organizations and labor unions are supporting her candidacy and she placed first among delegates at the Democratic Convention. The strength of her campaign can also be seen through her remarkable fundraising this season. She started with \$117,000 in the bank and has raised \$1 million for this race, considerably more than her competitors. Unfortunately, her published proposals are not as detailed or innovative.

Campaign Contributions:

Make checks payable to The Deborah Goldberg Committee, c/o Keith Lowey, Treasurer, 37 Hyslop Road, Brookline, MA 02445.

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Tom Conroy

Tom Conroy has been a State Representative since 2007, representing Wayland, Sudbury and parts of Framingham and Marlborough. He has a diverse set of skills, with experience in the finance, management consulting, and risk management industries as well as in international development providing aid to refugee communities.

As co-chair of the Labor and Workforce Development Committee in the House, he led the increase in the

Commonwealth's minimum wage and was instrumental in the passage of the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights. Early in his career, he also worked for U.S. Senators Gary Hart and Barbara Mikulski. Conroy holds a B.A. from Yale, a master's degree in international economics from Johns Hopkins and an MBA in finance from Boston University. Some accomplishments that speak to his skills and track record in financial management include new laws that have helped improve Massachusetts' credit rating to AA+ and lower borrowing costs, direct Commonwealth's funds toward trusts and savings and

"helps cities and towns reduce their pension liabilities by granting access to the state's investment management expertise."

Among his priorities, Tom indicates he will push for "smart and experienced fiscal management to prioritize education and job training; provide additional support to cities and towns to aid in their financial management; and to make smart investments in local banks so small businesses have access to the capital they need to grow and create new jobs." In the education arena, Tom is committed to "invest in and build the infrastructure to support universal preschool education, increase funding for our K-12 public school systems by advocating for a re-evaluation of the Chapter 70 formula, continuing to protect local aid, ensure the schools our children attend are safe, modern, and energy efficient; and, expand funding and eligibility for the Commonwealth Covenant Fund, an innovative program that repays the loans of undergraduates at Massachusetts public universities who are pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and math fields."

CONSIDERATIONS:

Among the three candidates, Conroy probably has been exposed to a broader set of complex issues and challenges in the corporate and public sectors. He possesses the analytical and managerial skills and qualifications to address issues related to inequality, but sometimes he is challenged to communicate what he has accomplished and what he wants to do to a lay audience. A number of labor unions and state legislators are supporting his candidacy. Although he placed second at the Democratic Convention last June, he consistently polls in third place. Fundraising is his weak spot: he started with \$28,000 in the bank and has only been able to raise \$260,000 this season.

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Barry Finegold

Barry Finegold has a long record of public service as a State Representative for 14 years and as a State Senator since 2010. He started his career in elective office as a Selectman in Andover, where he owns a law practice. He points to his working class family, their experience in public housing, and working from a young age with instilling in him a sense of hard work and civic responsibility.

As State Representative, Barry claims to have championed renewable energy policies that have made Massachusetts a leader in clean energy. As Senate Chairman of the Joint Committee on Election Laws, he led efforts to modernize our election laws and worked with colleagues to create the ongoing Financial Literacy

Pilot Program in ten Gateway Cities. Barry is well regarded by his colleagues for his loyalty, dedication, hard work and ability to forge alliances. He has a business degree from Franklin & Marshall College, a law degree from the Massachusetts School of Law and an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Barry's platform contains interesting ideas, such as exploring an "increase in the distribution of funds to communities purchasing the most lottery tickets to ensure there is equity and balance, especially for communities" in greater need. He also wants to double the amount of pension fund investments that go to Massachusetts-based small businesses and implement financial literacy education in the Commonwealth based on the lessons from the Financial Literacy Pilot Program. Another interesting idea is to partner with "the Federal Small Business Administration (SBA) to create a Massachusetts Linked Deposit Pilot Program in Massachusetts for Minority- and Women-owned businesses," in order to place "state funds with community banks to provide below-market interest to borrowers." Finally, Barry would like to scale up "proven programs such as Mass Challenge and the Merrimack Valley Sandbox" that work "with startup companies to provide funding, expert mentors, and marketing and media resources to facilitate the growth of local companies."

CONSIDERATIONS:

Barry Finegold has detailed proposals to expand economic opportunity and maintain the Commonwealth's fiscal health. However, the way he is introducing himself to voters focuses mostly on his personal story and character instead of his proposals or addressing his track record in the diverse district he represents, which includes the embattled city of Lawrence. He is a strong fundraiser, starting with over \$430,000 in the bank and raising \$786,000 this season. He has been splitting the polls with Deb Goldberg, placing first in the Boston Globe poll and second in the Suffolk University poll, although he finished last at the Democratic Convention last June.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

In a very crowded September primary, the Lieutenant Governor's race is not getting any front page coverage. However, a wise choice for this top office should propel the type of public leader who will continue pushing for a progressive agenda in Massachusetts after Governor Patrick leaves office.

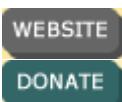
The Lieutenant Governor is the second-highest constitutional office, charged with assuming the role of Acting Governor in the absence of the chief executive, and playing a lead role in the administration through the Governor's Council. The Lt. Governor also has the opportunity to place important issues on the public agenda and advance strategic initiatives to benefit the entire Commonwealth. Can you imagine what it would mean to have a progressive ally elected as Lieutenant Governor? We invite you to learn more about the three fine candidates that will be on the September 9th primary ballot, engage with their campaigns, and help shape the very important role of our second-highest constitutional officer.

You should know this race is attracting the attention of conservative donors, as we can see by the Republican candidate's cash-on-hand at the end of July 2014, which is double the amount of funds all three Democratic candidates have combined at the end of the same period.

Leland Cheung for Lt. Governor

Mike Lake for Lt. Governor

Steve Kerrigan for Lt. Governor



Leland Cheung

Leland Cheung has served as a City Councilor in Cambridge since 2009, where he lives with his infant daughter and his wife, an attorney in private practice. He is the only minority candidate on the primary ballot and the first Asian American candidate to run for statewide office in Massachusetts. Born to an immigrant engineer from China and a Canadian mother, he credits his family for instilling in him a sense of responsibility for building community, giving back and valuing democracy. Leland says: "With occasional trips to visit relatives in China to compare my life to theirs, [my father] showed me the importance of a community that governs for the future, catches people when they fall, and helps people create a better life for their children. I soon realized the dual nature of democracy - giving us on the one hand freedom, but on the other the responsibility to participate in shaping our government."

Leland, 36, has become known in the Cambridge City Council for supporting economic development, university-town relations, labor protections, immigrant workers, and the social safety net. He is running on an equitable economic growth platform. He wants to develop economic growth incentives that encourage startups to build their businesses in communities across the Commonwealth, not only in certain cities or regions of the state. Leland pioneered this program in the City of Cambridge by requiring that all new development in Kendall Square set aside 10% of space for short-term, flexible leases for startup companies. He wants to "make the innovation economy work for everyone." He has also committed to "double down on the investments in education, infrastructure, and innovation that Governor Patrick has made," calling himself "fiscally progressive" for assuming this position. His interests in economic development and local and regional growth have evolved through his appointment to the Board of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, one of the Commonwealth's economic development agencies, and as Massachusetts State Chair of the Democratic Municipal Officials. He has also held leadership positions in the National League of Cities and Youth Cities.

Before his work as a City Councilor, Leland worked at a venture capital firm in Cambridge focusing on digital media, mobile, and internet infrastructure and also served as a Summer Fellow at the Department of Energy ARPA-E. Previously, he was Chief Information Officer for Space Adventures, a firm promoting private space tourism based in Virginia. Leland earned academic degrees from Stanford University (BA, BS), Harvard Kennedy School of Government (MPA) and the MIT Sloan School of Business (MBA).

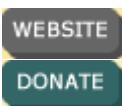
CONSIDERATIONS:

Considering his campaign's late start, Leland has raised a considerable \$266,820 this season. At the Democratic Convention, he finished third with 16.2% of delegate votes. It will be challenging for the campaign to raise significant amounts of cash to underwrite statewide organizing through the September 9th primary with little cash-on-hand at this stage, but Leland is working hard to garner support in all regions of the Commonwealth.

For some communities outside of Greater Boston and without technology corridors, it may seem that Leland is focused only on "high-tech" and far removed from other economic realities and industries. How about the support needed to expand family, community-based or rural businesses, as well as those that are less high-tech and more artisanal? It remains to be seen how Leland's campaign can spread a message about fairness and equity in economic development that resonates across all Massachusetts' communities when so many of them have become disillusioned by income disparities. To some of the more partisan voters, Leland may also need to explain again how he is a Democrat by choice and personal conviction (he explains how he ended up switching parties in a recent Blue Mass Group blog post).

Campaign Contributions:

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Mike Lake

Mike Lake, 36, is a native of Melrose and the President and CEO of Leading Cities (formerly World Class Cities Partnership at Northeastern University), which works with city leaders from around the United States and the world to exchange and leverage a domestic and international set of best practices to address issues confronting cities. Mike has promoted Massachusetts as a gateway for European-based business through a cooperation agreement signed by Governor Patrick and President Mas of Catalonia, Spain.

Mike built upon this success with a partnership between Massport and the Port Authority of Lisbon, Portugal, and is currently developing an agreement with the Republic of Ireland to create more jobs in Massachusetts. Mike was raised by a single mom after the death of his father at age 5. As a result, Mike grew to appreciate the value of community, public education, government programs and public service.

Mike is running on a platform to promote access to the Massachusetts Promise, which means advancing economic and social justice through a job that pays a livable wage, high quality education, and safe neighborhoods for our families to grow and thrive. He

believes in expanding the economic pie by creating an ecosystem that attracts and retains employees and employers in Massachusetts. Mike sees the Lieutenant Governor's office as the point of contact to attract and retain businesses and to support cities and towns in expanding their economic base. He says: "My vision for a 21st Century Lt. Governor's office is to be the point person for out-of-state or international businesses interested in bringing new jobs, economic opportunity and investment to Massachusetts. I will serve to champion Massachusetts as the best place in America for businesses to locate an office or headquarters."

Early in his career, Mike was appointed as President Clinton's Special Assistant for White House Operations and also became the youngest bank examiner for the Boston Federal Reserve Bank. As Director of Development for United Way of Massachusetts Bay and the Merrimack Valley, Mike raised \$5.8 million in an effort to end family homelessness and the cycle of poverty. As part of his commitment to public service, he also sits on a total of 17 boards and committees in the Greater Boston area. He was the first in his family to graduate from college, earning his bachelor's degree on five different majors from Northeastern University. He ran unsuccessfully as a Democratic candidate for State Auditor in 2010 against Suzanne Bump.

CONSIDERATIONS:

In this campaign, Mike's fundraising has been slowly but steadily picking up. He started with \$36,000 in the bank and has raised \$117,187 this season. At the Democratic Convention in June, Mike finished in second place with 35.4% of delegate votes. He has a big challenge ahead reaching out to voters across the state, although the broad grassroots organizing strategy and the energy of his young volunteer base can make a real difference.

Anyone who meets Mike can see that he is a bundle of energy and enthusiasm and extremely personable. However, sometimes the stump speech gets in the way of him connecting to communities that are not frequent or expected Democratic voters. Can the stories of those less-than-mainstream communities take center stage in his Massachusetts Promise? There are others who like what Mike has done internationally to promote Massachusetts but can't see the economic progress of their local community linked to his economic development strategy. Holding deeper conversations with a diverse cross-section of voters may prove fruitful in his campaign across the Commonwealth.

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Steve Kerrigan

Steve Kerrigan has been in public service for the past 25 years, in elected, appointed and nonprofit leadership positions. He worked for Senator Ted Kennedy for more than 10 years as political director and policy advisor. From that intense learning and service experience, Steve carries principles about fighting for what is morally right and just, and pushing government agencies and elected leaders to focus on serving their constituents and solving problems facing communities. From those days in the Kennedy office, Steve also gained an invaluable network of connections in the nation's capital, Massachusetts' state agencies, the Democratic National Committee, and the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

Steve wants to revamp the office of Lieutenant Governor as an ombudsman for residents, business leaders and local officials to help them navigate the state bureaucracy. He wants to become an advocate and expert connector to ensure constituents, investors, and community leaders have more access to opportunities and less red tape. In a recent interview with the Berkshire Eagle, Steve said: "For me, this isn't about promises or pledges. This is about results and getting things done. It has never been about showboating for me. It has been about finding a problem, tackling it, getting the right folks in the room and moving our Commonwealth forward." He said: "I don't care if the job title is 'chief cook and bottle washer' as long as I get a chance to make a real difference in people's lives." Steve, 43, holds a B.A. from the University of Maryland at College Park. He lives in Lancaster with his partner.

Steve has extensive executive experience, having served as CEO of the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Senior Advisor of the 2004 DNC Convention held in Boston, and President of the 2013 Presidential Inauguration Committee. He also served as Chief of Staff for then Attorney General Tom Reilly, where he managed hundreds of staff and a significant agency budget. Currently, Steve is President of the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund, a private non-profit organization he founded to pay tribute to the Commonwealth's service members. Steve also served in the Lancaster Board of Selectman, including a few years in its Finance Committee.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Steve's fundraising has been significant and positions him very well to reach out to voters across the Commonwealth. He started with a healthy \$150,000 in the bank and has raised \$261,129 this season. At the Democratic Convention mid-June he finished first with 37.6% of delegate votes. The extensive network he has built with Democrats across the state and the nation definitely helps his campaign be the most viable on paper.

However, precisely because he has been part of insider circles for so long, some think Steve may be less willing to explore radical new ideas. For instance, he has said he will vote against the repeal of the casino law. Nobody questions his ability to use the bully pulpit to support progressive ideals, but questions arise about what position he will take

when compromises need to be reached on unpopular or popular issues championed by established political leaders.

Campaign Contributions:

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ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES

In the current race for Attorney General, you have an opportunity to invest early and shape the conversation about the highest state law enforcement office that has a significant impact on the lives of all Massachusetts residents. Attorney Generals are critical in defending ordinary citizens against banks with predatory lending practices, unscrupulous employers who rob workers their hard-earned wages or for-profit colleges that trap students into debt. This office addresses all sorts of civil matters and brings to the forefront critical law reform initiatives, from consumer protection issues to the enforcement of environmental regulations and civil rights. Having progressive candidates win this office is important in order to defend everyone's right to have our laws promote safe, prosperous and healthy communities.

This year, two outstanding progressive candidates with notable credentials have stepped into the race for Attorney General. We encourage you to learn more about them, consider meeting them one-on-one or volunteer and donate to their campaigns.

Maura Healey for Attorney General

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Maura Healey

Maura headed several of the law enforcement divisions and bureaus at the Attorney General's office from 2007 to 2013 (overseeing close to half of the AG's staff by the end of her tenure.) Before that, she worked as an attorney at the law firm of Wilmer Hale, as a Middlesex County Prosecutor, and as the point guard for a professional European basketball team. The first of five siblings, Maura, 42, has family roots in Newburyport. Her father was a Navy captain and engineer, her mother a school nurse, and her stepfather a high school teacher and coach. She lives in the Boston neighborhood of Charlestown with her partner. Maura emphasizes her experience as a lawyer, advocate and prosecutor, along with her drive and vision for the office, as her best qualifications for the job. She wants the next Attorney General to fight for a level playing field to address the challenges faced by the state and its residents.

Warren Tolman for Attorney General

Maura has her fingerprint on several landmark cases led by the Attorney General's office in the last six years, including spearheading the state's successful challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a first in the nation. She also worked on the regulation to explicitly prohibit egregious sales tactics from predatory vendors, from bank lenders to for-profit schools, including the program to allow for loan modifications for families facing foreclosure.

Among Maura's issue priorities we find the following:

- Safeguarding individuals and communities from gun violence and predatory businesses
- Addressing growing economic disparities
- Repealing the state casino law or holding them accountable to strict regulations
- Leading the office guided by accountability, fairness and innovation

As a first-time candidate, Maura has been actively campaigning across the state and building an organization that will most likely get her on the primary ballot in September. She has found support in the legal and LBGT communities as well as outside of established political networks. She has been expanding the reach of her campaign through a steady stream of opinion pieces on the media that shed light on her values and policy priorities. Although she trails her opponent in fundraising and in startup funds, Maura has raised an impressive \$378,322 as of mid-May.

In Maura's case, it would also be significant to see her champion issues like immigration that directly affect communities or constituencies she herself is personally not a part of. Instead of dealing with worker abuse cases on a piecemeal fashion, immigration workers need greater protections and investments that are proportional to their share of the workforce. Moreover, we would like to hear specific plans from the candidate about how she plans to hire more diverse staff so the office is able to meet the demand for counsel and assistance from multi-ethnic and multi-lingual communities.

Campaign Contributions:

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Warren Tolman

Warren is a former state representative and senator (1991-1999), as well as a candidate for Lt. Governor (1998) and Governor (2002). His long and distinguished legislative career has made him a well-recognized figure, mentor and commentator in Massachusetts politics.

Warren, 54, has been an attorney in private practice at Holland & Knight in Boston for the last decade while also teaching at area law schools. Warren's father was a Navy veteran and railroad conductor and his mother a part-time telephone operator and full-time mother of eight children. He is a resident of Watertown, where he lives with wife Carolyn and three children. Warren highlights his political and legislative leadership and commitment to progressive values as his best qualifications for the job. He wants the next Attorney General to be the voice of fairness and equality for all families.

Warren presents himself as a candidate with "big ideas" and the proponent of nationally-recognized legislation who is not afraid to take on powerful interests, from tobacco companies and pharmaceuticals to insurers and hospitals. During his time in the legislature, he stood up to big tobacco to make it harder to sell cigarettes to kids, promoted clean election laws and extended recycling incentives. Many of his legislative initiatives became national models, such as the Tobacco Disclosure Bill, the near universal health insurance for children and the expanded prescription drug coverage for seniors.

Among Warren's issue priorities we find the following:

- Combating urban violence, the gun lobby, and sexual assault on college campuses
- Cracking down on corporate abuses
- Reducing healthcare costs by addressing fraud and abuse
- Standing up for the environment and addressing climate change

Warren clearly is an experienced candidate with a robust infrastructure given his previous races and extensive political network developed over two decades. He astutely recruited State Senator Linda Dorcena-Forry and Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll to co-chair his campaign. He is finding support among environmentalists, labor groups and experienced political operatives and leaders. Warren started the race with a significant amount of funds in his campaign, and he leads his opponent after raising over \$516,200 as of mid-May.

In **Warren's** case, we would be interested in seeing how he plans to flex his muscle against big developers, construction companies, development financiers and labor unions to play fair and be more socially responsible by addressing displacement, gentrification and lack of local hiring in construction. The promise of job creation in lieu of taxes is not being realized, affecting the long-term health of working families and communities. Furthermore, we would like to hear more specific plans from the candidate

about how he plans to hire more diverse staff so the office is able to meet the demand for counsel and assistance from multi-ethnic and multi-lingual communities.

Campaign Contributions:

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