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Maria Robinson
6th Middlesex

State **Representative Maria Robinson** (D-Framingham) represents the [Sixth Middlesex District](#), which covers 11 of Framingham's 18 precincts. She was first elected in 2018, after former Representative [Chris Walsh passed away from cancer](#) in the early Spring of that same year. Due to the late nature of Representative Walsh's passing, all of the candidates in the Democratic Primary were forced to wage write-in campaigns. [Maria received 55.7% of the votes with just 3,439 total ballots cast](#), and went on to run unopposed in the general election.

[Representative Robinson](#) is the first person of color to hold the [Sixth Middlesex seat](#). She is also the first Korean-American to be elected to the Massachusetts State House. Notably in 2018, [she led a cohort of women candidates that campaigned specifically on the Transparency Pledge](#). In her first term, she has been a leading voice in the fight for government transparency on Beacon Hill.

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Nika Elugardo
15th Suffolk

State [Representative Nika Elugardo](#) represents the 15 Suffolk District, which covers the Boston neighborhoods of Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and Mission Hill, as well as Brookline, making it one of the most progressive districts in the Commonwealth. [Representative Elugardo was elected in 2018 after ousting a fifteen year incumbent](#), Ways and Means Chair Jeffrey Sanchez. **Representative Elugardo** ran a people-powered campaign [centered on progressive issues such as affordable housing, the rights of undocumented people, and government transparency](#). She was vocal about the

failures of Beacon Hill leadership, and the role long-time incumbency plays in those failures.

Representative Elugardo [ousted Sanchez with 52% of the vote](#). Her campaign drove and benefitted from the increased turnout of communities of color also seen in the elections of now District Attorney Rachael Rollins and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. [In her first term, Representative Elugardo has continued to be a tireless advocate for affordable housing and government transparency](#). She is just one of six women of color legislators on Beacon Hill.

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Becca Rausch
Norfolk, Bristol, Middlesex

State **Senator Becca Rausch** (D-Needham), represents [Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex](#), which includes Natick, Needham, Franklin, Plainville, Wrentham, Wellesley, and Wayland. [She was elected to the legislature in an historic 2018 general election upset](#). She challenged Republican Senator Richard Ross, who had held the office since 2010.

Senator Rausch ran a campaign [focused on government transparency](#), and access to reproductive health care. [She won the 2018 election with 52.8% of the vote](#). She is the second Democrat and third woman ever to hold this seat, while also being the first person of Jewish descent to represent the district.

Senator Rausch crafted legislation in her first term centered on public health and voter enfranchisement. She filed the [Community Immunity Act](#), which would have required statewide standards on immunization. In light of COVID19, [Senator Rausch filed the 2020 Vote By Mail Act](#) which, if passed, would mail ballots to all registered voters in Massachusetts for the Primary and General elections. She [continues to be a vocal supporter of the Transparency Pledge](#). In practicing what she preaches, **Senator Rausch** posts all of her committee votes online, and stands for every roll call vote on the House floor.