

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee October 20, 2020 Meeting

Due to the declared State of Emergency, and upon the advice of the State Democratic Party, this monthly meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held online via Zoom.

Sharon Durkan (The Chair) called the October meeting to order.

The Chair announced that there would be a poll later about which campaign activities we'd each like to sign up for. The opportunities discussed tonight will be in that poll.

Harper Mills - Yes on 2 (Rank Choice Voting)

Harper Mills reported on the status of the Yes on 2 measure, and opportunities for the Ward 5 members and friends to participate in supporting the measure up to election day. Harper will send the Chair links for these to distribute to the committee.

Charlotte Ferenbach from Sara Gideon Campaign (Maine – Campaign for U.S. Senate)

Charlotte Ferenbach reported in on remote and in-person in Maine opportunities to support the campaign. They're doing GOTV phone banking, safe in person canvassing in Maine, and texting. Charlotte will send the Chair links for these to distribute to the committee.

Annika Jansen from Becca Rausch Campaign

Annika Jansen reported in on the status of the campaign to re-elect State Senator Becca Rausch. Annika will send the Chair links for us to use to volunteer between now and Election Day.

Ballot Question: Question #1, Right to Repair

Katrina Gaddis spoke to the Committee regarding NO ON 1; Tommy Hickey spoke to the Committee regarding YES ON 1.

Endorsement Consideration

Question 1: Pat Amend moved that we open the floor for discussion on Question 1, which motion was seconded by Molly Hitt. Committee members spoke for and against the measure.

Natalie Heer moved to call the question, which motion was seconded by Hilary Bacon-Gabrieli. Motion passed. The Chair took a roll call vote. The motion passed. The Committee endorses Yes on 1.

Question 2: The Chair opened discussion for Question 2. Committee members spoke for and against the measure. Jay Livingston moved to end discussion regarding Question 2, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed. Kathy Judge moved that we vote by acclamation, which motion was seconded by Jay Livingstone. Motion passed. The Chair took the vote. Yes on 2 passed by acclamation. The Committee endorses Yes on 2.

Member Volunteer Spotlight

Kathy Judge spoke about working as a poll worker for the primary. They're looking for more people for the election and leading up to the election. Let Kathy know if you're interested. It pays a small stipend.

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Bob Binney spoke about working on voter protection in different ways such as writing to people and phoning. There are multiple opportunities to get involved up to Election Day and beyond. The Ward Chair can put you in touch with the campaign.

Pat Amend spoke about working on voter protection in Wisconsin. They're working now to recruit poll watchers. There are opportunities to volunteer.

Jay Livingstone endorsed two fellow legislators who are seeking re-election: Tram Nguyen and Natalie Higgins. Both are facing GOP challengers in highly contested districts. Phone banking opportunities.

Hillary Bacon-Gabrieli spoke about working with We The Action answering voter questions, and about supporting Gina Ortiz Jones who is running for Congress in TX. There are work opportunities and training to be had.

Rob Whitney spoke about organizing standouts in NH and Maine. He connects with the local party and makes the arrangements. There's one more in Portsmouth NH. He's also planning to go to Maine to observe counting the absentee ballots. He's working for voter protection in NH on Election Day.

Kenzie Bok called our attention to EverydistrictUSA which highlights important local races that can affect how congressional districts are drawn after the census.

Meeting Adjourned to take Poll

Members

Pat Amend
Hillary Bacon-Gabrieli
Diane Barry
Jim Berkman
Bob Binney
Alex Bok
Kenzie Bok
Lauren Brody
Christina Pierce
Dave Crossman
Jeremy Cushman
Sharon Durkan
Kate Gallivan
Natalie Heer
Molly Hitt
Sharon Hucul
Kathy Judge
Cindy Korb

Guests

Sandra Singer
David Lynn
Harper Mills (Yes on 2)
Annika Jensen (Rausch Campaign)
Katrina Gaddis (No on #1)

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Landon Lemoine
Jay Livingstone
Julie Livingstone
Dan Lyons
Patrick McDonough
Kristen Mobilia
Lucy Rivera
Dan Smith
Sue Smith
Jon Spillane
Rob Whitney
David Xiao
Adrienne Zak

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