

## **Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee**

### **October 18, 2022, Meeting**

*Due to the declared Public Health Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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.

#### **Ballot Question Endorsements**

The Chair discussed upcoming actions by the Ward Committee regarding ballot questions and the importance of combating misinformation regarding these initiatives.

The Committee discussed the initiatives.

Diane Barry moved that we take a cumulative vote from each member on all three questions, rather than taking three separate votes, which motion was seconded by Gretchen Bennett. The motion passed.

Sharon Durkan moved that we close discussion and open the endorsement vote, which motion was seconded by Diane Barry. Motion passed. The Chair called on each member to vote. The Ward members each voted Yes on each of the three Questions.

Rob Whitney moved that we close the voting, which was seconded by Pat Amend. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Rob Whitney presented the Treasurer's report. Our current balance is 7,846.93. Of 41 members, 28 have paid their dues, and 13 have not. If a member is not sure whether or not they have paid, they should email Rob and he'd be happy to let them know. We're working on getting our finances in order as we're moving back to in-person meetings, which means we'll be renting space again.

#### **Ward 5 Election Action Opportunities**

The Chair is interested in a project to make a Ward 5 relational organizing list. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact the Chair. Sharon has a list from the Healey campaign to start from.

Ward 5 is partnering with Wards 3 and 4 to canvass for the Coordinated Campaign on Saturday October 29. The launch spot in Bay Village. We can cover Bay Village and adjacent communities such as Back Bay.

We'd like to field a good-sized crew to do canvassing in New Hampshire on Saturday, October 22 with the Carpenter's Union. Mayor Wu, Maggie Hassan, and others. We're looking for people to drive and to carpool. It starts in Manchester at 10 am, so we'd need to leave Massachusetts at 8:30 am from Cheers. Return time will be about 2 pm.

We're organizing local stand outs. We'll probably do something at Beacon & Charles, and perhaps one in Back Bay/Copley Square.

We're also organizing canvassing opportunities for the Questions. Please contact the Chair if you're interested.

We're probably going to change our practice of standing out at the polls. Early voting has made this a less efficient way to encourage our voters. There weren't that many voters on election day.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Diane Barry moved that we adjourn this meeting, which motion was seconded by Sharon Durkan. Motion passed; the meeting adjourned.

### **Attendance**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Pat Amend	
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli	
Diane Barry	
Gretchen Bennett	
Bob Binney	
Alex Bok	
Helen Cox	
Sharon Durkan	Sandra Singer
Shari Franzetta	Jess Sousa
Abigail Gabrieli	Sara Zhou
Kate Gallivan	
Sharon Hucul	
Jay Livingstone	
Julie Livingstone	
Pat McDonough	
Kristen Mobilia	
Creelea Pangaro	
Susan Smith	
Rob Whitney	

