

**Note:** This voter guide focuses only on contested races with topics most relevant to graduate students. For a complete list of candidates and elections, see: [https://ballotpedia.org/Massachusetts\\_elections,\\_2018](https://ballotpedia.org/Massachusetts_elections,_2018)

<p><b>When:</b>          Deadline for Registration in MA for Primary: August 15th, 8pm          MA Primaries: September 4th 7am- 8pm          Deadline for Registration in MA for General: October 17th,8pm          General Election: November 6th 7am- 8pm</p>	<p><b>How to Register:</b>  <a href="#">Turbovote</a> (works for absentee voting/registration too)          Voter registration forms can be found and left at Barker, Dewey, Hayden, and Rotch libraries. We will mail them for you!</p>
<p><b>How to Vote:</b>  <a href="#">Find your polling place</a>  <a href="#">What to expect</a>  <a href="#">What your ballot will look like</a></p>	<p><b>Some Reasons to Vote in the MA Midterm:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gubernatorial Election</li> <li>● Senate and House Elections</li> <li>● Ballot Question 3: Gender Identity Anti-Discrimination Veto Referendum</li> </ul>

**Want to get more involved:**

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[Join the External Affairs Board](#) of the GSC if you're generally interested in political advocacy

Come to our [State/Local Politics Orientation+Lunch](#) on August 31st

**Primary Candidate Information for Cambridge Ballots:**

MA has a semi-open primary. If you are registered with a party, you must vote in that party's primary. If you are not registered with a party, you can vote in any party's primary.

Most MIT students belong to the 7th or 5th district. [More info for other districts](#)

## Democratic Primary

### Representative in Congress

#### Seventh District

	<b>Medicare for All</b>	<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Education</b>
<p><b>Michael Capuano (Incumbent)</b></p> <p>More Info: <a href="http://capuano.house.gov/">http://capuano.house.gov/</a></p>	<p>Supports, sponsor of the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act</p>	<p>Supports bipartisan legislation that would codify DACA program; filed The Best Return on America's Investment Now Act (BRAIN), which makes visas available for those who have earned Doctorate Degrees in STEM</p>	<p>Opposed the original No Child Left Behind Act, and supported increased funding and flexibility upon its reauthorization. Supports more money for Pell Grants.</p>
<p><b>Ayanna Pressley</b></p> <p>More Info: <a href="https://ayannapressley.com/">https://ayannapressley.com/</a></p>	<p>Supports an approach that will address disparities on health coverage, with emphasis low income and minority communities.</p>	<p>Priorities include passing a clean DREAM act not tied to funding for border wall; protecting Obama's International Entrepreneur Rule (IER), which makes it easier for Entrepreneurs and startup founders to stay in the US; putting undocumented immigrants on a path to citizenship</p>	<p>Supports increased emphasis child and maternal care for new mothers, increased funding for Head Start, and data collection on educator wages, benefits, education levels, and turnover.</p>

*Fifth District - Incumbent Catherine Clark has no primary challengers.*

### Senate

Elizabeth Warren (Incumbent) has no primary challengers

Governor

	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Education</b>
<p><b>Jay Gonzalez</b></p> <p>More info:  <a href="https://jay4ma.com/">https://jay4ma.com/</a></p>	<p>Supports Fair Share Tax, which would tax those making over \$1 million per year to fund transportation improvements, including fixing the MBTA system</p>	<p>Goal for MA to get half of its energy from clean and renewable sources by 2030; electrify public transit; incentivize solar</p>	<p>Supports Safe Communities Act, which prevents state and local law enforcement from enforcing federal immigration laws and detaining individuals based solely on immigration status</p>	<p>Supports making public colleges and universities in MA debt-free for all MA residents</p>
<p><b>Bob Massie</b></p> <p>More info:  <a href="https://www.bobmassie2018.com/">https://www.bobmassie2018.com/</a></p>	<p>Invest in creating a “world class transportation system”; move ahead on major projects including West Station (Allston); enact shared street policies to provide faster bus service, safe bike lanes, and sidewalks</p>	<p>Meet goals set by Paris climate agreement; make MA an “all renewables powered state economy”; electrify public transit</p>	<p>Supports Safe Communities Act</p>	<p>Supports making public colleges and universities in MA debt-free for all MA residents; move towards free community college; explore options for student loan debt relief</p>

Lieutenant Governor (first in line to succeed the Governor)

	<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Education</b>
<p><b>Quentin Palfrey</b></p> <p>More info:  <a href="https://www.quentinpalfrey.com/policy">https://www.quentinpalfrey.com/policy</a></p>	<p>Supports the Safe Communities Act</p>	<p>Focus on k-12 public education</p>
<p><b>Jimmy Tingle</b></p> <p>More info:  <a href="https://www.jimmytingle4mass.com/issues">https://www.jimmytingle4mass.com/issues</a></p>	<p>Supports the Safe Communities Act</p>	<p>Focus on k-12 public education  Invest to reduce costs for college students</p>

Secretary of State (role includes overseeing elections, maintaining public records, and registering corporations)

	<b>Electronic Voting</b>	<b>Same day voter registration</b>	<b>Ranked choice voting</b>	<b>US Census</b>
<b>Bill Galvin (Incumbent)</b>  More Info: <a href="http://www.billgalvin.org/">http://www.billgalvin.org/</a>	Opposes	Has written a bill that would enact same day registration; in 2017, appealed a court decisions that would have established same day voter registration	Supports following success of Maine's first RCV election	During tenure, has worked to improve ways census collected to improve counting of typically undercounted groups; sued Trump over census change that would ask about immigration status
<b>Josh Zakim</b>  More Info: <a href="https://www.joshzakim.com/">https://www.joshzakim.com/</a>	Wants to find ways to modernize voting systems while making sure it stays secure	Strongly supports	Supports	Dedicated to making sure everyone counted during 2020 census

## Republican Primary

### Representative in Congress

Seventh District - No republican candidates

Fifth District (minimal platform information relevant to graduate students available)

<p><b>John Hugo</b> More Info: <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/johnhugo/home">https://sites.google.com/view/johnhugo/home</a></p>	<p><b>Louis Kuchnir</b> More Info: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/sb/kuchnir-louis.pdf">https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/sb/kuchnir-louis.pdf</a></p>
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### Senate

	<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Taxation</b>
<p><b>Geoff Diehl</b> More info: <a href="https://diehlforsenate.com/issues/">https://diehlforsenate.com/issues/</a></p>	Supports building “the wall”, eliminating the Diversity Immigrant Visa, and prohibiting sanctuary city policies.	Promises to vote against all tax increases
<p><b>John Kingston</b> More info: <a href="https://johnkingston.com/issues/">https://johnkingston.com/issues/</a></p>	Supports immigration reform which would support programs like DACA while strengthening the border. Opposes sanctuary city policies	Supports tax cuts across the board, particularly for payroll and corporate taxes.
<p><b>Beth Lindstrom</b> More info: <a href="https://bethforsenate.com/issues/">https://bethforsenate.com/issues/</a></p>	Supports strengthening the border and opposes sanctuary city policies	Supports tax cuts, particularly for small businesses

Governor

	<b>University Accountability and Funding</b>	<b>Student and Professional Diversity</b>	<b>Immigration</b>
<b>Charles Baker (incumbent)</b> More info: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/governor/biogovernor-baker-welcome.html">http://www.mass.gov/governor/biogovernor-baker-welcome.html</a>	Signed bill for more funding for public universities, supports Att. Gen. Healey's efforts to bring more oversight and transparency to colleges' financing	Signed SB 2047 protecting LGBTQ persons from discrimination; opposed Pres. Trump's travel ban	Opposed Pres. Trump's ending of the DACA program; opposes Safe Communities Act, which prevents state and local law enforcement from enforcing federal immigration laws and detaining individuals based solely on immigration status
<b>Scott Lively</b> More info: <a href="https://www.livelyforgovernor.us/">https://www.livelyforgovernor.us/</a>	Supports an expansion of and more state permission for homeschooling programs	Opposes Muslim and LGBTQ persons participation in public life, supports conversion therapy for homosexual people	Opposes any accommodations for undocumented immigrants

Lieutenant Governor (first in line to succeed the Governor)

Karyn Polito (incumbent) has no primary challengers

Secretary of State (role includes overseeing elections, maintaining public records, and registering corporations)

Anthony Amore has no primary challengers

## Ballot Measures/Questions

Note: won't be on the Primary, but you should be aware of these

More info: [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele18/ballot\\_questions\\_18/ballot\\_questions18.htm](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele18/ballot_questions_18/ballot_questions18.htm)

### **Question 1: Nurse-Patient Assignment Limits Initiative**

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of establishing patient assignment limits for registered nurses working in hospitals. A “no” vote is against the establishment of a patient limit.

### **Question 2: Commission on Limiting Election Spending and Corporate Rights**

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

A “yes” vote would create the commission. A “no” vote would not create the commission

### **Question 3: Gender Identity Anti-Discrimination Veto Referendum**

Question 3 concerns upholding or overturning SB 2047, a 2016 law that prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in public places such as restaurants and stores.

A “yes” vote supports upholding SB 2047. A “no” vote supports overturning SB 2047.