



We are pleased to share with you the results of a survey of Massachusetts Attorney General candidates conducted by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston and ADL New England. Below you will find the three participating candidates' responses to survey questions. Please note that the survey was sent to all four candidates running for the office, and one candidate declined. Each participating candidate has agreed to meet with our respective organizations prior to the November General Election if they remain a candidate following the primary election. The participating candidates' answers to our questions reflecting areas of broad concern to the Jewish community are copied exactly as they were submitted to us.

The questions we asked each candidate are:

- Please share your top three legislative priorities
- Describe how the AGO, under your leadership, would work with community organizations and how you would encourage dialogue with and input from nonprofits and community members
- We have seen a spike in antisemitic and other bias incidents in recent years, including several alarming high-profile hate crimes and incidents in Massachusetts. How will your office work to investigate and respond to hate and bias incidents and hate crimes? How will your office provide assistance to religious groups that are often the targets of hate incidents and crimes?
- What is your view of local law enforcement's role pertaining to immigration matters?
- How will the AGO address challenges in juvenile justice, including but not limited to, the school to prison pipeline and racial disparities in sentencing?
- We know that online spaces are often breeding grounds for hate and harassment and can even lead to serious incidents of swatting (calling in false threats so that law enforcement goes to a person's home) doxing (posting others' personal identifying information) and other acts of violence. How would you address this dangerous online activity?
- How can you increase trust with the community so that victims, particularly victims of hate crimes, feel safe reporting to your office? How will you use restorative justice in response to hate crimes and incidents?
- Given the attorney general's critical and leading role in protecting workers from exploitation, please share some of your key goals for the Fair Labor Division. Further, are there any current legislative efforts that would help further the office's ability to execute this work?
- The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted inequities in Massachusetts's health care system, particularly in communities of color. How can the community rely on your office to address such disparities in health care?
- What role will your office play in protecting abortion access and expanding reproductive care?
- Additional Comments | Please add anything additionally you feel is relevant



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Executive Office

Please share your top three legislative priorities

Answer: Massachusetts is one of the greatest states in the nation, a state with so much potential and promise. I know because I've lived it. Now, I'm running for Attorney General to fight for justice and equity by ensuring that every resident in Massachusetts has access to the same opportunities I had, so that they can fulfill their potential too.

Right now we don't all have the same access to affordable healthcare or housing; we aren't all affected equally by the criminal justice system, COVID-19, crime or the climate crisis. Communities of color are disproportionately policed and incarcerated, and the contrast in funding and quality of our schools – when broken down by income, race, and region – is stark and staggering. As the wealth gap between rich and poor communities widens, and the middle class shrinks, we need to look at every issue through an equity lens.

Executive Office

Describe how the AGO, under your leadership, would work with community organizations and how you would encourage dialog with and input from nonprofits and community members

Answer: My policy platform have been informed by a diverse group of stakeholders, including the countless conversations I have had with residents from every corner of the Commonwealth. This is just the beginning; together, we will work to build a more equitable Commonwealth. I will continue to crisscross the state to hear directly from you because that is the only way to truly be an advocate, champion, and Attorney General for all.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Civil Rights

We have seen a spike in antisemitic and other bias incidents in recent years, including several alarming high-profile hate crimes and incidents in Massachusetts. How will your office work to investigate and respond to hate and bias incidents and hate crimes? How will your office provide assistance to religious groups that are often the targets of hate incidents and crimes?

Answer: The recent demonstrations of hate and racism across our state are cowardly and unacceptable. I will continue to stand firm in calling out these acts of hate and as Attorney General will use the full power of the office to prosecute any injustice. I would also work with the U.S Attorney's Office to track this activity, collect data, and combat all acts of hate and racism.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Civil Rights

What is your view of local law enforcement's role pertaining to immigration matters?

Answer: I believe that all residents of the Commonwealth, regardless of immigration status, are entitled to protection under the law and she pledges to prioritize using the resources of the Attorney General's Office to support our immigrant communities and to address discrimination, and the practices of unscrupulous employers, predatory businesses, and irresponsible landlords that target and harm members of our immigrant communities.

As Attorney General, I will make sure the AGO's staff, including attorneys, reflect the ethnic, racial, and linguistic diversity of the Commonwealth so that people can feel confident that those enforcing our laws are connected to the people the office serves, build on existing partnerships with immigrant advocacy organizations and community organizations across the state to improve the AGO's ability to address the issues most affecting immigrants in the state, ensure that local law enforcement agencies are not collaborating or sharing information with ICE, use the power of the Office to advocate against unnecessary immigration detention that tears families apart, enforce our anti-discrimination laws to address hate and harassment directed at immigrants and immigrant communities, including in housing



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and employment, protect undocumented immigrants from abuse and fraud by prioritizing growing the AGO's language capacity to allow attorneys and staff to listen and address scams that are being perpetrated in languages other than English, ensure that immigrant children have equal access to education regardless of their immigration status, work with state and local partners to make sure our immigrant communities can access not just the AGO, but all levels of government equally and without fear, and support the provision of driver's licenses to all eligible residents of the Commonwealth, including those without documented legal status.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Children's Justice

How will the AGO address challenges in juvenile justice, including but not limited to, the school to prison pipeline and racial disparities in sentencing?

Answer: As the product of five public schools, I understand the transformative power of education. Equitable access to education can break cycles of poverty, incarceration, and crime, open the doors of opportunity, and change lives. I believe that the Attorney General must play a vital role in ensuring that every student is given the opportunity and learning environment to succeed and thrive. That means taking on the school-to-prison pipeline by investigating the over-policing of kids, including kids of color.

It also means using data to take on racial disparities in sentencing. As AG, I will allocate resources to assure that criminal justice policy in the Commonwealth is driven by data and evidence while working with the Governor and Legislature to assure that we accelerate efforts to improve data collection. We must understand where our policies have a racially disparate impact and cannot fund programs that do not work.

Criminal | Enterprise, Major, and Cyber Crimes

We know that online spaces are often breeding grounds for hate and harassment and can even lead to serious incidents of swatting (calling in false threats so that law enforcement goes to a person's home) doxing (posting others' personal identifying information) and other acts of violence. How would you address this dangerous online activity?

Answer: As Attorney General, I will use every tool at my disposal to protect our residents, especially our children, online and off. We will use the full power of the Child Justice Unit to make sure that our office has a real online presence that prevents hate and bullying.

Criminal Justice | Victims/Witness Services

How can you increase trust with the community so that victims, particularly victims of hate crimes, feel safe reporting to your office? How will you use restorative justice in response to hate crimes and incidents?

Answer: I'm the only candidate in the field with a strong, legislative track record on criminal justice reform and community policing. As Boston City Councilor, I worked with partners at the State House, including Governor Baker, to secure line-item funding for investments in community policing. I established the first-ever system of civilian oversight over the Boston Police Department, ultimately establishing an Office of Police Accountability and Transparency in the City of Boston. I led efforts to adopt the use of police body-worn cameras and spearheaded the fight to increase diversity in Boston's public safety agencies.

I have made real, tangible reform in the areas of criminal justice and police reform, and will continue these efforts as Attorney General to reaffirm faith in a true justice system.



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As Attorney General, I will:

- Call for the formation of a Police Accountability Unit within the Civil Rights Division to support and ensure public trust and confidence in local law, including through the development of community and law enforcement partnership and through pattern or practice investigations where law enforcement practices appear racially biased.
- Continue to hold our public safety agencies accountable, leveraging the powers of the AG's office to push for greater transparency and diversity.
- Push for reforms that will not only make our criminal justice system more equitable, but also keep people safe in our communities.
- Ensure our policies and actions are driven by transparency, accountability, data and equity. This is what I did when I chaired the Boston City Council's committee on public safety and criminal justice and worked to assure that city funded violence reduction programs report outcomes and that the Boston police increase transparency and diversity.
- Support ending sentences of life without the possibility of parole and oppose the death penalty.
- Eliminate disproportionate policing and incarceration of people of color.
- Allocate resources to assure that criminal justice policy in the Commonwealth is driven by data and evidence while working with the Governor and Legislature to assure that we accelerate efforts to improve data collection. We must understand, for example, where our policies have a racially disparate impact and cannot fund programs that do not work.
- Stand firm in my position to end qualified immunity for police officers. I believe no one is above the law, and has been on the record to end qualified immunity since my time as a Boston City Councilor.
- Treat violent crime first as a public health problem by seeking to address its root causes and inextricable link to poverty, trauma, and discrimination. At the same time, I will not hesitate to pursue prosecution and incarceration where necessary, while protecting the rights of victims and striving for equity and restorative justice.
- Use my legal authority and public platform to ensure that state and municipal public safety officials reflect the diversity of the communities they serve.
- Focus my enforcement resources on those areas where the Attorney General has unique resources to assure that our most vulnerable citizens are protected – complex investigations of fraudsters targeting elders and immigrants and gun and opioid traffickers operating across county lines, for instance.
- Assure that public servants who betray their oath to act in the best interests of the public and those who steal from the Commonwealth are exposed and appropriately sanctioned.
- Work with the newly formed Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission, which is charged with creating a mandatory certification process for police officers, as well as processes for decertification, suspension of certification, or reprimand in the event of certain misconduct.

Fair Labor

Given the attorney general's critical and leading role in protecting workers from exploitation, please share some of your key goals for the Fair Labor Division. Further, are there any current legislative efforts that would help further the office's ability to execute this work?

Answer: The system is stacked against our hard-working families. Workers can be denied critical benefits that make it easier to care for their families, like a decent wage paid on time, dependable hours, and adequate sick time and family and medical leave, as well as affordable insurance premiums. Massachusetts workers fought hard—at the Legislature and at the ballot box—for laws that guarantee these benefits. I will use every tool at my disposal to make sure that all workers get everything they have earned.



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As Attorney General, I will stand up for our workers by partnering with labor unions to protect the PRO act and the right to organize, fighting tirelessly against employer wage theft and advocating for the passage of wage theft prevention legislation on Beacon Hill, working to change the behavior of companies that take advantage of workers – in every industry, from the gig economy to the trades – and will hold employers accountable using every tool at my disposal, strengthening the reach of the Fair Labor Division to touch every corner of the Commonwealth by partnering with existing community stakeholders, increasing cultural competence and language access, and growing the regional offices across the state to promote regional equity in the fight against wage theft, using the Public Protection and Advocacy Bureau to ensure working families get everything they've been promised, including a decent wage, protections afforded by the wage and hour laws, and fairly-priced health and auto-insurance, and rooting out civil rights violations and discrimination, in the workplace and elsewhere, ensuring an even playing field for every working family.

Health Care and Fair Competition

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted inequities in Massachusetts's health care system, particularly in communities of color. How can the community rely on your office to address such disparities in health care?

Answer: Every family, worker, and resident should have access to affordable health care – no matter who you are or where you live. It's staggering to think that Massachusetts has some of the best hospitals in the country, while also some of the greatest disparities in health care. I will tackle health inequities head on, ensuring everyone, especially our communities of color and poor, rural communities, have access to high quality, affordable, culturally competent, gender affirming care including mental health care.

As Attorney General, I will protect coverage under the Affordable Care Act and our universal coverage law, hold those who unlawfully profit off the sick fully accountable and require them to return any stolen dollars to their rightful owners, urge colleges and medical schools to report the recruiting, supporting, and graduating of Black and brown nurses and doctors and advocate for the use of funds that the Attorney General's Office recovers from health care cases to support scholarships and other programs to make sure this occurs. The data is clear that the best way to better health outcomes for Black and brown residents is to ensure that they are being treated by professionals who look like them, advocate for continuum of care and support more integrated care for our most vulnerable residents, who suffer not just from a specific illness, but also from a vicious cycle of poverty. Andrea will push for programs that help those people who are most vulnerable, and also address the underlying living conditions that are making people sick, including air and water contaminated by environmental pollutants and inadequate access to fresh foods in "food deserts", work with partners at the state to deepen the conversation and address Black maternal health disparities while also working to address maternal health disparities in our poor rural communities, and protect our providers of essential health care services like abortion and gender affirming care, fighting for access to these services for our most vulnerable communities, and ensuring that Massachusetts remains a beacon in the fight for reproductive justice.

Health Care and Fair Competition

What role will your office play in protecting abortion access and expanding reproductive care?

Answer: Reproductive justice and comprehensive sex education intersects with all aspects of a healthy and equitable society. Now more than ever Massachusetts needs elected officials who will protect and defend reproductive rights, as well as broaden the conversation around reproductive justice and access to critical healthcare services.



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My commitment to reproductive justice has deep roots. As a Boston City Councilor, I was a steadfast advocate at the state level calling on the Legislature and the Governor to protect and enforce the provisions of the ROE Act to make abortion care and family planning services accessible and make reproductive healthcare, including contraceptive care, affordable and equitable for all Boston residents.

As Attorney General, I will ensure Massachusetts continues to take the lead and fight for reproductive justice. I will protect and enforce legal abortion in Massachusetts, including the provisions of the ROE Act, expand the conversation around reproductive justice to include and uplift disparities in maternal health, especially around Black and brown communities. This would include working to ensure that all eligible women and people who menstruate have continuous MassHealth coverage to include the entire 21-month period from the beginning of pregnancy to a year after delivery. That coverage includes doula services for prenatal care, labor and delivery, and postpartum care; in-home postpartum visits with newborn care services; postpartum depression screening and treatment; infant feeding support; and, screening and support for preventable high-risk pregnancies, and more, close the gap on abortion deserts across western and southeastern parts of the state, including for college students. While abortion care is legal in Massachusetts, it is not accessible for many residents and especially college students. These barriers very much still exist, the biggest one being insurance coverage and MassHealth. That is inexcusable if we want Massachusetts to lead the way on reproductive justice, expose Crisis Pregnancy Centers that intentionally provide medically inaccurate and dangerous information to those experiencing pregnancy.

Protect our providers of essential health care like abortion and gender affirming care, fighting for access to these services for our most vulnerable communities, and ensuring that Massachusetts remains a beacon in the fight for reproductive justice.

Create a cross-bureau reproductive justice unit within the Attorney General's Office, including the Office's civil rights division, health care division, criminal bureau and government bureau to protect abortion providers and funds from out of state consequences, enforce data privacy laws, develop new ways to hold crisis pregnancy centers accountable, and defend our laws from legal challenges that may originate in and out of state, support the state's Common Start Bill (H.605/S.362) and partner with the legislature to ensure this critical bill that recognizes childcare as a societal good is passed into law. Andrea believes we cannot stop advocating for reproductive and maternal health once a child is born. Childcare that is accessible, affordable and high-quality significantly impacts the mental and physical health of all women. Partner with community organizations and neighborhood health centers to ensure the needs of those in underserved communities are identified and addressed, advocate for expanding access to telehealth for more medical services including insurance coverage, and work with community organizations, law firms, legal advocates, leveraging public/private partnerships, to ensure patients and providers have access to legal advice.

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Executive Office

Please share your top three legislative priorities

Answer: I will aim to be an activist Attorney General and greatly increase the office's work and partnerships with the legislature. There are a number of bills I would like to see passed, and I will work with legislators, community groups, unions, and activists to see them succeed, including:

1. Wage Theft. Strengthen enforcement to stop wage theft and ensure the Attorney General's Office has increased resources and funding, particularly for the Fair Labor Division.
2. Granting public employees the right to strike.
3. Expanding judicial diversion programs. Judicial diversion is a critical way of getting young people out of the prosecution pipeline and into programs and services they need. Currently, only the Cape and Islands DA's Office offers this program

Executive Office

Describe how the AGO, under your leadership, would work with community organizations and how you would encourage dialogue with and input from nonprofits and community members

Answer: Something I have been repeatedly hearing on the campaign trail is that residents want the Attorney General's Office to have more outposts across the Commonwealth and for the Office to have greater accessibility overall. As Attorney General I will evaluate where else the Office should have offices or other types of intake centers and hold regular office hours across Massachusetts to ensure I can hear directly from residents and community groups. Additionally, I will empower the Community Engagement Division to expand their outreach to community groups and residents in underserved communities.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Civil Rights

We have seen a spike in antisemitic and other bias incidents in recent years, including several alarming high-profile hate crimes and incidents in Massachusetts. How will your office work to investigate and respond to hate and bias incidents and hate crimes? How will your office provide assistance to religious groups that are often the targets of hate incidents and crimes?

Answer: I am horrified and outraged at the spike in antisemitic incidents and recent intimidation incidents by neo-Nazi groups in Massachusetts. I was proud to stand with activists in Jamaica Plain to counterprotest the latest neo-Nazi incident and will be active in standing up against these despicable displays of hatred as Attorney General. I am heartened to see the U.S. Attorney's Office has set up a new hotline for people to report acts of hate. I will partner with the USAO on this initiative and work with community groups develop additional ways to combat hate and antisemitic violence.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Civil Rights

What is your view of local law enforcement's role pertaining to immigration matters?

Answer: Local law enforcement should not play a role in enforcing federal immigration laws. Immigrants in our communities should feel safe interacting with local law enforcement, and calling them in the event of an emergency, without fear of deportation or other repercussions related to their documentation status. I am a strong supporter of the Safe Communities Act and will partner with the legislature to pass this important legislation when I am Attorney General.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Children's Justice

How will the AGO address challenges in juvenile justice, including but not limited to, the school to prison pipeline and racial disparities in sentencing?

Answer: It is imperative that we end the school to prison pipeline and ensure that young people receive the support, services, and education they need – not mass incarceration. A top priority of mine will be to partner with District Attorney's across Massachusetts to expand judicial diversion programs for youth to get justice-involved young people out of the prosecution pipeline. Currently, the Cape and Islands District



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Attorney's Office is piloting a judicial diversion program. Studies have shown how effective these programs are at reducing recidivism and keeping young people out of the justice system. I will work to scale these programs up. Additionally, I will investigate and crack down on schools who engage in racially disparate and discriminatory discipline practices that funnel youth into the school to prison pipeline. Currently, I am suing a school district in Georgia for their racist school discipline practices. I will not hesitate to take similar action in Massachusetts as Attorney General.

Criminal | Enterprise, Major, and Cyber Crimes

We know that online spaces are often breeding grounds for hate and harassment and can even lead to serious incidents of swatting (calling in false threats so that law enforcement goes to a person's home) doxing (posting others' personal identifying information) and other acts of violence. How would you address this dangerous online activity?

Answer: These types of incidents are incredibly serious and deserve serious attention and action. I will empower the Enterprise, Major, and Cyber Crimes Division to develop best practices and partner with community and advocacy groups to stay on the cutting edge of this issue to ensure the Attorney General's Office can respond effectively. I will also partner with District Attorney's across Massachusetts to make sure that no one is operating in a silo and that information is shared to ensure appropriate and comprehensive responses to these issues.

Criminal Justice | Victims/Witness Services

How can you increase trust with the community so that victims, particularly victims of hate crimes, feel safe reporting to your office? How will you use restorative justice in response to hate crimes and incidents?

Answer: It is imperative that Massachusetts residents feel safe and supported when reporting issues to the Attorney General's Office. As Attorney General I will strengthen our work with the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance to ensure that the Attorney General's Office supports victims with trauma-informed, culturally-responsive services.

Fair Labor

Given the attorney general's critical and leading role in protecting workers from exploitation, please share some of your key goals for the Fair Labor Division. Further, are there any current legislative efforts that would help further the office's ability to execute this work?

Answer: I have spent more than 2 decades as a workers' rights lawyer fighting wage theft and have recovered more than half a billion dollars for working people that corporate America stole from. As Attorney General, I will empower the Fair Labor Division to ramp up enforcement of wage theft and tackle this issue on a systemic level. Specifically, I will:

1. Devote additional resources to the Fair Labor Division;
2. Establish a fund to allow victims of wage theft to receive their stolen pay promptly;
3. Pursue direct, systemic enforcement in court of wage theft violations;
4. Hold corporations accountable for misclassifying employees as independent contractors; and
5. Actively promote legislation to advance economic justice and strengthen workers' rights and ability to form unions and bargain fair contracts with strong wages and benefits.



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Health Care and Fair Competition

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted inequities in Massachusetts's health care system, particularly in communities of color. How can the community rely on your office to address such disparities in health care?

Answer: While Massachusetts has some of the best hospitals and health care facilities in the world, we are not immune from corporate consolidation and anticompetitive behavior that is driving up health care costs for patients. Nor are we immune from systemic racism in our health care industry, which has fueled serious disparities in access and quality of care in communities of color. As Attorney General I will bring greater scrutiny to potential hospital mergers to ensure they are in the best interests of patients and do not drive up costs. I will also empower the Antitrust, Healthcare, and other relevant divisions in the office to investigate anticompetitive contracting that only serves to enrich large healthcare systems.

Advancing health equity requires every branch of government and I will be active in partnering with the State House to champion and pass needed legislation. I will advocate for legislation to:

- Ensure that health equity is meaningfully incorporated into every level of government;
- Enact a single-payer health care system in Massachusetts to guarantee health care as a human right;
- Remove barriers to accessing comprehensive mental health care;
- Increase transparency about the financial holdings of hospitals who receive taxpayer money and assess fines against any such hospital that gives a CEO a compensation package greater than 100 times the salary of their lowest paid employee.

Health Care and Fair Competition

What role will your office play in protecting abortion access and expanding reproductive care?

Answer: In the wake of the Supreme Court's horrific decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, it is critical that our next Attorney General is a seasoned, experienced lawyer who knows how to effectively use the law and the courts to stand up for reproductive justice. I have been a strong promoter of reproductive justice since my college days marching for our rights. I co-founded a national young women's organization in my 20s that fought for reproductive justice, defended abortion access across the country while working for the Center for Reproductive Law & Policy in law school, and more recently was an avid supporter of the passage of the ROE Act in Massachusetts.

It is not enough that Massachusetts has strong state laws on the books to protect reproductive health care here. It is imperative that our next Attorney General knows how to use the law as a tool to protect and improve people's lives and ensure that Massachusetts is a safe haven for anyone who needs abortion care and other reproductive health services, no matter where they are from.

As Attorney General, I will:

- Ensure that the ROE Act and other laws protecting our reproductive rights are fully enforced. And I will aggressively fight back against any attempt by other states to reach into Massachusetts and enforce their draconian, anti-choice laws;
- Fight for policies and legislation to further abortion access and reproductive justice, support patients and providers, and increase education;
- Investigate crisis pregnancy centers for their deceptive practices; and
- Ensure racial justice throughout our health care system and work to address maternal morbidity rates, which disproportionately impact Black women and women of color.



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Additional Comments | Please add anything additionally you feel is relevant

I have spent my entire legal career of more than 23 years fighting for low-wage workers and vulnerable populations. At every turn I have sought to use and shape the law to materially improve the lives of everyday people. I have taken on some of the biggest corporations, including Uber, Starbucks, FedEx, IBM, and many others, recovered more than half a billion dollars that these corporations stole from working people, and have changed corporate policies. I have never hesitated to take on the powerful in defense of the people, and that is how I will operate as Attorney General.



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Executive Office

Please share your top three legislative priorities

Answer: Protect consumers by fighting for Medicare for All; reining in drug prices, housing costs, and student loan debt; fighting wage theft; and protecting our communities from gun violence

Protect our democracy and defend civil rights against racial injustice and attacks on abortion access and LGBTQ+ rights

Tackle the climate crisis by opposing new fossil fuel infrastructure and standing up against polluters

Executive Office

Describe how the AGO, under your leadership, would work with community organizations and how you would encourage dialogue with and input from nonprofits and community members

Answer: The Attorney General must stay connected with communities across the Commonwealth, from the Cape to the Berkshires. A large part of this must involve maintaining relationships with community organizations, and nonprofit advocacy groups to inform the office about the most pressing issues people are facing everyday, and collaborate on the policy solutions available to the AG. I'll also work to ensure the office reflects the diversity of Massachusetts. Hiring and selection of leadership at all levels will have a focus on racial and ethnic representation, gender balance, and including the LGBTQ+ and disabled communities.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Civil Rights

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Answer: Recently, there has been an alarming rise in activity by white supremacist groups in Massachusetts, as well as a troubling increase in antisemitic, anti-LGBTQ, and anti-Asian hate crimes. The Attorney General must vigorously enforce our civil rights and hate crimes laws in coordination with local, state and federal law enforcement, and send an unmistakable message that hate has no home in Massachusetts. I have direct experience working on issues relating to domestic terrorism from my time in the Obama Administration, where I served as the U.S. Department of Commerce's representative on an interagency task force on countering violent extremism.

Public Protection + Advocacy | Civil Rights

What is your view of local law enforcement's role pertaining to immigration matters?

Answer: I support the Safe Communities Act, and firmly believe that the work of state and local law enforcement, and other state agencies, must be separated from any form of immigration enforcement. This is essential to the credibility of these agencies for them to effectively carry out their responsibilities to all members of the communities in which they work.

I was excited to see the passage of the Work and Family Mobility Act allowing every eligible driver in Massachusetts to obtain a license, regardless of immigration status. I publicly supported this legislation before its passage. As Attorney General I will continue to stand up for its value, protect the information on the immigration status of drivers license applicants, and defend the law from all legal challenges.



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Public Protection + Advocacy | Children's Justice

How will the AGO address challenges in juvenile justice, including but not limited to, the school to prison pipeline and racial disparities in sentencing?

Answer: As chief civil rights officer, the AG must treat the intentional disruption of educational injustice, and ending the cradle-to-prison pipeline, as major civil rights priorities. As Attorney General I'll work to end the harsh sentencing practices that lead to over incarceration and racial disparities in our legal system. This will include ending mandatory minimums and expanding pre-sentencing community-based alternatives to incarceration. I'll be sure that the AG's office is supporting our local District Attorneys in their use of prosecutorial discretion, including by tracking data so we can expand on the most successful evidence based reforms to our criminal legal system.

Criminal | Enterprise, Major, and Cyber Crimes

We know that online spaces are often breeding grounds for hate and harassment and can even lead to serious incidents of swatting (calling in false threats so that law enforcement goes to a person's home) doxing (posting others' personal identifying information) and other acts of violence. How would you address this dangerous online activity?

Answer: I've spent much of my career working on digital privacy issues, and protecting consumers from harassment and other dangers online. As more and more of our lives migrate online, online hate must be treated with the same severity as face-to-face violence and hate crimes. We must also ensure law enforcement has the tools to stand up to online hate, while also protecting the privacy of personal data. As Attorney General I'll invest in online investigative resources to go after swatting, doxing and other online hate so that people cannot act with impunity or hide behind online anonymity.

Criminal Justice | Victims/Witness Services

How can you increase trust with the community so that victims, particularly victims of hate crimes, feel safe reporting to your office? How will you use restorative justice in response to hate crimes and incidents?

Answer: As Attorney General I will build on the work of the Community Engagement Division (CED) to make the AG's office an accessible resource before harm occurs. This should include a focus on outreach to the most vulnerable members of our communities, and building an office staff that reflects the diversity of the communities they serve. This work must also be emphasized beyond the CED, and I would instruct all office divisions to incorporate community partnerships in their work. This includes implementing additional reporting resources office-wide, like anonymous hotlines, online form and chat functions, and community dropboxes to increase overall accessibility to the public.

I will also incorporate restorative justice principles into my work addressing our criminal legal system. We cannot arrest and incarcerate our way out of social problems. Instead, we must directly tackle structural racism, intergenerational poverty, and economic inequality. When responding to hate, in particular, it is important that the entire affected community have a chance to provide input to the criminal process and to inform the system's response. Restorative justice is shown to enhance community safety and increase victim satisfaction with the criminal process, and the AG's office must develop and implement these evidence based policies. I'll partner with organizations that are already doing this work in our communities, and work with victims to ensure that we are providing a just response to hate crimes that brings both accountability and reconciliation to those involved.



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Fair Labor

Given the attorney general's critical and leading role in protecting workers from exploitation, please share some of your key goals for the Fair Labor Division. Further, are there any current legislative efforts that would help further the office's ability to execute this work?

Answer: Low income workers across the Commonwealth are increasingly exploited by unscrupulous employers who refuse to pay them what they have earned. This set of bad practices — collectively known as wage theft — affects hundreds of thousands of low-wage workers in Massachusetts per year, depriving them of nearly a billion dollars in stolen wages.

Last year, the Attorney General's Office issued 160 citations against 72 construction companies for misclassifying workers and violating prevailing wage laws. The Attorney General's Office returned more than \$750,000 in wages to 565 workers and fined companies more than \$500,000 for their misconduct. But there is much more to be done. To combat this growing problem as Attorney General, I'll devote more resources and attention to wage theft.

The legislature must also act right away to increase the powers of the Attorney General by passing a pair of bills filed by Sen. Sal DiDomenico (S1179) and Rep. Dan Donahue (H1959). The bills would clarify responsibility for upholding labor standards and give the Attorney General new tools to fight wage theft and hold violators accountable. This includes putting contractors on notice when their subcontractors fail to obey the law, giving the Attorney General the power to bring civil wage theft cases directly to court, allowing the Attorney General to issue stop-work orders, and giving whistleblowers new rights and protections from retaliation.

Health Care and Fair Competition

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted inequities in Massachusetts's health care system, particularly in communities of color. How can the community rely on your office to address such disparities in health care?

Answer: There are huge racial disparities in population health, access to health care, and health care outcomes. I strongly believe that we need to treat health care as a human right and move to a single payer, Medicare for All system that gives everyone access to affordable and quality health insurance. As Attorney General I'll investigate unfair and deceptive practices by insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, nursing homes, and other companies in the healthcare system. I'll also work to rein in healthcare costs by investigating bad practices among insurance companies, and tackle price gouging by pharmaceutical companies that make medicines unaffordable for too many people. As AG I'll focus on the social determinants of health to tackle racial disparities in our healthcare system. This means greater investment in public health and greater focus on prevention, including mental health care, substance use services, and chronic disease management (e.g., diabetes, obesity, asthma). It also means improving the health of our communities – including but not limited to stable housing, investments in educational equity, early childhood education, environmental justice, and economic justice.

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What role will your office play in protecting abortion access and expanding reproductive care?

Answer: In the wake of the Dobbs decision, the battle for reproductive rights will be fought – and won – in the states. Massachusetts has a critical role to play in that fight. As Attorney General, I will use all of the powers of the office to protect and expand access to abortion care. Massachusetts must be a safe harbor for those fleeing persecution from other states. At a time when red states are passing more and more audacious laws restricting access to abortion, Massachusetts can take immediate steps to prepare to litigate interstate issues. I will also be prepared to defend our world-class healthcare providers from



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attempts by other states to legally harass them or criminalize this essential care.

As a former Assistant AG and the first Chief of the office's Health Care division, I know how impactful the office can be in expanding access to healthcare. As AG I will work to reduce barriers to accessing abortion care, with particular attention paid to ensure access for low income communities, communities of color, and students on college campuses. I will also pay close attention to regional equity and ensure that all parts of the state, from the Berkshires to the Cape & Islands, have access to abortion care within reasonable traveling distance. I will also crack down on crisis pregnancy centers which pose as legitimate health care facilities but often deceive pregnant people seeking access to abortion care, and stand up for tightening data privacy protections so that mobile apps are not able to share health data with lose looking to criminalize abortion.

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As the chief of the Health Care Division in the AG office at the time when we were implementing health reform, I worked hard to make sure that everyone has access to high quality, affordable health care. In addition to my work in the AG office, I had the great honor to serve in the White House under President Obama as Senior Advisor for Jobs & Competitiveness and as Acting General Counsel of the US Department of Commerce under Biden. The AG needs to stand up for workers and consumers to help build an economy that works for everyone, not just wealthy individuals and corporations. I'm proud to be the endorsed candidate of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, and as Attorney General I'll be ready on day one to advocate for the people of Massachusetts on the issues that matter most.

I'm proud to be running a clean elections campaign that doesn't take money from corporations or special interests so that I can truly be the People's Lawyer. I've signed the people's pledge swearing off support from corporate superPACs, and I've agreed to the clean elections terms of Massachusetts public financing system.

At a time when Washington is broken, the Attorney General needs to take on some of the biggest challenges of this historical moment – healthcare access, climate crisis, racial injustice, attacks on our democracy, attacks on reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, student loan debt, gun violence, and education. As Attorney General I would look forward to the chance to partner with the ADL and the JCRC on the many important issues facing people everyday across the commonwealth.