

1) *Are you concerned about the amount of money in politics and what would you do to promote policies to limit its influence in elections and governing?*

Do you support public financing of elections? Please be specific about which offices it should cover and any other information about what kind of support should be provided.

Do you support a constitutional amendment to allow the government to limit political spending and to clarify that corporations do not have the same rights as people? Why or why not.

I am concerned with the amount of money spent on Elections. I am the only one in the race that agreed to the limits which forced my opponents to create a self-imposed limit. The highest imposed a limit of 2 million dollars on general election. This is on top of 3 million that she has spent already. It is very concerning that my opponents have both loaned themselves money. One today candidate loaned her campaign \$175,000, and the other loaned his campaign \$155,000.

I support public financing of elections. I would propose a phased roll out. Initially to state-wide candidates would be under the system. They would be followed two years later by all candidates in the Office of Campaign Finance which includes Senators and Representatives. Afterward, we could consider the smaller cities and towns. OCPF for depository candidates like the state-wide offices has a nice Web reporting system that handles expenses as well as receipts as an interim step, it could be expanded to include candidates' Web site. The Secretary of the Commonwealth (State) has a list of candidates this could include the candidates' Web site.

I support restoring the definition of corporations. At the present time, the only method appears to be a constitutional amendment. After the election, I plan to work on PassMass.

2) *What would you do to bring more transparency to government operations?*

We need to open with all of the transactions that are done on behalf of the people of Massachusetts. Using technology, we can make it easier for people to follow the path that their money takes.

3) *The legislature passed a terrific elections bill earlier this year that will make great steps towards modernizing our elections. Would you support Election Day registration for the commonwealth? Is there anything else you think we should do to improve our elections in Massachusetts?*

I grew up in Maine with same day voter registration and strongly support same day registration.

Unfortunately the version passed by the legislature also doubled the contribution limits. The amount of money spend on election activity continues to increase.

We need a bill to educate everyone on the every candidate and on individuals right to run for office.

4) *What do you think should be done, if anything, about the issue of political patronage?*

The names of legislators backing hires should be made public so they are encouraged to support good applicants rather than political supporters. Trusted advisers are important, but Chapter 31 Section 48 should be amended to remove any unnecessary exceptions from civil service. Massachusetts is best served by having the best people possible to fill the roles in governing.