

# JP Progressive Candidate Questionnaire

150 word maximum, no minimum. We will publish your answers in their entirety in the web version of this Candidate Survey. In the printed version, we reserve the right to edit for length, but not for meaning or intent.

## **Affordable Housing**

There is limited space available for development in Boston. Given that, what sort of development should be prioritized, and how will you ensure that this development addresses pressing unmet needs, including affordable and low-income housing?

## **Development**

When it comes to development in Jamaica Plain specifically, what are your top three priorities?

## **Environment and Energy**

If you are elected, what are three specific actions you would propose for the City of Boston to promote energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, and improve the local environment?

## **Youth Violence**

Given the resurgence of youth violence in the city, what specific steps would you take to ensure the safety of youth in our city?

What is your positive vision for youth in the City of Boston, and what do we need to do to get there?

## **Accountability, Transparency**

What are the top three specific improvements you would suggest to improve accountability and transparency in city government?

## **Education**

There will be a debate in Boston over the next few years about whether and how to revise the school's transportation plan. What will be your priorities when approaching this topic?

What do you believe are the primary causes of the achievement gap in the Boston Public School system, and what is your plan for closing this gap?

What specific actions would you take to improve the failing schools in Boston?

## **Human Services**

Boston's Human Service and Public Health agencies are struggling with rising costs and shrinking budgets. If you could put \$10 million just into those agencies, how would you invest it?

## **Transportation**

State level transportation agencies have been reformed and combined, but still carry some of the highest debt load of any transportation system in the country. In light of this, if elected what would your priorities be for improving the overall transportation system in Boston?

## **Jobs and Labor**

Most job growth in Metro Boston has occurred in Boston suburbs, while minority populations have been growing in the central city. Black and Latino residents have faced unemployment rates 3 times the rate of white residents, and Asian residents twice that of whites. What single policy would you support that would have the greatest impact on unemployment and job disparities in Boston?

## **Race and Diversity**

Affirmative action policies have recently been watered down by court decisions at the federal level. Were the City of Boston to be forced to dismantle affirmative action policies as a result, what are three steps you would take to ensure and increase access to opportunities within city government agencies? What are some creative policies other than affirmative action that the city could

implement that would support and retain diversity within its workforce?

### **Budget Policy**

The city of Boston is very limited in the ways in which it can raise revenue. Given that, what changes, if any, would you propose to make city revenue policy more progressive?

If you were given the power to substantially reduce the budget of two city departments and increase the budget of two others by that same amount, what departments would you cut from, and which would you add to?

### **Lightning Round (Yes or No)**

Many workers in Boston are organizing to form unions, especially in the hospitals. Will you publicly support their efforts to organize?

Do you support the death penalty?

Do you support same sex marriage?

Do you support anti-discrimination laws that protect someone from being fired, or denied housing, education, or access to public facilities (including bathrooms) based on their gender identity?

Are you pro-choice?

Would you support a state constitutional amendment implementing a progressive income tax?