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Party	Democrat	
In one or two sentences, what is your education and work history?	With a BA in Finance from Suffolk University, I have 30+ years as a senior strategic marketing consultant—working with a prominent financial institution, where I gained global business experience as a senior executive at multiple corporations—and I founded Cyclone Design, Inc., a graphic design company in Quincy Center in 1993. I also have served in public office on the School Committee and City Council for the last 18 years.	
Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent residents at this time?	We are in a unique moment as a City with opportunities and challenges ahead of us that will define our future. With 6 years of service as a Quincy City Councilor-at-Large and 12 years’ experience on the Quincy School Committee, I have the experience, competency, and knowledge of our city to best represent our residents and move us through these challenges. I am the best candidate for mayor because I have the best vision and approach to bring our City forward and make it a place where everyone in our community can thrive.	
What three issues are you most concerned about in the city, and if elected, how would you tackle them?	The three issues that I am most concerned about in Quincy are housing and affordability, education, and transportation. With the rising cost of living, many longtime residents and new families alike struggle to afford to stay in Quincy. On the Council, I have advocated for reforms like a residential tax credit, fought to hold developers accountable to our community’s needs, and advocate for the creation of housing to ensure essential workers can afford to live here. I have worked to help neighborhoods band together against harmful overdevelopment, and as mayor, I will continue to support smart development in Quincy Center and around MBTA stations, but never at the expense of our neighborhoods. At the same time, we deserve city streets and transit options that make Quincy more accessible and create the highest quality of life for our residents. On the Council, I approved over \$100 million for our road repairs and Capital Improvements projects including renovations of Kincaide Park, and as mayor, I will implement smart traffic management systems to optimize traffic flow, reduce congestion, and enhance road safety. Moreover, I will work with state and federal officials to promote the safety and reliability of our MBTA stations and service and advocate for increased bus services and expanded MBTA stations, including a long-overdue new Quincy Center T-station and parking for	

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	<p>commuters. Finally, as a mother of three kids who went through our public schools and former School Committee Member, I have spent my career as a fierce advocate for public education. I have led the charge on supporting our educators and fully funding our public schools, fighting for free full-day kindergarten, and investing in our school buildings. As mayor, I will focus on funding our schools, increasing community and family engagement, and investing in programs that increase student well-being.</p>	
<p>If elected, what would you do to encourage civic participation and voting in Quincy?</p>	<p>If elected, encouraging civic participation, and voting in Quincy will be a priority. I will strengthen civic awareness by supporting our ward civic groups and reengaging defunct chapters, enabling hybrid meetings to allow for virtual resident participation in boards and commission meetings, creating mayoral community advisory councils to help drive our approach to policy and budgeting, and hosting mayoral coffee hours, press briefings with QATV, and regular podcasts to keep residents informed.</p>	
<p>In your previous leadership positions, how did you ensure that all of your team members' voices were heard? If elected mayor, how would you ensure that all city employees were heard? Constituents?</p>	<p>In my previous leadership positions, I ensured all team members' voices were heard by breaking down barriers between upper and lower management to allow for the free flow of information and ideas. As a leader, it is important to me to recognize what brings my team members to the organization and what keeps them there. As mayor, I am committed to creating a culture of trust and respect in which open communication is encouraged. Whether I am working with city employees or constituents, I will solicit equitable input for projects large and small, recognize and reward good work, and foster a sense of community everywhere.</p>	
<p>If elected, what would you do to ensure government transparency and accountability?</p>	<p>Every resident in Quincy deserves access to an accountable, transparent, and responsive city government so that they can see and feel their tax dollars working for them. On the City Council, I have been a champion for transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability to residents. As Councilor-at-Large, I successfully pushed for hiring practices that reflect the diverse makeup of Quincy, expanded opportunities for residents from a diverse set of backgrounds and identities to participate in our government—including pushing to reinstate our disabilities commission, and advocated to give citizens more of a say in proposed projects that impact them the most.</p> <p>As mayor, I would audit the City's current financial picture and make the results of this audit and our budget priorities public through OpenGov, so residents can understand how their money is being spent. I would develop a transparent, accessible process to apply to boards and commissions to ensure residents who want to serve their city, regardless of</p>	

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	<p>background, age, or connections, have access to do so. Additionally, I would begin a comprehensive planning process to set a shared vision centered on data and community input for Quincy’s growth, including climate adaptation and mitigation, land use planning and redevelopment, budget, and capital improvement planning for public facilities and services.</p>	
<p>If elected, what would you do to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city, including for seniors on fixed incomes?</p>	<p>With the rising cost of living, many longtime residents, and new families alike struggle to afford to stay in Quincy. I am committed as mayor to ensuring people can continue to afford to grow their families in Quincy. On the Council, I have advocated for reforms like a residential tax credit, and I have fought to hold developers accountable and ensure essential workers can afford to live here.</p> <p>As mayor, I will push for a residential tax credit for homeowners to keep families in Quincy, establish Quincy’s first Housing Production Plan that documents our current housing needs and recommends ways to create a mix of housing types for different income levels, review zoning ordinances to make necessary updates and streamline development to ensure the projects we need are getting built in a timely, efficient manner, and explore creative approaches to increase affordability. I will also work to give residents a seat at the table with respect to large-scale residential developments and publicly tracking the progress of these projects.</p>	
<p>If elected, what would you do to combat hate and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in Quincy?</p>	<p>Ensuring all people feel welcome and proud to raise their family, open a business, or play in Quincy will always be a priority of mine. As mayor, I will develop initiatives that promote inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunities for all. For example, I will strengthen and enforce anti-discrimination policies within local government institutions and public spaces. I will ensure that these policies are communicated clearly and that there are mechanisms for reporting and addressing incidents of hate and discrimination. Additionally, I believe youth engagement can help build a more accepting and open-minded community for future generations and will establish youth-focused programs that emphasize inclusivity and celebrate cultural differences. As mayor, I will also update governmental policies and procedures to ensure our City services and amenities are accessible and inclusive for all, including expanding the existing Office of Diversity, and increasing diversity in our hiring policies and practices.</p>	

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<p>If elected, what would you do to improve transportation and traffic in Quincy?</p>	<p>As mayor, I will expand and educate our constituents on the "Complete Streets" policy to ensure roads are designed to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users, including the addition of pedestrian-friendly features like sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes to enhance safety and accessibility. Additionally, I will implement smart traffic management systems to optimize traffic flow, reduce congestion, and enhance road safety. Finally, I am committed to working with state and federal officials to promote the safety and reliability of our MBTA stations and service, including a long-overdue new Quincy Center T-station.</p>	
<p>What would you do to make Quincy a more environmentally friendly city?</p>	<p>The climate crisis is already impacting our health and putting us at risk. Quincy is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and it is critical we take urgent action. As mayor, I will expand creative funding sources through federal and state grants and the creation of a renewable energy fund to increase green investments in Quincy, fund park improvements, and increase green roofs, community gardens, and green infrastructure like EV chargers and climate mitigation infrastructure. Additionally, I will develop a tree canopy ordinance and support the planting and maintenance of both trees and water pads to reduce our urban heat island effect and provide cooling. Lastly, I will focus on reducing our building emissions and waste by implementing building codes that emphasize energy efficiency and sustainable construction practices, introducing composting for organic waste to reduce landfill waste and methane emissions, and supporting initiatives to reduce single-use plastics.</p>	
<p>As chair of the school committee, the mayor has a huge impact on education in the city. If you were elected mayor, what three issues would you focus on in the school committee your first year in office?</p>	<p>As a former School Committee Member, I have spent my career as a fierce advocate for public education. I have led the charge to support our educators and fund our public schools. I fought for the implementation of free full-day kindergarten and investments in our school buildings, including voting for three new schools that are now completed and the Squantum Elementary school that is presently in the planning stage. As mayor, I will focus on funding our schools, increasing community and family engagement, and investing in programs that increase student well-being.</p>	
<p>What fraction of your political donations comes from developers? And what fraction from companies that do business with the city?</p>	<p>Over 98% of my efforts in fundraising has come from individual donors and residents of the city of Quincy. I have pledged to not accept donations from businesses or developers contracting with the City currently.</p>	

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<p>Party</p>	<p>Unenrolled/independent</p>	<p>Democrat</p>
<p>In one or two sentences, what is your education and work history?</p>	<p>I hold a B.A. in American Government and Economics from Emmanuel College. The large majority of my career has been in public service - I served for more than five years as a Communications Director in the Massachusetts State Senate, three years as a School Committee Member and now three years as your Ward Two Councillor. I recently left the State House to take a position with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.</p>	<p>I am an attorney at a Quincy law firm, and primarily practice civil litigation, family, and election law. I am a graduate of QPS (Clifford Marshall, Point Webster, QHS), Suffolk University and Suffolk Law.</p>
<p>Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent residents at this time?</p>	<p>My experience in State and Local Government has been invaluable when it comes to carrying out the responsibilities of a City Councillor. I've placed transparency, accountability, and community engagement at the forefront of my approach and believe it has served me well. I understand that this is the people's seat and I have always placed my constituents' best interests first.</p>	<p>I am an attorney and fourth generation lifelong Ward 2 resident. I truly believe that I represent the past, present, and future of Quincy and Ward 2. With my level of knowledge and love for the Ward, and the people in it, legal skillset, and communication skills, I believe that I am the best choice to guide the Ward 2 residents through the next phase of our City.</p>
<p>What three issues are you most concerned about in your ward (or the city as a whole), and if you are elected, how will you tackle them?</p>	<p>1. Infrastructure Investment: Our city's infrastructure is the backbone of our community, facilitating our daily lives and economic growth. I have consistently heard from constituents about the state of our roads and sidewalks. In 2021, I had the privilege of advocating for and voting in favor of a plan to invest \$150 million citywide into our infrastructure over the next five years. This plan allocated \$100 million for road repairs and \$50 million for water and sewer upgrades. In Ward</p>	<p>1. Senior Safety - Ward 2 has the largest population of senior citizens in Quincy, many of whom I have known my entire life through my own grandparents, and all of whom I respect. The safety and care of the senior population is paramount and my number one priority. I was named a Quincy Dems 2021 COVID Hero for my efforts to make sure the seniors in our neighborhood had their necessities (prescriptions, groceries) during the height of the pandemic. Further, keeping a close eye</p>





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2, this meant a significant improvement of 33,000 feet of road repair, contributing to safer and smoother travel for all. If re-elected, I will continue to prioritize infrastructure investment by seeking out further funding opportunities, to ensure that all of our community's infrastructure needs are met.

2. Community Upkeep: A vibrant and well-maintained community is essential for fostering a sense of pride and belonging among our residents. Neglected public spaces, litter, and blighted properties can contribute to a decline in community spirit. During my tenure, I have been proud to champion projects and initiatives to continue to build on the progress we've made. This has included safety enhancements at the Fore River Clubhouse, amenity upgrades at Faxon Park with more on the way, and a soon-to-begin municipal broadband internet pilot program for Quincy Point. Additionally, I've been proud to work with all city departments and my constituents to address issues related to blighted properties, rodent infestations, park cleanup, public safety, education, permanent housing, zoning/development, and more.

3. Constituent Services: Effective and accessible constituent services are the foundation of responsive governance. I am deeply concerned about the challenges residents face when navigating city bureaucracy, seeking information, or voicing their concerns. When I was first sworn in as the Councillor, I established an online office where neighbors could submit assistance requests and learn more about our local government services. Since then, I've launched a mailed quarterly newsletter, regularly hold community meetings on specific neighborhood issues, and continue to post information on social media to keep folks informed. By actively listening and responding to the voices of our community, we can ensure that

on the status of the renovations at the Fore River Clubhouse is very important. I plan to make sure that project is completed as soon as possible, and afterwards that it be utilized as a senior center. My recent efforts regarding security and safety concerns at 1000 Southern Artery, after hearing from the residents and numerous meetings with management, have resulted in the implementation of a new key-fob system and security cameras. That is the level of constituent service, and the level of care for our seniors, that I plan to bring to the City Council.

2. Preservation and Smart Development - Many residents in our city are concerned with the uptick in development over the last 10-12 years. I am a proponent of smart development (residential and commercial development that fits in with the neighborhood and serves the community), and also preserving and adding to Quincy's green space.

There have been a number of commercial and residential projects in Ward 2 that I have worked to notify neighbors of, and collect opinions for, to present to either the Planning Board or the Zoning Board. Some of those oppositions have been instrumental in the boards' decisions. It is important to maintain the residential character of both Quincy Point and Penn's Hill. Beneficial variances that add to the value of the neighborhood should be granted - not every one that is requested. Building affordable housing, and also keeping multi-generational Quincy families in this city is a top priority of mine.

Business development on the Washington Street Corridor leading to the Fore River Bridge is also a topic that I am passionate about. Fostering connections with good companies who will give back to our community, both financially and philanthropically, and make Quincy their home is something I





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policies and decisions truly reflect the interests of those we serve.

do as an Ambassador of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce. I always support local, small businesses when I am able, but am not opposed to larger companies coming in to alleviate our taxes as long as they are a good fit to this area. Involving the unions is a big priority of mine as well. My plan for some of the vacant commercial spaces would be to ask residents' opinions and seek out businesses that the community thinks would be a good fit. Being proactive is how I plan to serve this community.



As President of the Ward 2 Civic Association, I have also made it a point to rehab our two beaches this year (2023), adding in new furniture with the funds from the state budget. I grew up at Mound Street Beach, as did my family, and also have fond childhood memories at Faxon Park. COVID brought people back to our beautiful outdoor spaces and it is my opinion that they both be utilized (by events) and protected.




I also plan to make sure the money that was appropriated for Faxon Park is being utilized to suit the needs of the park, its neighbors, and those who use it the most. At the community meeting held last month, residents liked the ideas of bathrooms, pickle ball courts, and a new pavilion. Those renovations should be underway sooner than later, as the funds were acquired years back and plans to improve the park have been discussed for over a decade.




3. Communication and Advocacy - A lot of residents don't know what is going on in their own neighborhoods. As a result, I have distributed planning and zoning proposals, plans and hearing notices to mailboxes, and posted them online. I sincerely believe that being well informed of the processes will lead to fewer grievances.

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		<p>Being a liaison between city hall and residents means being accessible, transparent, and responsive. It is the number one duty of a city councilor. As an attorney, I am available to my clients every day, around the clock. If elected, I don't promise to always have good news, bad news, or any news at all. I do promise to respond in a timely manner to any questions or inquiries, host (at a minimum) quarterly community meetings (the Ward 2 Civic Association under my leadership has already hosted a number of "Town Halls" since we saw this as a need), office hours, and also project-specific meetings well in advance of any planning or zoning board hearings.</p> <p>Further, knowledge of the law (zoning statutes, landlord/tenant/residential disputes, land use), and my professional level of advocacy and representation, are positive assets that I plan to bring to the council.</p> <p>I am also invested in promoting the diversity of Ward 2 (including but not limited to cultural, religious, and the LGBTQIA+ community), making sure our school-aged kids have the necessities to prosper in today's World, promoting green and energy efficient environmental improvements.</p>
<p>What community activities do you participate in?</p>	<p>While most of my free time has been dedicated to the City Council, I've been able to participate in a good number of local activities/events. I'm a member of the American Legion Post 95, the Penn's Hill Neighborhood Association, the Ward 2 Civic Association, and the Friends of Faxon Park. My favorite annual event has always been Cleaner Greener.</p>	<p>I have always participated in as many of Quincy's activities as I can. I have been in charge of a number of community events as the President of Ward 2 Civic Association and the President of Quincy Pride. To name a few, I have participated in Cleaner Greener Quincy, Interfaith Stop the Stigma 5K, Touch a Truck, Point Webster/Clifford Marshall's Fun Run, Quincy High's sports and events, community events at Quincy Point Congregational Church, and many many more.</p>




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<p>If elected, how will you communicate with your constituents?</p>	<p>If re-elected I will continue to send out my quarterly newsletter and notices about neighborhood specific concerns, maintain my constituent website, and post to social media.</p>	<p>I will communicate with my constituents with regular, local, ward-based Community Meetings and Office Hours, via social media, phone calls, emails, text messages, etc. Whatever mode of communication it takes to publicize Quincy/Ward 2 news.</p>
<p>Please give an example of a time you went "against the grain" to stand up for something you believed in.</p>	<p>During the height of COVID-19, the City was awarded roughly \$50 million in federal relief funds (ARPA) to overcome the impacts of the pandemic. The Administration spent \$15 million of those funds to purchase the Munroe Building in Quincy Center - months after the Council had signaled that they weren't keen to make that investment with local taxpayer dollars. After this happened, I authored a resolution seeking a full accounting of the Administration's ARPA spending and also asked the Administration to seek public input on how any remaining ARPA funds should be spent, using either an online survey or public hearings.</p>	<p>Assisting the senior community at 1000 over the better part of a year is something I am very proud of. Many of the people in control of the building would not return calls or answer questions. After hours of research and due diligence, I knew I had viable grounds to make sure the seniors got the safety measures that they deserved. It was a long process, but I stayed the course. Every phone call, email, letter, and meeting that brought us to the March meeting in which management confirmed security cameras, a new key system, and capital improvements after years of complaints and denials was worth it.</p> <p>Also, I have been involved in Quincy Pride since 2019, long before it was the large, welcomed production it is today. I have, over the years with my amazing board and committee, taken this 501(c)(3) to great heights. Now, the event brings in around 3,000 people a year and raises funds that we give back to Quincy and LGBTQIA+ non-profits. The event is acclaimed and has been featured on Chronicle.</p>
<p>If elected, what would you do to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city, including for seniors on fixed incomes?</p>	<p>As a Councillor, I've been able to work with so many incredible low-income service providers. One of those providers, Caritas Communities, had approached me about the possibility of buying the building next to them on Winter St in Quincy Point and expanding their footprint providing "deeply affordable" units to people in need. This past spring, I was proud to speak in favor of their proposal before the Zoning</p>	<p>I recently had a great meeting with NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, a company who has done a lot of great work by the Fore River Shipyard on Winter Steet, including but certainly not limited to the Watson. I plan to help organizations like NHS find the properties and the resources to build more affordable housing units in Quincy.</p>

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	<p>Board so they could obtain approval and move forward. Supporting Affordable Housing means going out and finding partners like Caritas, or NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (who recently opened another affordable housing property on Winter St) and working with them to provide affordable housing to residents of all ages. I plan to continue this approach if re-elected.</p>	
<p>If elected, what would you do to combat hate and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in Quincy?</p>	<p>During my time on the School Committee, many issues related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion were brought to our attention by our staff, and our students and their families. Using my authority as Vice Chair of the Committee, I established the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Subcommittee so these issues had a permanent place for thoughtful discussion. On the City Council, I was equally supportive of my colleagues' call to do more to hear the voices of all of our residents - this initiative ultimately led to the establishment of a new community liaison position which is now filled by Damian Outar. I recently had the opportunity to meet with Damian to discuss his new role and the Council's expectations moving forward. In general, I believe thoughtful discussions with your neighbors – regardless of the issue – can help the City address issues that may have been overlooked in the past.</p>	<p>As President of Quincy Pride, this has been my goal for years. Quincy Pride (Q Pride) was created in 2018 to celebrate the rich diversity of The South Shore Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (or questioning), Intersex, and Allies (LGBTQIA) community toward efforts to promote acceptance, diversity, inclusion, and respect. We do this through our flagship festival, town halls, school outreach, scholarship programs, social brunches, and further, by partnering with the Mayor's LGBTQIA+ Commission and the United First Parish Church, helping promote and form the City's PFLAG (parental support) chapter, and so much more.</p>
<p>Granite Links Golf Club lies in Ward 4, on land owned by the City of Quincy and leased by the Quarry Hills Association (QHA). Mayor Koch has proposed extending the QHA's lease, which is set to expire in another two decades, for an</p>	<p>Before I can vote yes on a proposed lease extension there are a few more concepts that I'd like to see discussed. I'd like to see: progress made on the traffic plan with DOT for the Ricciuti Drive intersection leading up to Quarry Hills, an independent audit of past/current finances, a commitment to an oversight committee, and at least a discussion of extending the lease to be 50 years (the original length of the lease given in 1994).</p>	<p>I attended a meeting on the Granite Links lease a couple of months ago that was very informative. I am not in favor of the extension of the lease as it is presented, but hope and think that this is a good time to make sure the residents received the amenities and the level of upkeep promised years ago.</p>


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<p>additional 99 years -- a proposal that will need to go before the council for a vote. The QHA says it needs the extension so that it can apply for loans for construction projects on the site, such as a hotel. But some residents have voiced concerns about the length and terms of the lease extension, the absence of public walking trails through the land, the level of upkeep of the site's ball fields, and traffic issues on Ricciuti Drive. If you were to vote today on the lease extension, how would you vote, and why? What would you consider "must haves" in the contract for you to vote in favor of the extension?</p>		
<p>What would you do to make Quincy a more environmentally friendly city?</p>	<p>During my time in public office, there are a few initiatives of which I have been proud to be at the forefront. While on the school committee, I led the effort to transition the QPS lunch program away from Styrofoam and plastic products. On the Council, I've supported making most of our public buildings available for RFPs for solar panels and have been supportive of Quincy enacting a municipal aggregation plan to lower energy prices for residents while providing residents with a choice of where that energy comes from. In addition, I have been proud to advocate for preserving what limited open space we have.</p>	<p>There are a number of initiatives that Quincy could implement, and that I would be a proponent of, to make our city more environmentally friendly. The top improvements that come to mind include but are not limited to: curbside food waste collection, gas powered lawn equipment, making sure there are more charging stations for electronic vehicles in development.</p>


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<p>What would you do to increase civic participation and voting in Quincy?</p>	<p>While we can't force people to participate, I always do my best to bring new members of our community into the fold. That means communicating in-person, online, and via mail about the work we do on the City Council and providing residents with the info they need to access city services. As part of that effort, I was proud to support an initiative led by Councillor Liang to increase funding for language access services so more residents had the opportunity to participate in the community.</p>	<p>Aside from participating and publicizing good events on social media and in newsletters, etc., planning them is also a great way to get people involved. Event planning in this city is a strong suit of mine. I have planned many well attended, philanthropic or nonprofit-based community events and have the contacts, resources, and ideas to execute them. Getting kids involved at young ages is also important, as is involvement in the schools and communication with staff.</p>
<p>What fraction of your political donations comes from developers? And what fraction from companies that do business with the city?</p>	<p>Up until very recently, my time as a local elected official also coincided with my time as a state employee - which meant that I was bound by state ethics laws that did not allow me to solicit any political contributions. My campaigns have always been powered by my family, friends, and constituents - since I first launched a political campaign in 2017, I'd say developers/local companies account for less than 5% of the donations I receive.</p>	<p>Of my current donations, 5% of the total have been from developers and 10% from companies that do business with the City (inclusive of said developers, and many small businesses). 90% of my contributions are from individuals, with about 70% from Quincy residents, and over 50% from Ward 2 residents.</p>
<p>Do you have any business or personal affiliations that could present a potential conflict of interest if you were elected? (For example, do you own or work at a business that requires permits or review from the city?) If "yes," please list these potential conflicts under "other."</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If you answered "yes" to the previous question and you are elected, will you voluntarily recuse</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>



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<p>yourself from voting on issues that potentially benefit you?</p>		
<p>Will you represent the opinions of your constituents on the City Council, even if they are in conflict with those of the mayor?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Quincy, along with about 300 other Massachusetts communities, adopted the Stretch Energy Code, which requires new buildings to be more energy efficient than stipulated in the state's standard code. The City Council now has the chance to adopt an Opt-In Specialized Stretch Code that encourages net-zero energy construction. Under that code, buildings would use even less energy for heating and cooling, and onsite solar panels would generate electricity. If elected, would you support Quincy adopting the specialized code?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>









 <p>Ward 3</p>	<p><b>Ian Cain</b></p> <p><b>Candidate elected not to respond</b></p>	
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Connections	<a href="https://www.devine44.com/">https://www.devine44.com/</a>	
Party	Unenrolled/independent	Democrat
In one or two sentences, what is your education and work history?	<p>State Public School up to Middle School. Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, and 4+ years at Northeastern University, 25+ years Devine Contracting, and most recently 6 months as Quincy City Councillor Ward 4. The most important education was the morals, ethics, and life lessons I learned from my parents.</p>	<p>I am a graduate of the Newman School in Boston, in 1983, and furthered my education at Northeastern University. I am a 36-year employee of Verizon, as well as a 36-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I am presently the Legislative Director for IBEW 2222, a Trustee on the Norfolk County Labor Council, as well as on the Executive Board of the Greater Boston Labor Council.</p>
Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent residents at this time?	<p>I believe I am the best candidate to represent our residents is;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I have spent the last 3 months campaigning and 6 months working as Ward 4 Councillor</li> <li>2) I have focused on every neighborhood to see what each one needs personally.</li> <li>3) I have created great relationships with the Traffic Department, Department of Public Works, Parks Department, Ordinance Officer, Inspectional Services, National Grid, Mass Dot, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Quincy Police, Quincy Fire, Quincy Community Action Program, and the Health Department. These relationships help me perform for the concerns of Ward 4 neighbors. It's about getting things done</li> <li>4) I have a very strong connection to Ward 4 for almost 20 Years raising my two children through all the public schools in Ward 4, Della Chiesa, Lincoln Hancock, Sterling (South West now) and finally Quincy High School (not in Ward 4)</li> </ol>	<p>There are many important issues facing our Ward right now, the most of important of which is the 99-year lease at The Granite Links. It is imperative that our Ward has representation in the decision-making process now, and in the entirety of the lease.</p>




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	<p>5) I also have a strong connection to our local Stores Like Curry Hardware, The Donut King, Sly Fox, The Brownie Lady, and many more, I am a shop local kinda of person</p> <p>5) Most importantly I continually reach out to everyone I see in Ward 4 to listen, engage, and build relationships.</p>	
<p>What three issues are you most concerned about in your ward (or the city as a whole), and if you are elected, how will you tackle them?</p>	<p>1) Traffic and speeding through our neighborhoods is a big concern. I have been working closely with our Community Police Officer and the New Chief of Police.</p> <p>2) Mass TOD "Transit-Oriented Development", I am concerned about large developers coming in and taking over the area around the Quincy Adams T Station. I will continue to work with Quincy Planning and Development to help control and influence the best for Ward 4.</p> <p>3) The most important concern is what is affecting each neighbor, it usually seems small, but it is not to the neighbor that is struggling to deal with whatever situation they have. I will listen and find a resolve. Please reach out with any problems you have.</p> <p>Councillor James Devine Ward 4, email, JDevine@Quincyma.gov, Cell: 617-834-3945</p>	<p>The three most concerning issues facing Ward 4 at this time are - in no particular order - the 99-year Lease, overdevelopment, and the traffic congestion in our neighborhoods.</p> <p>Regarding the Lease, it is incumbent that we educate the community on the financial issues and the future ramifications that will affect the entire City, and, more importantly, Ward 4. All negotiations with regard to this matter must be 100% transparent.</p> <p>There has been some much-needed development in the last ten years in Ward 4. I believe that new construction needs to be done in a responsible and cooperative manner with the neighborhoods. Overdevelopment stresses valuable City resources, not the least of which is First Responders.</p> <p>Ward 4 surrounds the Southeast Expressway, the bane of every commuter's day. Increasingly, the streets of our neighborhoods have become cut-throughs for people to avoid this traffic, and while this is a nuisance for all of us, it is - more importantly - becoming a real danger to the lives and quality of life of our citizens as cars dart in and out not knowing the melody of the neighborhood children, Seniors, and families walking around during their everyday lives This unwanted congestion on our neighborhoods poses a clear and present danger to first responders in their duties to keep us safe. We need to work as a community to find solutions to this very important issue.</p>

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		<p>I would welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone regarding these issues, and invite you to please contact me with you any questions or ideas you have.</p>
<p>What community activities do you participate in?</p>	<p>Cleaner Greener Quincy, Adopt an Island, Lincoln Hancock Elementary Polar Plunge, South West Middle School Color Fun Run, Multiple Sclerosis Cape Cod 50 Mile Walk, Cops in the Park Quincy Recreation at Kincade Park, to name a few.</p>	<p>Through my union, I have participated and volunteered in numerous food drives, holiday drives, and various other fundraisers for the food pantries in our City and the South Shore, as well as donating my time to My Brother's Keeper during their Annual Christmas Drive.</p>
<p>If elected, how will you communicate with your constituents?</p>	<p>I will communicate through Social media, letters, phone calls, emails, community events, and in person visits. Every day as I drive around Ward 4, I pull over and talk to anyone outside their home, sometimes I catch the dog walker or a relative that smirks and says they don't live in the house. I am self-employed and have the ability to meet any neighbor at my home, their home, a coffee shop, anytime and place of their convenience. We recently had a neighborhood meeting that started at 8PM, in a parking lot. I am extremely flexible and committed to being available.</p>	<p>I intend updating the Ward 4 Page on the City of Quincy on a regular basis to keep our constituents informed of important issues that affect our neighborhoods. I also plan on having quarterly community meetings with constituents. In addition, my phone and email will always be open, and I will respond in a timely manner to any and all questions from constituents.</p>
<p>Please give an example of a time you went "against the grain" to stand up for something you believed in.</p>	<p>When my daughter was in 3rd grade, her grades started to drop, my wife and I had a meeting with her teacher. The teacher started to tell us that the girl sitting next to our daughter struggled in school. She informed us that our daughter's grades were lower because of this distraction. At the same time the teacher informed us that our daughter was actually helping this girl. The teacher said she saw improvements in the other girl's grades and mental health. Then there was mention of what to do and possibly moving our daughter's seat. Instantly, we informed the teacher not to move our daughter's seat, this other girl's wellbeing was more important than our daughter's grade "A". If you don't look back and help the people behind you</p>	<p>I am a 36-year member of IBEW 2222 Boston, and have held many positions in the Union during those years. I am currently the Legislative Director for IBEW 2222, and a Trustee with the Norfolk County Labor Council. In addition, I serve as IBEW 2222's representative on the Executive Board for the Greater Boston Labor Council. We at 2222 have been forced to strike against Verizon (and its previous corporate names) for my entire career. Personally, I have been involved in five strikes in thirty-six years, and have enthusiastically walked the picket lines with many of our brothers and sisters in the labor movement across the country as they have fought for livable wages, fair benefits, and safe working conditions. My</p>




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	<p>when climbing a mountain, you might get up to the top, but you will be alone.</p>	<p>unwavering commitment to working families has not always been popular with corporate and political leaders. However, I was raised to do the right thing, and, along with my brothers and sisters, to live our lives in service to others.</p>
<p>If elected, what would you do to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city, including for seniors on fixed incomes?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I will work closely with Quincy Housing Authority to ensure that they receive the proper support for future expansions and construction. I will make sure to support financially and with possible land acquisitions.</li> <li>2) I will also support 55+ housing developments.</li> <li>3) I will support non-profit low-income housing, like Neighbor Works Housing Solution and others. Many of these projects are true low-income housing, with rents set at 30% of a person wages.</li> </ol>	<p>In speaking with Ward 4 residents, it has become apparent that the City would benefit greatly from the development of a 55+ Community, where lifelong Quincy residents would be able to stay in the community where they have raised their children. I would actively seek out developers who would consider this type of building in Ward 4.</p>
<p>If elected, what would you do to combat hate and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in Quincy?</p>	<p>I would continue to work with Damion Outar, our Community Liaison. I will continue to participate in all of our great events that promote diversity and Inclusion, like the Quincy Multicultural Food Festival, August Moon Fest, etc.</p>	<p>Quincy is an incredibly diverse city, and there are no fewer than 5 languages spoken among the residents of Ward 4. When our residents truly do not have a voice because they literally cannot be heard and understood, there can be no equity. I intend on making sure that all communications are printed and distributed in all the languages of our residents, and will be holding quarterly meetings with interpreters present to bring issues important to our citizens to the forefront. When people are heard and understood, inclusion and harmony can begin to grow.</p>
<p>Granite Links Golf Club lies in Ward 4, on land owned by the City of Quincy and leased by the Quarry Hills Association (QHA). Mayor Koch has proposed extending the QHA's lease, which is set to expire</p>	<p>I will have to recuse myself from voting for conflict-of-interest reasons which I explained in the Patriot Ledger last winter. The City Council is 9 Councillors, 3 At-Large so 8 Councillors will be voting. The 3 At-large Councillors can represent Ward 4 constituents. If you have any concerns, please let me know and I can connect you with one of the three.</p>	<p>First off, the original QHA 50-year Lease is only 17 years in as of 2023 - there are 33 years left on the original Lease. I believe that any extension of this lease is premature at this point, and there are extensive issues that need to be resolved before any decisions can be made. With that said, there has been an incredible lack of transparency and oversight involved with the</p>


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<p>in another two decades, for an additional 99 years -- a proposal that will need to go before the council for a vote. The QHA says it needs the extension so that it can apply for loans for construction projects on the site, such as a hotel. But some residents have voiced concerns about the length and terms of the lease extension, the absence of public walking trails through the land, the level of upkeep of the site's ball fields, and traffic issues on Ricciuti Drive. If you were to vote today on the lease extension, how would you vote, and why? What would you consider "must haves" in the contract for you to vote in favor of the extension?</p>	<p>Councillor James Devine Ward 4, email, JDevine@Quincyma.gov, Cell: 617-834-3945</p>	<p>management of the lease. Promises made regarding benefits for the residents of Ward 4, i.e., playing fields, hiking trails, discounted Tee fees, have never come to fruition, and monetary benefits in general to the City of Quincy have been minimal. While I am not opposed to the development of a hotel on the site, it is imperative that the terms and length of such be negotiated with the best interests of the citizens of Ward 4 in the forefront. The proposed terms of this new lease promise four generations of wealth to the developers, while imposing restrictions on future generations of Ward 4 families. I would not vote in favor of the lease without the inclusion of a Community Advisory Board made up of Ward 4 citizens in place in perpetuity of Lease. In addition, Ward 4 residents needs to be represented when decisions are being made regarding future access roads to and from the area.</p>
<p>What would you do to make Quincy a more environmentally friendly city?</p>	<p>Work closely with QCAN, Quincy Climate Action Network</p>	<p>I would really like to see more greenspace in Quincy, and incentives for our businesses to take over caring for the greenery in traffic islands and beach areas.</p>
<p>What would you do to increase civic participation and voting in Quincy?</p>	<p>Things that I am doing to promote civic participation in Quincy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I have started setting up a Tulip Program: which is where Students from Lincoln Hancock School will plant tulips at the Shea Park in late September. In the following spring they will be able to see the tulips bloom.</li> <li>2) I have started setting up a one-time art project with South West Middle School. Students will be able to draw one of three</li> </ol>	<p>Right now, my focus is on Community Building in Ward 4 and erasing language barriers so that our residents are able to take part in decision making in our City.</p>







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	<p>scenes from Ward 4, three winners will be picked. The three winners will have their drawings painted on the Concrete wall at the intersection of Arthur Street and Nelson Street.</p> <p>3) I will help promote, participate, and donate to the Polar Plunge for Lincoln Hancock.</p> <p>4) I will participate and donate to South West Middle School Color Fun Run.</p> <p>5) I will have more barbecues next year than I did this year.</p> <p>6) I will participate again in the Shea Park Tree lighting.</p> <p>7) I hope to be working again with students in South West Middle School helping them learn the process of local government.</p> <p>8) I will attend as many programs and events as possible at The Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, The Hancock-Adams Common, and the many other programs and events throughout the City of Quincy.</p> <p>9) I will participate and promote Cleaner Greener Quincy.</p> <p>10) I have adopted several areas in Ward 4 to maintain, encouraging Cleaner Greener Quincy all year round.</p> <p>Just to name a few</p>	
<p>What fraction of your political donations comes from developers? And what fraction from companies that do business with the city?</p>	<p>9.5% from developers, I believe it is illegal to take donations from companies/business, 0%! 65% is from Quincy residents</p>	<p>Less than 2%</p>
<p>Do you have any business or personal affiliations that could present a potential conflict of interest if you were elected? (For</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>





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<p>example, do you own or work at a business that requires permits or review from the city?) If "yes," please list these potential conflicts under "other."</p>		
<p>If you answered "yes" to the previous question and you are elected, will you voluntarily recuse yourself from voting on issues that potentially benefit you?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Will you represent the opinions of your constituents on the City Council, even if they are in conflict with those of the mayor?</p>	<p>Yes, even if they conflict with my personal opinions, I will represent the opinions of the majority of the constituents.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Quincy, along with about 300 other Massachusetts communities, adopted the Stretch Energy Code, which requires new buildings to be more energy efficient than stipulated in the state's standard code. The City Council now has the chance to adopt an Opt-In Specialized Stretch Code that encourages net-zero energy construction. Under that code, buildings would use even less energy for heating and cooling, and onsite solar panels would generate electricity. If elected, would you support Quincy adopting the specialized code?</p>	<p>At this time I believe No, the Specialized Stretch Code would create a financial burden on constituents trying to build a home or renovate more than 25%.</p>	<p>Yes</p>



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<p>Web connections</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://electdeborahriley.com/">electdeborahriley.com/</a></p>	
<p>Party</p>	<p>Unenrolled/independent</p>	
<p>In one or two sentences, what is your education and work history?</p>	<p>I have enjoyed over 16 years as a residential real estate agent in the Quincy area. Previously I worked at Fidelity Investments as a Quality Assurance Engineer. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree from UMass Lowell in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Systems. I am a practicing yogi and certified Vinyasa yoga teacher.</p>	
<p>Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent residents at this time?</p>	<p>I will be a new voice with fresh ideas, a candidate without ties to developers. My commitment will be to the voters of Ward 6 and the citizens of Quincy.</p>	
<p>What three issues are you most concerned about in your ward (or the city as a whole), and if you are elected, how will you tackle them?</p>	<p>Communication: I will implement regular newsletters to be mailed to households with timely and relevant news around the ward. I will make sure that public meetings are well communicated in advance so that abutters are able to participate in the process. I will offer regular opportunities to meet with residents and listen to their concerns and issues.</p> <p>Housing: The lack of affordable housing has many long-time residents leaving the city. Currently developers are allowed to pay a "fee in lieu of" instead of including 10% of affordable units within the project. I am not in favor of the practice. I support a property tax credit for owner occupied property owners to encourage a commitment to the community and provide some financial relief to homeowners. I would also encourage and support incentives to build 55+ housing so that people can remain in Quincy as well as expanding grant and other programs to help first time home buyers.</p> <p>Transportation: Public transit is unreliable; traffic is gridlocked and commuters are frustrated. I would like to see the seasonal ferry from Squantum Point Park expanded to offer year-round and weekend service with more frequent and direct trips to Boston. I have heard many people say they would use the ferry if the schedule wasn't so limited.</p>	

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<p>What community activities do you participate in?</p>	<p>Over the years I have volunteered with Squantum School PTO, Star of the Sea and Saint Ann's Church, Quincy Youth Hockey, and Quincy Rotary Club. More recently I have devoted time to supporting homeless teens in Quincy Public Schools as well as the Credit for Life fair which I would like to see made available or even a requirement for all high school seniors.</p>	
<p>If elected, how will you communicate with your constituents?</p>	<p>I will implement regular newsletters to be mailed to households with timely and relevant news around the ward. I will make sure that public meetings are well communicated in advance so that neighbors are able to participate in the process. I will offer regular opportunities to meet with residents and listen to their concerns and issues.</p>	
<p>Please give an example of a time you went "against the grain" to stand up for something you believed in.</p>	<p>I think that "against the grain" has sort of a negative vibe. Questioning a popular opinion should not be perceived as a negative. I am not afraid to ask questions until I am satisfied that I have the information necessary to guide decisions or offer suggestions. I try to look at things from different perspectives and angles. I review backup documentation to support ideas and proposals. I seek to do what is best, not what is easy.</p>	
<p>If elected, what would you do to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city, including for seniors on fixed incomes?</p>	<p>This is another one of my key campaign issues. As a real estate professional for over 16 years, I have been around long enough to have experienced the highs and lows of the market. The current market has many hard working and motivated buyers left behind. First, we need to require that all new development include construction of 10% affordable units. Second, we need a residential tax credit for owner occupied property owners. Finally, we need to expand programs that offer down payment assistance and other programs to help first time and low to moderate income buyers. We need 55+ housing so that long time owners who want to stay in Quincy will be willing to sell their homes to new buyers. We need to offer incentives that increase owner occupancy in the city so that our residents are invested in the community.</p>	

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<p>If elected, what would you do to combat hate and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in Quincy?</p>	<p>We need to start by acknowledge that we all have biases. As a Realtor I am required to participate in training to recognize explicit and implicit bias in our industry. Although our training is geared toward housing bias, the lessons can be applied to any group. We all need to learn to be more tolerant, more kind, and more respectful of everyone we encounter. A couple of high-profile incidents in recent months were troubling and we need to do better as a community. We can't pretend it doesn't happen and we need to condemn those that tolerate hate and bigotry.</p>	
<p>Granite Links Golf Club lies in Ward 4, on land owned by the City of Quincy and leased by the Quarry Hills Association (QHA). Mayor Koch has proposed extending the QHA's lease, which is set to expire in another two decades, for an additional 99 years -- a proposal that will need to go before the council for a vote. The QHA says it needs the extension so that it can apply for loans for construction projects on the site, such as a hotel. But some residents have voiced concerns about the length and terms of the lease extension, the absence of public walking trails through the land, the level of upkeep of the site's ball fields, and traffic issues on Ricciuti Drive. If you were to vote today on the lease extension, how would you vote, and why? What would you consider "must haves" in the contract for you to vote in favor of the extension?</p>	<p>I have followed this closely and attended several community meetings as well as viewed the two city council meetings where the matter was presented and discussed. There is no question that Granite Links is a remarkable success story. It is by all accounts a profitable and successful business on the site of a former dump. What isn't clear to me is why 99 years? Why now? There are 33 years remaining on the current lease and then it reverts to city control. Think about that. The whole operation: The buildings, the beautiful grounds, and most importantly, the profits – all of it. We need an experienced commercial real estate specialist reviewing the terms of the proposed lease on behalf of the city. We need to address the dangerous traffic situation, terrible athletic fields, and lack of public access to the site, and we need to make sure the financial audits and community representation is ongoing and made public. We have an obligation to the citizens of Quincy to maximize the financial benefits to the city, and only then would I consider a favorable vote</p>	


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<p>What would you do to make Quincy a more environmentally friendly city?</p>	<p>Quincy does a pretty fantastic job with regard to waste and recycling programs. I remember the old Christmas Tree recycling program where you had to drop off your tree at the DPW and you then you would go back in the spring to pick up a little evergreen to plant. I'd like to see programs like that come back. I'd like to see school wide programs to educate kids on reducing, re-using and recycling. Quincy had one of the first residential solar programs years ago. We have wonderful services to dispose of almost anything. I think the only criticism is the way trash and debris can end up in our waterways, marshes, roadside and especially near the T tracks and stations. Perhaps Cleaner, Greener Quincy needs to happen more often than once a year. People really embrace the community cleanup the first weekend in May. I have also been told by several residents that we have a lack of EV chargers in the city. I think we need to be planning for those in all new construction.</p>	
<p>What would you do to increase civic participation and voting in Quincy?</p>	<p>I would need to know more about how many people living in Quincy are eligible to register to vote but do not? And then, how many are registered and do not go to the polls? Why? One of the biggest reasons I am running is to give voters a choice of candidates in ward 6. When there is only one name for an elected position it's understandable that people choose to stay home.</p>	
<p>What fraction of your political donations comes from developers? And what fraction from companies that do business with the city?</p>	<p>As a first time political candidate who only recently established a campaign account I do not have many donations to speak of</p>	
<p>Do you have any business or personal affiliations that could present a potential conflict of interest if you were elected? (For example, do you own or work at a business that requires permits or review from the city?) If "yes," please list these potential conflicts under "other."</p>	<p>I am proud to disclose that my son is one of the newer police officers hired in Quincy recently. I would recuse myself from any matters related to the police but have no other affiliations to speak of.</p>	

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<p>Will you represent the opinions of your constituents on the City Council, even if they are in conflict with those of the mayor?</p>	<p>I will review any business before me with the best interests of the constituents as my guide</p>	
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<p>Web connections</p>	<p><a href="http://ninaliang.org/">ninaliang.org/</a></p> 		
<p>Party</p>	<p>Democrat</p>		
<p>In one or two sentences, what is your education and work history?</p>	<p>I am from Germantown, grew up in North Quincy, attended Quincy Catholic Academy, Fontbonne Academy, and Hofstra University, and worked with my family to run a small business and operate several restaurants here and in the greater Boston area. I have served as a Quincy City Councilor At-Large since 2015, including a term as the City Council President. I currently serve as the Executive Director of Emerge Massachusetts, seeking to engage and elect more self-identified women to office and appointed positions.</p>		
<p>Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent residents at this time?</p>	<p>My working experience and lived experience give me a unique perspective of the City, particularly as I have witnessed the trajectory of Quincy’s growth and the related positive and negative impacts. I know firsthand that we need a balance. For Quincy to be a thriving City, all of our residents must benefit from our progress.</p>		
<p>What three issues are you most concerned about in your ward (or the city as a whole), and if you are elected, how will you tackle them?</p>	<p>Affordability; Traffic; Safety.</p> <p>These issues intersect at smart development work that seeks to accommodate people of all incomes that want to come to Quincy to live, work and play. It’s not just about building structures, but also about the supporting infrastructure that accounts for accessibility, pedestrian, and public safety. Transparency is one thing; the real issue is engagement. As a City Councilor, I always seek to connect residents to our City departments in ways that feel safe and accessible.</p>		
<p>What community activities do you participate in?</p>	<p>Some past and present community activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women</li> <li>- Thomas Crane Public Library Foundation</li> <li>- Massachusetts Asian American Commission</li> <li>- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center</li> </ul>		

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<p>If elected, how will you communicate with your constituents?</p>	<p>Email; Phone; Social media.</p> <p>Most importantly, I will continue to be present: Attending events, showing up for community meetings, making myself available to constituents. Being accessible as an elected representative has been a priority for me from the beginning and will continue to be moving forward.</p>		
<p>Please give an example of a time you went "against the grain" to stand up for something you believed in.</p>	<p>One thing that makes me particularly proud is the way we have redefined campaign strategy and who to engage with across this work. Institutional knowledge tells candidates to play it safe and appeal to the same reliable voters to secure a win – generally an older, whiter electorate. Instead, we not only engaged with those who are typically active, but also those who are not - we registered new voters and jumped headfirst into communities who had not been engaged with before. That approach is the only way to ensure that all of those who call Quincy home feel seen and heard, and it continues to inform how I approach my work as a City Councilor.</p>		
<p>If elected, what would you do to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city, including for seniors on fixed incomes?</p>	<p>I have begun an effort to reexamine citywide zoning codes to help Quincy create a more balanced mix of development that will open the door for more affordable housing opportunities for residents. This is a very concrete, high-level strategic approach that will impact generations of homeowners here.</p>		
<p>If elected, what would you do to combat hate and promote</p>	<p>I will continue the exact work I do now, ensuring that our municipal government is accessible with tools like translation and interpretation services, ADA compliance, and other language access programs. I'll continue to collaborate with community</p>		

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<p>diversity, equity, and inclusion in Quincy?</p>	<p>organizations that advocate for minority communities in Quincy, ensuring that their voices are heard. And finally, I will continue to collaborate and engage with QPD to ensure active community engagement and cultural competence.</p>		
<p>Granite Links Golf Club lies in Ward 4, on land owned by the City of Quincy and leased by the Quarry Hills Association (QHA). Mayor Koch has proposed extending the QHA's lease, which is set to expire in another two decades, for an additional 99 years -- a proposal that will need to go before the council for a vote. The QHA says it needs the extension so that it can apply for loans for construction projects on the site, such as a hotel. But some residents have voiced concerns about the length and terms of the lease extension, the absence of public walking trails through the land, the level of upkeep of the site's ball fields, and traffic issues on Ricciuti Drive. If you were to vote today on the lease extension, how would you vote, and why? What would you consider "must haves" in the contract for you to vote in favor of the extension?</p>	<p>I view this as two separate conversations.</p> <p>First, Granite Links has outstanding obligations under the existing active current lease that have not yet been fulfilled. That needs to happen first.</p> <p>Only after that can we have a separate lease negotiation discussion. My preference is a lease with options to renew, and not a single 99-year lease.</p>		

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<p>What would you do to make Quincy a more environmentally friendly city?</p>	<p>We've done a lot! We've taken great steps towards city government use of electric vehicles, and I have been a vocal advocate for a new MBTA bus terminal to support an electric fleet of buses. Quincy has opted into a commitment to a Stretch Code, but I am particularly excited about our work towards meeting Specialized Stretch Code standards to inform future development. We can make progress with steps big and small.</p>		
<p>What would you do to increase civic participation and voting in Quincy?</p>	<p>I'll reiterate my messages above related to transparency and accessibility in government. When I first ran for office, I was involved in the community but less so in government. Now I make it my mission to give others the opportunity to connect with local government the same way. We have an obligation to reach out and go to the places where people are. Residents need to get involved, but let's make sure we're keeping the door wide open for people to engage with us.</p>		
<p>What fraction of your political donations comes from developers? And what fraction from companies that do business with the city?</p>	<p>Campaign finance law dictates that I can only accept contributions from individuals. When donors make an investment in my campaign, they are investing in me and in the big table we set for all voices to be heard.</p>		
<p>Do you have any business or personal affiliations that could present a potential conflict of interest if you were elected? (For example, do you own or work at a business that requires permits or review from the city?) If "yes," please list these potential conflicts under "other."</p>	<p>No</p>		
<p>If you answered "yes" to the previous question and you are elected, will you voluntarily</p>	<p>n/a</p>		


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<p>recuse yourself from voting on issues that potentially benefit you?</p>			
<p>Will you represent the opinions of your constituents on the City Council, even if they are in conflict with those of the mayor?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p>Quincy, along with about 300 other Massachusetts communities, adopted the Stretch Energy Code, which requires new buildings to be more energy efficient than stipulated in the state's standard code. The City Council now has the chance to adopt an Opt-In Specialized Stretch Code that encourages net-zero energy construction. Under that code, buildings would use even less energy for heating and cooling, and onsite solar panels would generate electricity. If elected, would you support Quincy adopting the specialized code?</p>	<p>I am so proud to have spearheaded this effort and I am grateful for the support of my colleagues on the Council who agree that this is the right move for the City's future.</p>		




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Web connections		<a href="http://courtneyperdios.com/">courtneyperdios.com/</a> 				
Party	Democrat	Unenrolled/independent				
In one or two sentences, what is your education and work history?	Master's Degree in Education. Over 50 years in public education as a teacher and administrator in Boston, Brookline, and Quincy.	I graduated from Stonehill College in 2001 with a degree in English and Art. I worked in magazine design and production for Art New England Magazine and SAIL Magazine, before transitioning to my current job as Copy Editor at Boston University School of Public Health. I also teach fitness classes at Crunch Fitness in Braintree and Northeast Health & Fitness in Quincy.				
What school and/or community activities do you participate in?	Vice Chair Quincy School Committee, Chairman of Board of Directors for Quincy Asian Resources Inc., Board of Governors for Quincy College, Quincy Art Association.	For school activities: Currently, I'm an Executive Board member of Citywide PTO, Co-Vice President of Quincy High PAC, Co-Treasurer of Central PTO, and Treasurer of Point Webster PTO. I enjoy organizing and volunteering at school events across the city, including the Senior Stay Out after prom all-night event, Homecoming, bookfairs, candy bingo nights, movie nights, and concession tables. I am the Organizer of the annual Clifford Marshall/Point Webster Family Fun Run & Wellness Expo. I also am a member of the Massachusetts Gifted and Talented Advisory Council to DESE (a state-				




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		<p>level board dedicated to expanding advanced curriculum opportunities across the state). I was a member of the Quincy School Committee for 10 months, from February to December 2021 (I fell just short of keeping that seat for a full term by 52 votes in November 2021's election).</p> <p>For community at-large activities: I'm a member of the Ward 2 Civic Association, Friends of Faxon Park, Friends of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater, and the Quincy Environmental Network. I am a parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Quincy Point. I helped bring the Community Preservation Act to Quincy, which has funded many great historic preservation, open space, affordable housing, and school playground/outdoor classroom projects across the City.</p>				
<p>Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent Quincy residents on the School Committee?</p>	<p>My experience in public education for over 50 years as a teacher and administrator has given me the knowledge needed to make the appropriate decisions as a school committee member. I am a life-long resident of the city that attended Quincy Public Schools kindergarten through high school. My children and grandchildren have also attended QPS throughout their</p>	<p>I strongly believe we need the voice of a parent with children currently in Quincy Public Schools on the School Committee, who can raise up concerns and experiences of other parents across the City. That way we can make sure the discussions the School Committee has and the policies they put in place are relevant and necessary to address the concerns and challenges our students</p>				



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	<p>educational experience. I am invested in the Quincy community and have the knowledge to make the appropriate decisions required to lead the school system to be the best that it can. My board affiliations also promote additional partnerships with the Quincy Public Schools.</p> <p>We have just completed a most difficult time in history these past four years confronting the hardships of a pandemic. Making the appropriate decisions to keep our students and staff safe and learning during this period required a great deal of time, deliberations, and knowledge. I was happy to be a part of that decision making and look forward to serving on the committee another four years as a parent, educator, and taxpayer.</p>	<p>are facing today. I have three children in QPS - one at Point Webster, one at Central Middle School, and one at Quincy High - and my volunteer work with Citywide PTO and collaborating with other PTOs across the city has helped me make many connections with parents across other schools as well. I feel I am uniquely qualified to be a voice for families with children currently in QPS. Additionally, I have experience being a School Committee member (10 months in 2021) and am the only School Committee candidate who was endorsed by the Quincy Education Association (Quincy's teachers' union).</p>				
<p>What do you believe the purpose of public education is?</p>	<p>The purpose of public education is to provide an equitable educational opportunity that is available to all and achieves the development of individuals as citizens and productive members of society.</p>	<p>The purpose of public education is to give every child a foundational knowledge of academic areas (math, science, language arts, history, etc.), while also developing skills that will help them to be successful in life.</p>				
<p>If elected, what will your top three funding priorities for the Quincy Public Schools be, and why?</p>	<p>Funding for the safety of our students and staff is of most importance. The school system needs to practice the most up to date</p>	<p>My top three funding priorities would be: 1) to complete a feasibility study researching ways to bring our 5th graders in Quincy Point and</p>				




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	<p>strategies in accomplishing this goal. We need to provide the most updated, state of the art technology and hardware to keep everyone safe. Currently, we are assessing an outside safety audit that identifies and makes recommendations to keep our buildings up to date with the most recent practices as well as purchasing the newest equipment that will enhance our current practices and safety protocols.</p> <p>Hiring the appropriate levels of staffing is also a priority. The budget is devoted to more than 80% for staffing. Keeping to the committee's guidelines for class sizes is important and hiring a staff that accommodates the needs of the students is a priority. The current state of student social, emotional, and behavioral needs requires additional staffing.</p> <p>A third priority is to make sure there is funding to provide the necessary resources and materials for our students and staff. The most recent curriculum resources, materials and technology devices must be available to our staff and students.</p>	<p>Southwest Quincy back to an elementary school setting, 2) to expand our REACH program so students in younger grades working above grade-level can have increased opportunities to access advanced coursework that will keep them engaged and learning, and 3) to ensure we have enough resources and supports to address students' needs post-COVID (academically, behaviorally, and socially).</p>				
<p>The last contract negotiation with the</p>	<p>Hardships between the school committee and the unions of our</p>	<p>It was heartbreaking this winter watching our teachers stand outside</p>				

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<p>teacher's union was drawn out and contentious. How can School Committee members work to prevent a similar scenario in the future?</p>	<p>school system have always stemmed from the negotiations process. Resolution between nonmonetary issues is not the problem. However, salary or topics that involve costs to the budget remain sticking points during the negotiations and result in delays.</p> <p>The give and take practices always cause conflict and ill feelings. One of the main reasons is that we as negotiators are limited in what we can provide as resolutions as we must adhere to a bottom, affordable figure.</p> <p>There needs to be a better relationship between the parties. I think the superintendent and the school committee do a fine job recognizing and appreciating the talents and hard work of our teaching force. There are other things we can do. Having a recognized seat on the school committee during meetings, working together in subcommittees to accomplish policies like a Sick Leave Bank and other partnerships in creating policy are all avenues towards a better relationship between the two entities.</p>	<p>in freezing weather week after week, after teaching our children all day, to beg city leaders for a contract that speaks to modern teacher needs and aligns with what educators in neighboring communities already had. I was proud to stand with our teachers during those standouts, speaking up for them at Open Forum in School Committee meetings, and writing letters describing the ways they are the backbone of our school system. I will absolutely be a voice on School Committee that speaks about our teachers and to our teachers with respect. Negotiations are a give and take by definition, however, they don't need to be contentious or disrespectful. Working respectfully and collaboratively are how we get there, delving into each contract item through conversations and planning (even over multiple contracts) - working together to talk out and agree on a way to meet teachers' needs while being respectful of budget constraints.</p>				

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<p>The new DeCristofaro Center is slated to open next fall. How do you see this new school impacting special education services for Quincy students? And what else could be done to improve special education services across the district?</p>	<p>Throughout history, Quincy has taken a leadership role in educational practices. The new DeCristofaro Center will, once again, create a program that other cities and towns will envy. The new center will create Special Education programs and services that our students currently must leave our city to receive at great expense. Disabilities that require out of school placements will be offered in the new center. Children who have learning disabilities will no longer have to travel great distances to receive their education.</p> <p>It is essential that our Special Education administrators and staff stay on top of the most recent practices in serving our children who need services. It is also essential that our core curriculum meets the needs of these children. Guaranteeing that students receive extra instructional time, intervention by additional staff, and by providing support for social, emotional, and behavioral needs will also improve what we offer to all our students.</p>	<p>The DeCristofaro Center is a great idea on paper - it will save huge amounts of money transporting students to and paying tuition for out of district schools, it will bring in money from students living outside of Quincy, it will save students and families the time traveling to further away schools, it will provide students and their families the opportunity to build friendships and find community within their city. However, it has to be done right. The programming inside that building has to be top-notch and have everything teachers there need to deliver a quality program to some of our most vulnerable students in order for it to be a true success. To make sure that happens, we have to reach out to and listen to teachers and staff who will be working in the building, as well as families and students who will go there. We then need to regularly check in with those same teachers, staff, families, and students once the building is open to find out how we can continually improve the program to deliver the highest quality education to those students. Any student who qualifies for placement in the DeCristofaro Center who is currently attending an out of district school must absolutely still have the</p>				

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		<p>option to stay at that out of district school if the family wishes. A lot of our students are thriving at those schools, so disrupting that could be detrimental to their progress.</p> <p>There are many other ways we could improve special education services across the district, beginning with making the path to receiving assessments and services more clear and accessible for parents/guardians to navigate. It's often difficult for parents to find out how to start the process or even find out what services are available. Having that information readily available in school main offices, guidance centers, and nurses' offices, as well as detailed information on the QPS website would be helpful. The Quincy Parent Advisory Council to Special Education (QPAC) is a fantastic resource for parents. They provide parent-to-parent support and advocacy. I would love to see that volunteer group receive some funding from the district to continue and expand their work to assist and reach more families.</p>				
<p>If elected, what ideas would you bring for combating hate and for promoting diversity,</p>	<p>Currently, I sit as chairman for the EDI Subcommittee Meetings. One of the most important decisions made by the committee was the</p>	<p>Hate has no place in our society. We need to make every effort to stamp out every instance of hate and bullying in our Quincy school</p>				






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<p>equity, and inclusion in the schools?</p>	<p>hiring of an EDI Coordinator that sits on the Superintendent's Leadership Team. One of her main tasks is to actively seek and retain staff that is more reflective of our student population.</p> <p>Other ideas in combating hate and promoting EDI within our schools include:</p> <p>Professional development for our staff on the topic.</p> <p>Making sure harassment and discrimination complaints are handled according to policy.</p> <p>Making sure restorative justice is practiced.</p> <p>Reviewing all policies to make sure we are in compliance with EDI protocols.</p> <p>Celebrate different cultures within the curriculum and with special activities.</p>	<p>community - encouraging students to support each other, respect differences, and embrace other cultures. We already have many programs and clubs in our schools, many of them student-initiated, that aim to do just that. Continuing to support those efforts and allowing students to lead efforts to boost each other up is very important. Allowing space and opportunities for students to collaborate and talk about issues together, rather than adults simply talking at them, has proven to be effective at building community as well. Some other ways we can promote community and EDI efforts are: hiring more diverse staff members and teachers, offering more professional development on EDI issues, expanding our media centers to include books on a multitude of cultures and family structures, listening to recommendations and suggestions from our ELPAC group and non-English speaking families, continuing to expand translation services to ensure all school communications going home to families are in languages they can understand, and hosting district-wide anti-hate meetings/conversations/rallies to</p>				

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		<p>show the district's commitment to stamping out hate in our schools.</p>				
<p>The COVID pandemic has resulted in a pressing need for increased mental health services for students. How can the QPS better meet this need?</p>	<p>Today's teachers are faced with growing demands of servicing students with social, emotional, and behavioral needs with limited support. Teachers must now accept in their classrooms students who have an abundance of needs like never before. Low student to teacher ratios and a specially trained staff must be available to assist the regular education teacher with these students during the day. Beyond special education staff, personnel for students who need mental health assistance as well as social, emotional, and behavioral needs are needed at all levels more than ever.</p> <p>Many schools have now included flexible scheduling to allow specialists, in an alternative setting, the ability to assist in getting students classroom ready so they can eventually be mainstreamed. Quincy Public Schools must adopt new measures to handle this need. The hiring of a trained staff with new strategies must be made available to the classroom teacher.</p>	<p>There is definitely a need post-COVID to need hire and contract with licensed and trained mental health professionals to support our students (and staff) who need those services. We should not be adding that to the workload of our current guidance counselors, assistant principals, and school nurses, most of whom are not licensed/trained in mental health care.</p>				



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<p>If elected, what would you do to help students and their families learn about civic participation and voting?</p>	<p>Elections and the right to vote results in many opportunities to teach students about civics, the electoral process, current events, politics and how the government works. It is the goal of the Quincy Public Schools to produce responsible citizens and for them to become active participants in their community.</p> <p>It is for these reasons we must make sure that Civics becomes a familiar topic during our school day. It also necessitates the need for debate as to whether or not it should be a graduation requirement.</p> <p>Schools should promote the importance of being civic minded to families by encouraging activities like mock voting during election times, taking children to the polls with them, volunteering to stress the importance of community service, and encouraging children to join student government.</p> <p>Each school should have an active student council where students feel as though they have input into the school's operation. A strong student government where students debate school policies and learn the process on how to change those policies is an important lesson in life.</p>	<p>I was glad to hear that recently more topics focused on civics have actually been added to the QPS curriculum - from younger elementary grades, all the way up through high school. Students should absolutely learn about the democratic process, how important politics and issues are to a community, understand what it is to be an informed citizen and voter, and be encouraged to pay attention to local politics, all in age-appropriate chunks through their time in QPS. We absolutely should be encouraging students to vote - having voter registration links/forms widely available and offering them to students once they reach age 18.</p> <p>Offering parent/caregiver academies on the importance of being an informed voter and going out to vote would be a great idea. I would even love to see student-focused local candidate forums where students can ask candidates questions that are important to them. There is a fine line between campaigning in schools (which I don't support) and allowing students to see democracy in action (which I do support) - but I think we can get a little closer to that line than</p>				

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		<p>we currently are without going over it.</p>				
<p>The community has shown support for adding Lunar New Year to the school calendar as an official holiday, but the School Committee recently voted against doing so. If you are elected and this proposal comes up for another vote, will you vote in support of adding Lunar New Year as a school holiday?</p>	<p>I was the committee member who proposed the change in the calendar and will continue to make that motion if re-elected. The majority of our students are Asian. It is important that they celebrate with their families and that the rest of us learn the customs of their culture.</p>	<p>Yes</p>				
<p>Currently, standardized test results drive a lot of decisions about what happens to students in our education system. For example, a passing score on MCAS is required for high school graduation, and the CTP determines eligibility for the Advanced Placement Center Program at Central Middle School.</p> <p>Do you believe that standardized tests should be used for decisions such as high school graduation and student placement in advanced programs?</p>	<p>Placements should also be made based on other criteria as well.</p>	<p>No</p>				