

Malden Democratic City Committee – Candidate Questionnaire Response  
Steve Winslow, Candidate for Councillor at Large

1. What concrete steps will you take to ensure the safety of immigrant residents in Malden, both documented and undocumented?
  - a. What does “sanctuary city” mean to you and how should “sanctuary city” policies apply in Malden?
  - b. Do you agree with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court’s decision in Commonwealth vs Lunn , which found that local police cannot hold a person solely on the basis of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer request?
  - c. Do you support the Safe Communities Act (S. 1305/H. 3269), which is currently being considered by the Massachusetts legislature?

1.a. That all residents should be able to report crime and make other inquiries of police and City officials without fear of being questioned about their immigration status. Malden should continue this long-standing practice and I would be willing to support making this an official policy of the City of Malden.

1b. Yes

1c. Yes

2. How will you ensure that new development in Malden is sustainable development?
  - a. How will you ensure that there is affordable housing in Malden?
  - b. How will you ensure environmental and energy standards in construction in Malden?
  - c. How will you protect tenants’ rights and prevent the displacement of current residents?
  - d. How will you ensure that landlords in Malden comply with city ordinances and state law and how will you respond to landlords who are noncompliant?
  - e. Do you support the use of Project Labor Agreements for publicly funded building projects?

2a.

- Develop a housing production plan that helps ensure the City stays above the 10% ratio required by MGL Chapter 40B;
- Propose affordable housing set asides of 10% or higher for new development
- Work with partnerships involving Malden-based organizations, Community Development Corporations and the Community Preservation Committee to create affordable housing
- Work with the Malden Housing Authority to ensure our existing affordable housing stock remains in good condition.

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2b. I would ask our facilities manager, building inspector and Clean Energy Committee to keep the Council informed as to updates in building codes that focus on environmental and energy improvements and integrate those into Malden's codes. As a Councillor I will stay informed about state and regional energy efficiency programs and work to ensure that Malden is an early adopter rather than being a straggler. The City's delay in adopting the "stretch" energy –efficiency code cost the City hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy efficiency grants that would have resulted in significant energy savings.

2c. I would ensure the City continues to have a rigorous problem properties task force. I would also work with local housing non-profits to support efforts to protect tenant rights. The City needs to ensure that tenant advocacy once provided by Tri-CAP is readily available to Malden renters.

2d. I would work with tenants to report problems to the City's housing compliance officers and and as necessary refer properties with repeated issues to the problem properties task force.

2e. Yes, particularly those that call on contractors to make strong efforts to hire qualified Malden residents

3. How will you work with the School Committee to improve education funding and access in Malden?

3. One of the top reasons people choose to move or stay in a community is the quality of educational opportunities for their children. As a product of public schools and a former School Committee member, I will work with my fellow councillors, the Mayor and school committee members from the point of view that school spending is a valuable investment for our City both now and for our future. I will work with our state delegation that ensures Malden receives full-funding for costs associated with SPED, Vocational programs, Homeless Transportation and off-sets for transfers to charter schools.

4. How will you fix and maintain critical infrastructure in Malden?

a. How will you address the issue of lead pipes in Malden, including the speed at which they are replaced?

b. How will you improve trash and recycling pickup in Malden?

c. What are the key infrastructure issues facing Malden and how will you address them?

a. Right now the city has focused on replacing 150 lead pipe services a year which means it will take 20 year to fully replace the 3000 lead service lines. The City has been doing this in a reactive, crisis mode without looking at the bigger picture of what it will cost both to replace lead pipes and repair the streets that are dug up in the process. I would call on the City Engineer to develop a full cost estimate for both the cost to replace all the lead pipes and the street repair work and work with the Mayor's office to identify all local, state and federal grants and loans to fund the work as expeditiously as possible. I would work with our state and federal delegation to ensure that Malden is eligible for any clean water or lead pipe removal funds that may be added at those levels. I would also call for a 7-year local funding plan that would allow the voters to decide whether the City should move forward more expeditiously

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b. I would ensure the City works to properly oversee the working being done by existing trash and recycling pick-up company so that the City DPW is not doing work that the City has contracted for. I would work with the Mayor, DPW Director and other councillors to investigate the pros and cons of using close collection bins instead of blue bags and then provide that information at public forums to receive resident feedback on whether to switch to a collection bin system.

c. 1. The condition and safety of our streets are a top issue for residents whether they drive, walk, use transit or bike. As we repave streets after replacing water pipes, we need to have a pavement management plan in place to ensure we maximize the useful life of that new pavement. We need to invest in pavement repair equipment to ensure long-lasting pothole repair by our DPW crews. I support passing a Complete Streets policy to ensure that all residents no matter what their mode of transportation can safely transit our city.

2. Our traffic signals are very old in age and how they operate leading to unnecessary traffic delays. I would work to ensure we have a full inventory of all our signals, identify those most critical to upgrade and work to ensure that development mitigation funds prioritize these upgrades.

3. Our “new” school buildings are nearly 20 years old and are bursting at the seams. I would work with the school committee to ensure we have preventative maintenance plans.

5. How will you support unions and working people in Malden?

a. Do you support a \$15 minimum wage for Malden?

b. Would you cross a union picket line?

c. How will you help ensure that businesses in Malden offer good-paying jobs and hire locally?

a. Yes. I would support that first by requiring that the City and its contractors pay such a wage by 2022 or sooner. I support the statewide effort to increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2022.

b. No

c. I will reach out to local businesses to hear what they need from the City to ensure they thrive and can offer good-paying jobs to local residents. I will also work to better connect our residents to our business community. The City’s development staff has often been closely tied to the business and has worked on issues from City Hall out. I would take an approach where we listen to the needs of residents in terms of business and be sure to pursue redeveloping our downtown and squares from the neighborhood in.

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6. How will you address health and safety for Malden residents?

- a. How will you improve health care access for Malden residents?
- b. What regulations, if any, should be imposed on medical and retail marijuana establishments in Malden?
- c. How will you reduce domestic violence in Malden?
- d. Do you support de-escalation training for police officers in Malden?
- e. How will you address the opioid crisis in Malden?

- a. I would work to ensure connections between residents and our health providers such as Cambridge Health, South Cove and Haitian Health Centers. I would attend Malden Promise and Mass in Motion coalition meetings to ensure the City supports those health based initiatives. I would support the effort to expand the services of the Malden High student health center.
- b. Malden residents by a firm margin voted in favor of recreational marijuana. I am personally opposed to using zoning laws to serve as a defacto marijuana prohibition and do not support a marijuana moratorium in Malden. I will work to fairly balance those concerns by supporting dispensaries in areas sufficiently isolated from schools and purely residential neighborhoods. I think the discussion should include Industrial, Highway Business and Central Business zones.
- c. My family has been personally impacted by domestic violence so my wife and I are strong advocates for domestic violence prevention programs. I will work to ensure funding for education, shelters, victim advocates and police training necessary to prevent and respond strongly to domestic violence.
- d. Yes, I believe our police force already takes such an approach
- e. The City must work with law enforcement and health officials to address the opiate crisis. We need to ensure that dangerous , illegal opioids are kept off our streets as well as the criminals who sell them. We need to ensure addicts get they treatment they need. I will work with Malden Overcoming Addiction to ensure recovering addicts have the support they need. One priority for any funds the City may receive from recreational marijuana sales would be to fund efforts to address the opiate crisis.