

**CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS
2009 BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE SURVEY**

All candidates for At-Large and District Boston City Council seats were surveyed on the following issues:

1. The right to life from conception to natural death
2. The 2003 decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court legalizing same-gender marriage in the Commonwealth
3. The needle exchange program for drug users in Boston
4. The 1994 School Committee decision to distribute condoms in Boston Public Schools
5. The ordinance passed by the Boston City Council in October 2002, which added “gender identity or expression” to the city’s civil rights code

A position consistent with Catholic moral teaching and supportive of the rights and interests of Catholic parents, families, and taxpayers would require an affirmative position on the first issue, and a negative position on issues two through five.

Candidates’ positions were ascertained from their voting records, public statements, web sites, press reports and interest group questionnaires. Please refer to the footnotes for additional information.

At-Large

Felix G. Arroyo	1. NO (1)	2. YES (2)	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
Doug Bennett	1. ?	2. YES (3) (4)	3. ?	4. ?	5. ?
John R. Connolly	1. NO	2. YES (2) (4)	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES (5)
Tomas Gonzalez	1. NO	2. YES (2) (4)	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
Tito Jackson	1. NO (1)	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
Andrew P. Kenneally	1. NO	2. YES (2)	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
Stephen J. Murphy	1. NO (6)	2. YES (6)	3. YES (6)	4. YES (6)	5. YES (5) (6)
Ayanna S. Pressley	1. NO (1) (7)	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) Has been endorsed by the pro-abortion group, the National Organization for Women (NOW).
- (2) Marched in the 2009 Boston Gay Pride Parade.
- (3) Doug Bennett marched in the 2009 Boston Gay Pride Parade wearing a yellow feather boa.
- (4) Attended the raising of the Gay Pride flag at City Hall in 2009.
- (5) Described by *Bay Windows* as a strong supporter of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered rights.
- (6) Stephen J. Murphy changed his position on this issue.
- (7) Ayanna S. Pressley describes herself as “a fierce supporter of reproductive rights.”

	District One				
Chris Kulikoski	1. ?	2. ?	3. ?	4. ?	5. ?
Salvatore LaMattina	1. NO	2. YES (1)	3. ?	4. ?	5. YES
	District Two				
Bill Linehan	1. ?	2. YES (1)	3. ?	4. ?	5. YES
	District Three				
Maureen E. Feeney	1. YES	2. YES (1)(2)	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
	District Four				
Charles Calvin Yancey	1. NO	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
	District Five				
Rob Consalvo	1. NO	2. YES (1)(3)	3. ?	4. ?	5. YES
	District Six				
John M. Tobin, Jr.	1. ?	2. YES (1)(3)	3. ?	4. ?	5. YES (4)
	District Seven				
Carlos Tony Henriquez	1. NO (5)	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
Chuck Turner	1. NO	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES
	District Eight				
Oscar T. Brookins	1. ?	2. ?	3. ?	4. ?	5. ?
Michael P. Ross	1. NO	2. YES (1)(3)	3. ?	4. ?	5. YES
	District Nine				
Mark S. Ciommo	1. NO	2. YES	3. ?	4. ?	5. YES
Alex Selvig	1. ?	2. ?	3. ?	4. ?	5. ?

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) Attended the raising of the Gay Pride flag at Boston City Hall in 2009.
- (2) Maureen Feeney told *DotOUT.org* that opposition to same-sex marriage was “intolerance and bigotry”.
- (3) Marched in the 2009 Boston Gay Pride Parade.
- (4) John Tobin was previously endorsed by the homosexual group, Bay State Stonewall Democrats, and has told the homosexual newspaper *Bay Windows*, “I’m a total supporter of gay civil rights.”
- (5) Has been endorsed by the pro-abortion group, the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Election Day in the City of Boston is Tuesday, November 3, 2009