



Primary Thursday, September 6

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Center for Independent Living, Inc.



VOTE! THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Dear (Contact First Name),

The Massachusetts State Primary is scheduled for next Thursday, September 6. The 2012 Primary has contested races in many of our MetroWest communities. When you vote in the primary, consider each candidate's positions on disability issues.



As we've mentioned before, the campaign season is the best time to meet the candidates. They all are scheduling numerous public events, and they want to talk to the voters! They want to hear what the voters have to say. Even if you are not interested in actively participating in campaigns, use this time to speak with the candidates about your concerns. If you are interested in becoming active, candidates will welcome your help with phone banks, sign holding and canvassing. Regardless of your involvement, everyone should VOTE!

Redistricting:

This year is especially confusing in Massachusetts, thanks to redistricting. Our national representatives' districts have changed - especially in the MetroWest area. State senate and state representatives have new areas, towns, and parts of towns. Some precinct boundaries even changed within a town. Luckily the state website has most of the answers.

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Enter your Street Number, Street Name, Street Prefix, and either your Town or your Zip Code. Click on *SHOW MY RESULTS*.

"Election Information For" page:

- Confirm your address.
- The September 6 Primary ballot information for State races is available. Click on your party's link to see exactly who is running in each primary. This information is for the new, redistricted positions. (Note that the MA Congress is referred to as "General Court". For example - Karen Spilka is running for State Senator, but the header for her position is "Senator in General Court". Same thing for State Representatives... Some races are unopposed, for instance, Elizabeth Warren as the Senator In Congress (i.e. U.S. Senate) is on the Democratic Primary ballot and has no

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competition.

- You can also click on the other party's links to see who your party's candidate might be running against.
- Voting Location: Double check the location. If your district or precinct changed, you may need to vote in a new location.
- Current Elected Officials - compare the information with the Updated section to find out what has changed.
- Updated information about your district: Compare the information with Current to find out what is changing. For instance, in Medway, the current Congressional Representative is James McGovern in the Third District, but the Updated Information shows that Medway's Congressional Representative is the Fourth District.

For voter registration, and absentee ballot information, visit the state's [home page for the Election Division](#).

Wednesday, October 17 is the deadline to register to vote for the November 6 election.

If you've had issues with accessibility at a polling location, now is the time to speak with your town clerk, and determine whether the problem has been fixed. Report any and all issues to the state.

from Paul Spooner,
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