

**CATHOLIC ACTION LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS
2007 BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE SURVEY**

All candidates for At-Large and District Boston City Council seats were asked the following questions:

1. Do you support the right to life from conception to natural death?
2. Do you support the 2003 decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court legalizing same-gender marriage in the Commonwealth?
3. Do you support a needle exchange program for drug users in Boston?
4. Do you support the 1994 School Committee decision to distribute condoms in Boston Public Schools?
5. Do you support efforts by the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth to promote homosexual programs, such as Gay/Straight Alliances, in Boston Public High Schools?
6. Do you support 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 a "YES" response to the first question, and a "NO" response to questions 2 through 6.

KEY: ? = Did Not Respond to Question. [NOTE: For candidates who did not respond to the questionnaire, some of their positions were ascertained from their voting records or public statements. Please refer to the footnotes for additional information.]

At-Large

Felix Arroyo	1. NO ⁽¹⁾	2. YES ⁽²⁾	3. YES	4. YES ⁽³⁾	5. YES	6. YES ⁽⁴⁾
John R. Connolly ⁽⁵⁾	1. NO	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES	6. YES ⁽⁴⁾
William P. Estrada	1. ?	2. ?	3. ?	4. ?	5. ?	6. ?
Michael F. Flaherty ⁽⁶⁾	1. NO	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES	6. YES ⁽⁴⁾
Matthew Geary ⁽⁷⁾	1. NO	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES	6. YES
Martin J. Hogan	1. ?	2. ?	3. ?	4. ?	5. ?	6. ?
Stephen J. Murphy ⁽⁵⁾	1. NO	2. YES	3. YES	4. YES	5. YES	6. YES ⁽⁴⁾
David James Wyatt	1. YES	2. NO	3. NO	4. NO	5. NO	6. NO
Sam Yoon ⁽⁵⁾	1. NO ⁽¹⁾	2. YES	3. YES	4. ?	5. YES	6. YES ⁽⁴⁾

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) Has been endorsed by the pro-abortion group, the National Organization for Women.
- (2) Introduced City Council resolution favoring same-sex marriage; marched in the 2007 Boston Gay Pride Parade; attended raising of Gay Pride flag at City Hall; endorsed by Barney Frank.
- (3) As a member of the Boston School Committee in 1994, Arroyo voted to distribute condoms in schools.
- (4) Described by *Bay Windows* as a strong supporter of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered rights.
- (5) Marched in the 2007 Boston Gay Pride Parade.
- (6) Marched in the 2007 Boston Gay Pride Parade and attended raising of Gay Pride flag at City Hall.
- (7) Matthew Geary is a member of the Boston Socialist Alternative.

District One

Salvatore LaMattina 1. ? 2. ? 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. ?

District Two

Bill Linehan (1) 1. ? 2. YES 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. ?

District Three

Michael J. Cote (2) 1. NO 2. YES 3. YES 4. YES 5. YES 6. YES

Maureen E. Feeney (3) 1. ? 2. YES (4) 3. YES 4. YES 5. YES 6. YES (5)

District Four

J. R. Rucker 1. ? 2. ? 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. ?

Charles Calvin Yancey 1. NO 2. YES 3. YES 4. YES 5. YES 6. YES

District Five

Rob Consalvo (1) 1. NO (6) 2. YES 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. YES

District Six

John M. Tobin, Jr. (2) 1. ? 2. YES (7) 3. ? 4. ? 5. YES 6. YES (7)

District Seven

Carlos A. Henriquez 1. ? 2. ? 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. ?

Chuck Turner 1. NO (8) 2. YES 3. YES 4. YES 5. YES 6. YES

District Eight

Michael P. Ross (3) 1. NO (8) 2. YES 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. YES

District Nine

Mark S. Ciommo 1. NO 2. YES 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. ?

Gregory J. Glennon 1. ? 2. ? 3. ? 4. ? 5. ? 6. ?

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) Attended the raising of the Gay Pride flag at Boston City Hall.
- (2) Marched in the 2007 Boston Gay Pride Parade.
- (3) Marched in the 2007 Boston Gay Pride Parade and attended raising of Gay Pride flag at City Hall.
- (4) Maureen Feeney told DotOut.org that opposition to same-sex marriage was "intolerance and bigotry."
- (5) Councillor Maureen Feeney sponsored this ordinance.
- (6) Rob Consalvo has stated that he supports "a woman's right to choose," although he identifies himself as a member of the pro-life Holy Name Society.
- (7) 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."
- (8) Has been endorsed by the pro-abortion group, the National Organization For Women.

Election Day in the City of Boston is Tuesday, November 6, 2007