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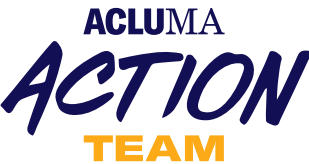
AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL RACE VOTER GUIDE

VOTE NOV. 4 | 7AM-8PM

BIPOC to the Ballot Box is a non-partisan, non-endorsing public education campaign launched by the ACLU of Massachusetts and partners to build voter awareness and engagement in municipalities with large or growing Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. Our goal is to provide **Lawrence** voters access to the information they need to make an informed decision at the polls this November 4th.

All candidates for the 2025 at-large city council races in **Lawrence** were asked the same questions and given equal opportunity to respond. Those who did not respond are marked as “no response.”

For candidates’ full answers, visit aclum.org/en/bipoc-ballot-box



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If elected, would you support:	Frederick Diaz	Ana Levy	Celina Reyes	John Rigal	Jeovanny Rodriguez	Nilson Rosario
Implementing rent stabilization if the statewide ban were lifted?	No response	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	Yes
Limits on how often and by how much landlords can raise rent?	No response	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	Yes
Substance abuse harm reduction programming in the city, such as Narcan distribution and syringe exchange?	No response	No response	Yes	No response	No response	Yes
Community-based, non-armed response teams for mental health and non-violent situations?	No response	No response	Yes	No	No response	Yes
Ensuring that the Lawrence Police Department is not involved in immigration enforcement?	No response	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	Yes
The expansion of fare-free transit access for neighborhoods with limited routes?	No response	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	Yes
Efforts to stop laws that criminalize unhoused residents occupying public spaces?	No response	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	Yes



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What policies would you implement to meet the housing needs of all Lawrence residents equitably?					
No response	No response	Promote affordable housing by expanding mixed-income developments, preserving existing units, and supporting first-time homebuyer programs—ensuring all residents, regardless of income, have safe, stable housing.	To make sure new construction will go to the people of Lawrence	No response	Lawrence must ensure new housing includes affordable units. Too often, developers build homes most working people can't afford. Requiring or encouraging affordable units helps families, students, and seniors stay. Listening to those most affected ensures fair, effective policies.
If elected, how would you support the new hybrid school committee so that it benefits students and families?					
No response	No response	Foster transparency and family voice by holding regular forums, providing translation services, and ensuring diverse representation—so decisions reflect the needs of all students and families equitably.	By helping the parent to be more involve with there kids, communicate with them more often and listen to they're need and of the kids	No response	If elected, I'd ensure the hybrid school committee has qualified, committed members. Support means transparency, open communication, and collaboration. Families and students should feel heard, with regular opportunities to share feedback and shape decisions.
Voter turnout has been low lately. How would you engage residents who feel that local leaders do not listen to them?					
No response	No response	Increase trust and participation by hosting listening sessions, expanding multilingual outreach, and meeting people in neighborhoods—showing residents their voices shape policies and leaders are truly listening.	by engaging with community at all time, making sure to bring information every time I go visit them	No response	Voter turnout is low because people feel unheard. If elected, I'd create The People's Council for real dialogue and solutions, and use social media to make local government accessible, engaging, and inclusive, so all voices, especially youth, can shape decisions.