

A Successful Election Day for the Environment



This year the ELM Action Fund made municipal endorsements across the Commonwealth. Exciting candidates that understand the importance of strong environmental policy were on ballots for City Council and Mayor all over Massachusetts. Fourteen ELM Action Fund endorsed candidates were elected. Voters have shown they want their elected officials to have a vision to address the climate crisis.

“Electing local leaders willing to make climate, clean energy and transportation issues a priority helps Massachusetts continue to lead our nation,” said ELM Action Fund Executive Director Clare Kelly. “ELM Action Fund has spent months investing in local candidates that are working to find solutions to our climate crisis that are equitable and inclusive to everyone and are thrilled by Tuesday’s outcome.”

The ELM Action Fund successfully helped elect:

Ricardo Arroyo, Boston City Council, District 5

Kenzie Bok, Boston City Council, District 8

Paul Brodeur, Mayor of Melrose

Joe Curtatone, Mayor of Somerville

Lydia Edwards, Boston City Council, District 1

Michael Flaherty, Boston City Council, At-Large
Annissa Essaibi George, Boston City Council, At-Large
Nicole LaChapelle, Mayor of Easthampton
Jesse Lederman, Springfield City Council, At-Large
Nina Liang, Quincy City Council, At-Large
Amanda Linehan, Malden City Council, Ward 6
Joe Lopes, New Bedford City Council, Ward 6
Joseph Petty, Mayor of Worcester
Michelle Wu, Boston City Council, At-Large

We supported **Representative Paul Brodeur** in his bid for Mayor of Melrose. His ambitious plans to prioritize open green space and keep Melrose on the path to becoming a NetZero community by 2050 and maintain and improve local parks will make him a strong Mayor.

We were also proud to help re-elect **Councilor Jesse Lederman** in Springfield. We look forward to working with him as he fights for community choice energy in his next term.

Councilor Nina Liang will continue to make sure every resident in Quincy can have their voice heard and make creating a resilient community a priority for the City Council.

Amanda Linehan's expertise on energy and environmental policy will make her an excellent City Councilor in Malden. We were excited to help elect such an experienced advocate on planning and emissions reduction and look forward to working with her when she takes office.

The world is in a climate crisis. How our elected officials intend to manage our climate and environmental challenges must be a top issue in every campaign. Massachusetts has the opportunity to model strong policy at the local and state levels if we elect the right people to do it.

The ELM Action Fund is a nonpartisan organization that helps pass laws that protect our environmental legacy, holds our elected officials accountable, and works to build the political power of the environmental community.