



2011 Municipal Preliminary Candidates Guide

Election Day is **Tuesday November 8th, 2011**

Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm

Absentee Ballots can be requested from City Hall until
Friday November 4th and returned by 8pm on Election Day

The Ballot will include

City Council At-Large

City Wide. Voters can select up to 6 out of 12 candidates

Mayor

City Wide. Voters can select up to 1 out of 4 candidates

****Note:** The Mayor is a member of the City Council. You must vote for your desired candidate on the ballot twice: once as Councilor-At Large, and once as Mayor

School Committee

City Wide. Voters can select up to 6 out of 10 candidates

District City Councilors

Voters select 1 of 2 Candidates in D1, D3, D4, & D5.

There is only one candidate on the ballot in D2.

To find your district go to <http://www.worcesterma.gov/e-services/where-do-i-vote>



Tony Economou
Candidate for
District 1 City Council

9 Carriage House Lane
Worcester, MA 01609
tony@electtoneconomou.com
Campaign is on Facebook

Current/Past Occupations

Current: Realtor
Prior:
Owner/Operator of Interstate Carpet
and Upholstery Cleaning

"Why are you running?"

I am running for City Council in District 1 because "We can do Better". This district deserves a strong voice in City Hall and a Councilor who will listen to and respond in a timely manner to the needs of the community

I am advocating for:

- The need for enhanced funding for our schools and education system
- A balanced view on the need for growth and improved business investment
- Demand that the USDA continues to vigorously fight the Asian long horned beetle infestation and expedite tree replanting.



Virginia Ryan
Candidate for
District 1 City Councilor

21 Arbutus Road
Worcester, MA 01606
[508-853-6357](tel:508-853-6357)
www.virginiawryan.com
Campaign is on Facebook

Current/Past Occupations

Retired School Teacher

"Why are you running?"

I am running to be a full-time counselor who will listen, respond in a timely manner, and be constituents voice on the council.

I am advocating for:

- Small business growth as a priority that in turn will increase jobs
- Education, public safety and support programs to keep seniors in their homes.
- Lowest residential tax rate



Arthur Ellis
Candidate for
District 3 City Councilor

12 County Street
Worcester, MA 01604

www.arthurellis.org

[508-752-6979](tel:508-752-6979)

Campaign is on Facebook

Current/Past Occupations

Housing and Employment Coordinator,
Department of Mental Health, Central-West
Area Office.

"Why are you running?"

I understand what working families, seniors
and
small business owners in my district are
going through right now and, with
my experience as a Grafton Hill leader and
activist, I can be their
advocate on the City Council.

I am advocating for:

I will support the lowest residential tax rate,
because when many
residents are having difficulty paying their
mortgage and senior citizens
haven't seen a Social Security increase for
two years, we cannot expect
homeowners to shoulder more of the tax
burden."

"I will work to increase the police presence in
our neighborhoods and
build partnerships between neighbors and the
police to decrease crime
throughout the district."

"I will encourage local economic development
projects and insist that they
employ local people in good jobs with good
wages."



George Russell
Candidate for
District 3 City Councilor

30 Dolly Drive
Worcester, MA 01604
www.georgerussell.org
Campaign is on Facebook

Current/Past Occupations

Owner of George Russell Realty

"Why are you running?"

I am running because I believe I can make a difference in the quality of life for the people of our neighborhoods. I will put my experience as a lifelong resident, former Chairman of the Worcester Planning Board, Past President of the Lake Quinsig Watershed Assoc, and former member of the Mass Democratic State Committee to work for the people of District 3.

I am advocating for:

Jobs - City of Worcester should give preference to hiring Worcester residents as should any company that want any consideration for City Government.

Housing- We need to hold the big banks responsible for dragging down our neighborhoods with all these vacant foreclosed houses.

Safety- By supporting Police and neighborhood watch groups' efforts to fight crime.



Barbara Haller
Candidate for Re-Election
District 4 City Councilor

34 Castle Street
Worcester, MA 01610
www.barbarahaller.com
Campaign is on Facebook

Current/Past Occupations

Retired: National Grid Supervisor Meter & Testing Services; former owner Gilrein's Nightclub

"Why are you running?"

To continue the progress in District 4, especially regarding quality of life issues - crime, grime, noise, pedestrian safety, parks, jobs, community gardens, etc - through efficient use of City resources, advocacy, and partnerships.

I am advocating for:

Neighborhood Voice: Strong neighborhood, business, cultural, civic organizations across District 4 that will continue to inform my voice on City Council and with the city Administration.

Neighborhood Preservation: Strong public safety (police, fire, communications), Code Inspection, DPWP - adequately funded and supported, strongly connected with neighborhood voices (see #1).

Neighborhood Revitalization: similar to #2 but for those neighborhoods that are suffering - to reverse the decline by providing increased police and code enforcement, responsible and affordable housing, jobs, education, recreation.



Sarai Rivera
Candidate for
District 4 City Councilor

7 Lucian Street
Worcester, MA 01603
www.sarairivera.com
Campaign is on Facebook

Current/Past Occupations

Co-founder and Director of Programs; Shalom
Neighborhood Center, Worc.
Clinical Therapist, Co-Pastor; Christian
Community Church

"Why are you running?"

I believe in looking into our communities and looking through the lens of potential and possibilities and not just plight and problems. Being raised in District 4 has given me roots in this community -- roots that are in my heart, continually building my passion. I believe in this community, choosing to; live in this district, raise my children in this district and work in this district.

I am advocating for:

COMMUNITY VOICE: I value your voice and will bring that voice to the decision making table at City Hall. I am committed to working with all parts of District 4 when elected to City Council.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY & CREATING JOBS: I will work to support the local economy; adding jobs, employment for youth, supporting small businesses. I will work so that you are provided the same resources others receive to start, support and grow your business, and achieve your goals. I believe new local jobs should hire residents from within our neighborhoods.

SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES: I will continue to actively work for; strong schools, safe and healthy neighborhoods, removing barriers to achievement and success, community pride, civic engagement and involvement.

