

Mass. Single Payer Non-Binding Ballot Questions

Year	District	“Yes”
1998:	10th Suffolk (West Roxbury)	72.2%
	2nd Norfolk (Quincy)	77.7%
1999:	City of Somerville	84%
2000:	4th Norfolk (Weymouth)	57.8%
	2nd Suffolk (Chelsea-Boston)	57.8%
	Hampshire-Franklin Senate District	68.8%
2008:	1st Barnstable (Yarmouth)	68.2%
	2nd Franklin (Greenfield)	75.0%
	1st Hampshire (Northampton)	80.1%
	5th Middlesex (Natick)	65.5%
	12th Middlesex (Newton)	72.5%
	4th Plymouth (Scituate)	65.7%
	10th Suffolk (West Roxbury)	67.4%
	3rd Hampshire (Amherst)	81.7%
	4th Barnstable (Provincetown)	71.5%
Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket	73.5%	
2010:	2nd Berkshire (Pittsfield)	69.5%
	4th Berkshire (Lenox)	72.7%
	1st Franklin (Deerfield)	72.3%
	8th Hampden (Chicopee)	59.0%
	4th Middlesex (Marlborough)	53.9%
	13th Middlesex (Sudbury)	57.5%
	14th Middlesex (Concord)	58.8%
	29th Middlesex (Watertown)	70.3%
	5th Norfolk (Braintree)	53.1%
	11th Norfolk (Dedham)	52.7%
	12th Norfolk (Norwood)	52.7%
	11th Suffolk (Jamaica Plain)	68.8%
	15th Suffolk (Jamaica Plain)	76.1%
13th Worcester (Worcester)	57.7%	

Massachusetts Labor Party Ballot Language:

1998:

Shall the Representative/Senator from this District support legislation to create a single-payer system of universal health care that provides all Massachusetts residents with comprehensive health care coverage (including the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities, and services) and eliminates the role of insurance companies in health care by creating an insurance trust fund that is publicly administered? (This public trust fund, similar to the Social Security Fund on a federal level, would receive the funds presently going to the numerous health insurance companies throughout the state.)

2000:

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to create a health care system for all the residents of Massachusetts that provides universal coverage for comprehensive health care services that includes the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities and services; eliminates the role of insurance companies in health care and creates an insurance trust fund that is publicly administered and fairly funded; and, in order to safeguard the availability of quality health care, stops the buying, selling, managing and closing down of health care facilities by for-profit corporations?

2008 Ballot Language:

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed (1) to support legislation establishing health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health or employment status, by creating a single payer health insurance system that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts; and (2) to oppose any laws penalizing the uninsured for failing to obtain health insurance.

2010 Ballot Language:

Should the state representative from this district be instructed to support legislation establishing health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health, or employment status, by creating a single payer health insurance system like Medicare that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts?

Many Massachusetts cities and towns have passed resolutions in support of single-payer universal health care, including Boston and Northampton. We will need to compile that list as well.