

September News

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Preliminary Council election September 26

Three candidates are competing to represent Charlestown on the City Council when Sal LaMattina retires next year. The preliminary election for District 1 will narrow the field to two candidates who will run in the November election. District 1 includes Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End.

One major concern in the Navy Yard is the use and improvement of the waterfront and harbor, about which the candidates have presented their views in extended pieces. See links. All three emphasize waterfront access for all.

Lydia Edwards would have a citizens advisory council start by evaluating harbor plans. She places emphasis on green infrastructure for resiliency in the face of climate change and future development, and would expand water transportation to connect the district for employment opportunities.

Margaret Farmer envisions a Boston Inner Harbor Ferry to connect Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End with key land transportation nodes. She would see master plans created to address access, climate resiliency measures, recreation, and the arts, such as the East Boston Harborwalk Master Plan with guidelines for future development.

Stephen Passacantilli would enhance resiliency planning and preparation for rising sea levels, emphasize education and awareness of climate change ("make sustainability a way of life"), and early on, pursue a water transplantation plan. He advocates coordinated planning among public and private agencies and citizens.



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Margaret Farmer http://margaretforboston.org



Stephen Passacantilli http://www.stephenforboston.com

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