

2026 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Massachusetts

Key:  Yes, supports  No, does not support  Chose not to answer

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Q1: Executive order directing state agencies, public universities and contractors to use the IHRA definition.
Q2: Enforce the state anti-BDS law (contracts, pension investments), or support enacting one.
Q3: Veto legislation endorsing a boycott of, or divestment from, Israel or analogous foreign-policy positions.
Q4: Use university board appointments to require enforcement of policies against antisemitic harassment.
Q5: State review standards barring curriculum materials that promote antisemitic narratives.
Q6: Make antisemitism and hate-crime prosecution a coordination priority with the Attorney General.
Q7: Direct publication of an annual statewide hate-crime report, including antisemitic incidents.
Q8: Propose state funding for a nonprofit security grant program complementing the federal program.
Q9: Support state economic, trade and academic ties with Israel.
Q10: Create, by executive order, a state office or commission to monitor and report on antisemitism.
Q11: Schedule state operations around widely observed religious holidays; honor religious accommodations.

Verbal Responses:

Mike Minogue - Governor

Antisemitism has no place in our state, our schools, or our communities. As governor, I will stand firmly against hatred, harassment, and violence. Every person deserves to worship, live, work, and raise a family without fear because of their faith. We can disagree without turning against one another. We are neighbors, not enemies.

State Legislature Candidates

CANDIDATE	Leigh Davis	Marc Lombardo
CHAMBER	State House	State House
DISTRICT	3rd Berkshire	22nd Middlesex
Q1: Legislation directing state agencies, public universities and contractors to use the IHRA definition.		
Q2: Oversee enforcement of the state anti-BDS law (contracts, pensions), or support enacting one.		
Q3: Oppose legislation endorsing a boycott of, or divestment from, Israel or analogous foreign-policy positions.		
Q4: Use oversight of university boards to require enforcement of policies against antisemitic harassment.		
Q5: State review standards barring curriculum materials that promote antisemitic narratives.		
Q6: Make antisemitism and hate-crime prosecution a coordination priority with the Attorney General.		
Q7: Legislation requiring an annual statewide hate-crime report, including antisemitic incidents.		
Q8: State budget funding for a nonprofit security grant program complementing the federal program.		
Q9: Support state economic, trade and academic ties with Israel.		
Q10: Create, by statute, a state office or commission to monitor and report on antisemitism.		
Q11: Review state grant recipients so public funds do not single out a national or religious group.		

Verbal Responses:

Angelo Puppolo – Massachusetts House of Representatives

I would appreciate your consideration, and look forward to working together on mutual issues. I have been a State Rep. for 20 years, so feel free to contact local Jewish Organizations that you are working with to learn of my support, my attendance at Jewish related events, the JCC and Hannukah celebrations over the years.

Steven Howitt – Massachusetts House of Representatives

Until recently, I served on the MA Hate Commission. I served on the Anti-Semitism Commission. I have filed anti-BDS legislation as well as IHRA legislation.