

2024 Food Insecurity Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: Richard Wells [D]

District: 7th Norfolk House Seat
Milton, Randolph



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Why does combatting food insecurity matter to you?

In Milton, I have been a strong advocate/supporter of the Milton Food Pantry and the Milton Residence Fund. While many think of Milton as affluent, both entities work daily to support Milton families in critical need. For each one, food insecurity is real.

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In your opinion, what are the primary drivers of food insecurity in your district?

Food insecurity can be aligned to many issues. These include poverty, homelessness, mental health and substance abuse. In Milton, where I currently serve, you can draw a nexus to all of these. I am sure Randolph is similar. Most of my time with MBK is spent in the inner cities of Metro Boston, where this issue is much larger.

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What specific policies or legislation do you support to address food insecurity in Massachusetts?

With regard to legislation, this aspect I am just beginning to learn. I am sure you as the experts, have strong ideas which I am more than open to listening to, collaborating on and fighting for.

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How will you continue to ensure that all your constituents have access to nourishing food?

I serve as Trustee of a Foundation in Milton that supports financially each year dozens of organizations that endeavor daily to ease food insecurity in our Commonwealth. In closing, what I can say is if I win this election, you will be gaining an advocate who has spent much of his life working, understanding and impacting many of the quality-of-life issues that affect our cities and towns, including food insecurity.