



THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS ACTION FUND

2017 IN REVIEW

2017 ELECTIONS: 9 WINS FOR THE ELM ACTION FUND

Fall 2017 was an exciting election cycle for the ELM Action Fund. We had staff, campaign fellows and dedicated volunteers on the ground knocking doors and making phone calls to get out the vote for our environmental champions. We are proud that our hard work paid off: 9 of our 10 endorsed local and state candidates won and we helped to make a difference in these important races.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

- Tom McGee, Mayor of Lynn
- Yvonne Spicer, Mayor of Framingham
- Paul Feeny, State Senator, Bristol & Norfolk
- Nicole LaChapelle, Mayor of Easthampton
- Andy Vargas, State Representative, 3rd Essex
- Sarai Rivera, Worcester City Councilor
- Joe Petty, Mayor of Worcester
- Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilor
- John Barrett III, State Representative, 1st Berkshire



New Initiative: Local Endorsements

Our endorsed candidates for Mayor and City Council are part of our new campaign to elect a next generation of local environmental leaders. These victories are just the beginning of an effort to mobilize environmental voters to elect local officials who drive environmental progress.

Our endorsement of Lydia Edwards for Boston City Council exemplifies this new initiative. Lydia is a promising young leader and we were inspired by her vision and track record of environmental justice and climate change in her diverse, coastal district.

Our Strategic Approach

The ELM Action Fund researches elections across the state to determine where our resources can make the most difference. We not only provide candidates with financial contributions, but also send volunteers to knock doors and get out the vote. Our resources can mean the difference between victory and defeat.



Representative-Elect Andy Vargas with ELM Action Fund Director of Advocacy and Organizing Anne Wright

This strategic approach led us to endorse and invest in Andy Vargas' campaign for State Representative in Haverhill. The son of Dominican immigrants, Andy was the first Latino candidate to be elected to the Haverhill City Council when he was 21 years old. We endorsed Andy because of his commitment to growing our state's clean energy economy and his passion for environmental justice. Andy ran a positive, issues-focused campaign and overcame a barrage of racist and negative attacks from his opponent. The ELM Action Fund supported Andy with emails, social media ads, mailings, and with staff and volunteers going door to door in the district. We are proud to support promising new leaders like Andy who are bringing people together to create a healthier and more prosperous future for the Commonwealth.