

WBUR Poll
Massachusetts 7th Congressional District Democratic Primary
Field Dates: February 9-11, 2018
Survey of 402 Likely Voters

I'm going to read you the names of several people and organizations who are active in public affairs. After I read each one please tell me if you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of the person. If you have never heard of them or if you are undecided, please just say so. **READ FIRST NAME.** How about **READ NEXT NAME?**

REPEAT QUESTION TEXT ONLY IF NECESSARY, PROBE IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW". Have you heard of **READ NAME** and are undecided about (him/her/it)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her/it)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Mike Capuano	60%	7%	19%	13%	<1%
Ayanna Pressley	42%	7%	18%	33%	0%
Steve Wynn	9%	46%	16%	29%	<1%
Charlie Baker	66%	18%	15%	1%	<1%

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for US Congress were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

If undecided... Even though you say you are undecided -- which way are you leaning as of today—**READ AND ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES?**

Initial preference

Mike Capuano	45%
Ayanna Pressley	32%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	<1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	21%

Vote preference with leaners

Mike Capuano	47%
Ayanna Pressley	35%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	<1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	15%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mike Capuano is doing in Congress?

Approve	63%
Disapprove	8%
Don't Know / Refused	28%

ASK ONLY TO VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ayanna Pressley is doing on the Boston City Council?

Approve	65%
Disapprove	5%
Don't Know / Refused	30%

Which of the following would you prefer for your own member of Congress? **READ AND ROTATE.**

Someone who has been around a while with experience in how Congress works	46%
Someone new to Congress with fresh ideas and perspectives	36%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	16%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Do you think the number of women in Congress is **READ AND ROTATE?**

Too high	2%
Too low	79%
About right	10%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

Do you think the number of Black members of Congress is **READ AND ROTATE?**

Too high	1%
Too low	80%
About right	8%
Don't Know / Refused	11%

Which of the following is closer to your view? **READ AND ROTATE**

Democrats mostly shouldn't run against other Democrats who are already in office	7%
Anyone who wishes to serve should be encouraged to run for office	85%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	4%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

How much of a consideration should a candidate's gender be when deciding who to support in **this** race for Congress?

A major consideration	14%
A minor consideration	28%
Not a consideration	56%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

How much of a consideration should a candidate's race be when deciding who to support in **this** race for Congress?

A major consideration	18%
A minor consideration	28%
Not a consideration	51%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Now I'd like to ask you about another topic.

As you may be aware, the Boston-Somerville area is a finalist city for the second corporate Headquarters for Amazon. Do you approve or disapprove of the idea of bringing Amazon's second headquarters to the Boston-Somerville area?

Approve	71%
Disapprove	18%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

Would you approve or disapprove of the State and the Cities of Boston and Somerville offering tax breaks to Amazon as part of a bid to bring Amazon to the Boston?

Approve	37%
Disapprove	52%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

Do you think bringing Amazon's second corporate headquarters to the Boston-Somerville area would be good or bad for **READ FIRST**? How about **READ NEXT**? **REPEAT STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Good	Bad	Both / neither / depends (not read)	Don't Know / Refused
The MBTA	57%	26%	9%	8%
The affordability of housing in the Boston area	19%	62%	8%	11%
Wealthy people in the Boston area	61%	8%	15%	16%
The middle class in the Boston area	67%	16%	9%	8%
Poor people in the Boston area	54%	31%	8%	7%
Traffic in the Boston area	10%	76%	10%	4%

I have one more short topic I'd like to ask you about.

As you may know, several casinos are currently under construction in Massachusetts, set to open in the next few years. Do you approve or disapprove of locating casinos in Massachusetts?

Approve	48%
Disapprove	44%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

One of the casinos is currently under construction in Everett, just outside the City of Boston. Do you approve or disapprove of locating a casino here?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	41%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

How much have you heard or read about the allegations of sexual misconduct against Steve Wynn, who recently resigned as head of the company building the Wynn casino in Everett?

A great deal	36%
A fair amount	42%
Not very much	13%
Nothing at all	8%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

As you may know, Steve Wynn is facing allegations of sexual misconduct with workers at his casinos in Las Vegas. Knowing this, which is closest to your view? **READ AND ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP.**

The casino should go forward as planned now that Steve Wynn no longer runs the company	50%
The casino should go forward only if another company takes over	23%
The casino should be stopped altogether	20%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

If the casino were to go forward as planned with the current developer, do you think the Wynn name should remain on the casino, or should the casino be given another name?

Wynn name should remain	21%
Should get another name	64%
Don't Know / Refused	16%

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	59%
African American / Black	26%
Hispanic / Latino	9%
All others	5%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Age

18 to 29	10%
30 to 44	17%
45 to 59	30%
60+	43%

Gender

Male	43%
Female	57%

Party Registration

Democrat	71%
Independent / Unenrolled	29%

Education

High School or less	20%
Some college, no degree	17%
College graduate (BA/BS)	30%
Advanced degree	31%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 402 likely voters in the 2018 primary election in the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District. Live telephone interviews were conducted February 9-11, 2018 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error is 4.9 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.