

Leah O'Leary

DEMOCRAT FOR STATE REP

How Leah Celebrates: Norwood 4th of July parade!

The 4th of July parade was a blast! Leah and a group of volunteers walked the route through Norwood, did a lot of waving, and received a lot of cheers. It was a little wet, but that wasn't a problem for our dedicated supporters or the dedicated parade-watchers throughout the town. More than 10,000 people came out to watch the parade, and Leah got a warm reception all along the route.

Missed the parade but still want to help Leah? The campaign is always looking for volunteers, so just call 781.762.6061 or visit www.leaholeary.com to find out how you can help. There are all sorts of activities for volunteers, so even if you only have a few free



hours, there will be a way you can help. Can't give your time? Consider making a contribution. Every single dollar helps Leah get her message to voters and helps this campaign get stronger.

Leah receives 3 More Endorsements!

Leah is proud to announce her endorsement by three organizations at the forefront of Massachusetts politics. NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and the political arm of National Association of Social Workers Massachusetts, PACE, are supporting Leah in her bid for office.

NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts endorsed Leah for her strong commitment to protecting reproductive choice, women's rights, and quality healthcare. The National Association of Social Workers voted unanimously in favor of endorsing Leah, who has spent most of her career helping families across the state as a social worker. The Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus was enthusiastic about the role Leah will play as State Representative - both as a woman and as a politician. "When you have a large number of women in office, you get good government," said MWPC Executive Director Jesse Mermell. "When you have women in office like Leah O'Leary - women who are smart, dedicated, and who really care about the people in this state - that's when you get great government. I think she'll be a positive force for all of us, men and women, on Beacon Hill."

Event Alert!

Want to meet Leah and talk to her about her views, her campaign, and anything else on your mind? Come to a **Meet the Candidate** evening at the **Town Square Diner!**

Where: 164 Nahatan Street, Norwood.

When: 6-8PM, Thursday July 20th

Invite your friends! Everyone is welcome at this event.

In every newsletter we try to give an in-depth explanation of a pertinent issue in this campaign. Check out other newsletters for more information...



Leah's View on Health Care

Affordable, high quality health care is a necessity, and Leah's goal is to make sure that every person in Massachusetts has access to it. Whether old or young, rich or poor, one should never have to worry about whether or not one will be able to get needed care. The health care reform that was just passed into law represents a step in the right direction – Leah believes that the sentiment behind the law, the sentiment that says everyone deserves real health care, is where our legislature needs to be headed. However, Leah believes it is crucial that the law be implemented in a way that is fair and effective.

Leah is adamant that employers help their employees get the health insurance they need, ideally by providing insurance to their employees. Leah supports the payment of a payroll tax by those employers who choose not to provide health insurance – this would give the state the money needed to expand healthcare options for those individuals without insurance while also fostering an environment of employer responsibility. Leah believes that employers can also support their employees by granting them paid sick leave. We all have responsibilities to our families, and we all get sick from time to time. Employers should be realistic about this fact and give employees at least one week per year of paid leave. No one, Leah believes, should have to choose between staying at work so as not to lose pay and taking a sick child or parent to the doctor.

Finally, Leah is concerned about the high price of prescription medications. The Prescription Advantage Program is an example of the kind of innovative policy Leah supports – the program makes most medications affordable for the elderly and disabled, and Leah would like to see it expanded to cover even more people and even more medications.

The bottom line, Leah believes, is that everyone deserves high quality, affordable, accessible health care. The legislature can make that happen if senators and representatives sit down, put their heads together, and draft good legislation. Leah wants to be there to help draft that legislation and to vote for its passage.



Volunteer Eileen Sullivan waits for the 4th of July parade to start all decked out in red, white and blue

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