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Dear Waltham Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. I am honored to represent you and all Waltham citizens in the Ninth Middlesex District and value your thoughts on the topics before us.

As State Representative, **I often distribute a RESIDENTS SURVEY to ask people in our district their opinions, ideas and comments about current issues facing our communities and our state. Past survey results have proven instructive and reflect residents' important perspectives on the challenges before us locally and across the state.**

The people of Waltham demonstrated their strength, resilience and community spirit throughout the covid crisis. We continue to address important local issues like affordable housing, conservation, public safety, schools and health care. At the State level, I have worked hard to bring additional funding and programs to Waltham to address education, infrastructure, housing, and public services.

As Chairman of the Legislature's Elder Affairs Committee, I have led the effort to make the changes needed to secure better care and a healthier future for all of our seniors.

I hope you will participate in this year's survey by filling out the enclosed survey form and returning it to me by mail or Email. I will publish the final survey results in a future monthly Stanley Report, by email and on Facebook.

Best regards,

Rep. Tom Stanley



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Refold , tape or staple close, and stamp
 to return your completed survey to:

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Thank you for completing and returning this survey!
Your opinions and comments are appreciated.

NAME.....
 ADDRESS.....
 PHONE.....
 MY E-MAIL.....

NOTE: Your contact information is confidential as are all of your survey responses.

NINTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Waltham Residents

Rep. Stanley's 2024 SURVEY

1. How can state and local government best help provide needed services to older citizens?

(check all of those you support)

- Make Workforce Investments in senior health delivery to expand senior health and home care work force.
- Increase state and local inspection of nursing facilities to ensure best practices are in place,
- Ensure older adults can receive services at home and in their communities.
- Give property tax rebates to citizens over 70 years of age
- Increase funding for mental health services to older citizens
- Increase funding for elderly congregate housing and retirement communities.
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

2. Increasing Affordable Housing is a 2024 Priority. What are best ways to create more affordable housing?

(check all of those you support)

- Allow cities to implement price control measures, including rent control or other monetary caps on housing
- Provide more legal guardrails, including expansion of Chapter 257 or the implementation of tenants' right to counsel, for eviction protections
- Enact Inclusionary Zoning laws to promote new affordable housing construction
- Remove zoning restrictions that inhibit creating affordable housing
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

3. Massachusetts has a severe shortage of workers in trades and technology. How can Massachusetts address the shortage of vocational education opportunities for our students seeking these career paths?

(check all of those you support)

- Enact Governor's expansion plan to quadruple state funding for Vocational and Technical High Schools
- Expand vocational programs at high schools and community colleges to meet the shortages in the building trades and health care fields
- Fund State Career Technical Institutes to train and retrain 20,000 new workers over a 4 yr period
- Increase funding of Science-Technology-Engineering-Math courses in K-12 grades
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

4. Local Public Building Projects are financed by the state's Massachusetts School Building Assistance program. Massachusetts has wage and labor laws that insure fair wages and health benefits. Some large bidding contractors skirt the law by hiring out of state subcontractors. What should be done to insure our tax dollars will go to Massachusetts contractors and local construction workers? (check all of those you support)

- Require large bidding contractors to adhere to Massachusetts prevailing wage and benefits requirements for all of their subcontractors
- Give selection preference to bidding contractors who employ Massachusetts subcontractors to keep local construction jobs
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

5. Do you approve of the MCAS as a requirement for high school graduation?

- Yes No
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

6. Do you support state-mandated Pre-K offerings for students under the age of 5 years-old in public schools?

- Yes No
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

7. Massachusetts should continue to protect every woman's right to make her own reproductive choices and ensure access to reproductive health care.

- Agree Disagree
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

8. Congressional policies on immigration have created a legal migrant funding crisis for states and cities. How should state government deal with this problem?

- Call for new Federal Laws/ Additional Federal Funding to meet migration costs
- Reinforce current social services with additional state funding
- Implement stricter requirements and guidelines to receive state funding
- Expedite work visas for migrants to decrease dependence on state funding
- Reform State Asylum Laws to limit migration to state's ability to shelter
- OTHER/COMMENT.....

9. What are the top three issues YOU want local and state government to deal with in 2024-2025?

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