

Why should you vote for Dawn Harkness in the Democratic Primary on September 16th?

Because Dawn is not “politics as usual”.

You know where Dawn stands on important issues because she is vocal and present in the community.



- Dawn is an **active town meeting member** who speaks out on issues critical to our town. You know where she stands on reducing Framingham’s energy costs, supporting our schools, and providing essential services to the community.
- Pam Richardson is not vocal. She rarely speaks on the Massachusetts House floor. She has not addressed Town Meeting since her election.
- Pam’s position on various issues has been inconsistent.

Her recent comments at a debate about charter schools and her vote on casinos are far different from her positions before she was elected.

- Do you know where Pam stands on the issues that are important to the town?

Dawn is a leader.

- Dawn is well versed on **environmental issues** – a major driver of future economic development. She will bring this **expertise** to the State House from Day One.
- Dawn knows how to **build coalitions** to get work done.
- Pam claims “she gets results,” and she cites increased education funding as a major accomplishment. In reality, the change in the Chapter 70 funding formula was in place before she was elected in 2006.



Dawn will be a strong, independent voice for Framingham in the tradition of Debby Blumer and Barbara Gray.



- Dawn has a history of **speaking her mind**, even on controversial issues, when others remain quiet. Debby Blumer and Barbara Gray **always spoke up for Framingham’s needs** even when that wasn’t popular with the House leadership.
- Pam Richardson has shown little willingness to challenge Speaker DiMasi. She voted with him to prevent the full House of Representatives from even discussing Governor Patrick’s casino plan, which would have generated significant revenue for local property tax relief.

Dawn works hard at everything she does.

- Dawn has a **100% attendance record** at Town Meeting.
- She is an active participant in numerous community organizations.
- Pam Richardson missed 32 roll call votes in 2007, her first year in office. She had one of the 10 worst attendance rates in the entire House.

