

September 4th

Dear New Voter,

I am writing to you because you recently **registered to vote** in Framingham. If you are a seasoned voter, welcome to Framingham; if you are a new voter, welcome to the process. My name is Dawn Harkness, and I am a **Democrat** running for State Representative in your district, the 6th Middlesex. I am **thrilled** that you have signed up to vote in a year in which **much is at stake**, both nationally and locally. Of course, I am writing to **ask you for your support**.

People who know me will tell you that I'm an attorney who is **liberal on social justice issues**, and I have an equally strong record of **fiscal prudence** when it comes to spending taxpayer money. I'm the kind of Town Meeting member **who does her own homework, speaks her own mind, and works hard** for the Town of Framingham.

I will bring to the State House my track record of being **engaged** in community issues and **knowledgeable** about town concerns. I've worked on issues ranging from environmentally friendly economic development to senior tax relief to social services to education to the environment. Of all the candidates, I have the **strongest record** of consistent service, **working side by side** with neighbors to make Framingham a **great community** for all our residents. This work has allowed me to get a sense of what the town needs, and I will bring that passionate advocacy to the State House and be a **strong voice for Framingham**.

I believe that the job of the State Representative is far more than simply casting votes. I can promise you that **no one will work harder and no one will be more accessible**. My record in the community serves as a good example of how I'll be as your State Representative. Whether as the chair of the Greener Framingham Committee, or at a meeting of the Board of Selectman, or at the Zoning Board or Appeals, or in various other community forums, I am **easy to find** and **willing to speak up** on tough and complex issues. Neither of my opponents can match my attendance, my **leadership** or my **advocacy** on behalf of those who need support.

I'm proud of how I've run my campaign—putting my efforts into **meeting** and **listening** to people and answering individual policy questions on my website and via email or phone calls. When elected, I'll continue to be **present in the community** and **transparent** about my views. I'll be **an independent voice** who will not just go along with State House leadership if it is not in the best interests of the town or the state. **I am a change from politics as usual**. I will work **full time** for Framingham, and I ask for your **vote** in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 16th.

If you have any questions for me, or would like to share the issues that are important to you, please call me at (508) 396-7168 or email me at dawn@DawnHarkness.com. I update my website regularly with information, so check it out at www.Dawnharkness.com.

It's great to have you as a new voter in town. See you at the polls on **September 16th**!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Dawn".