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**SENATE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER MIKE BARRETT
ENDORSES PUBLIC DEFENDER MARA DOLAN
FOR GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL**

SAYS “STATE JUDICIARY IS LOADED WITH FORMER PROSECUTORS”

May 17, 2022, Concord, MA – Today Senator Mike Barrett endorsed public defender Mara Dolan for Governor’s Council, District 3, which includes his State Senate District, Third Middlesex. The Governor’s Council vets and votes on judicial nominations, commutations and pardons, and members of the Parole Board.

“The state judiciary is loaded with former prosecutors and under-representative of the defense bar,” said Barrett. “Mara has the values and experience needed to get us closer to balance, which will contribute to the crucial pursuit of justice.”

Senator Barrett’s work was instrumental in passing criminal justice reform in Massachusetts, leading to a more equitable system that supports young and vulnerable residents, reduces recidivism, increases judicial discretion, and enhances public safety.

“Senator Barrett has long been a staunch advocate for criminal justice reform that protects public safety while ensuring that the rights of the accused are protected,” said Dolan. “It is essential that our judiciary have balance to ensure equal protection under the law. His endorsement means a great deal to me, and I know it will mean a great deal to voters.”

Dolan is challenging incumbent Marilyn Petito Devaney in the Democratic primary

The primary is on September 6, 2022. For more information, go to MaraDolan.com.

