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**SENATOR CINDY FRIEDMAN ENDORSES
PUBLIC DEFENDER MARA DOLAN
FOR GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL**

**SAYS “GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING
OUR JUDGES AND PAROLE BOARD MEMBERS”**

June 13, 2022, Concord, MA – Today Senator Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) endorsed public defender Mara Dolan for Governor’s Council, District 3, which includes Friedman’s State Senate District, Fourth Middlesex. The Governor’s Council vets and votes on judicial nominations, members of the Parole Board, and commutations and pardons.



“The Governor’s Council is responsible for appointing judges to our courts as well as members to the parole board,” said Friedman. “Mara will bring her experience as a public defender along with her intelligence, her compassion, and her ability to listen and work with others; all critical skills necessary to ensure quality and fairness in our criminal justice system. I whole-heartedly support Mara for Governor’s Council.”

“Senator Friedman worked hard to pass criminal justice reform legislation which included a Childhood Trauma Task Force to study and recommend gender responsive and trauma-informed approaches to treatment of youths in the juvenile justice system,” said Dolan. “We need to make sure all our judges and Parole Board members are prepared to use what we know about how to make sure our

children and youths are better off leaving the system than they were when they first came in.”

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

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