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**LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD MEMBER JOE PATO  
ENDORSES PUBLIC DEFENDER MARA DOLAN  
FOR GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL**

**SAYS “GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL OVERLOOKED BUT CRITICAL”**

June 20, 2022, Concord, MA – Today Lexington Select Board Member Joe Pato endorsed public defender Mara Dolan for Governor’s Council, District 3, which includes all of Lexington. The Governor’s Council vets and votes on judicial nominations, members of the Parole Board, and commutations and pardons.



"I am pleased to endorse Mara Dolan for the District 3 Governor’s Council seat," said Pato. "The Governor’s Council is often overlooked by voters but serves a critical role in shaping the Massachusetts judiciary by providing advice and consent on appointments of judges, members of the Parole Board, and pardons and commutations. Mara’s 15-year experience as a public defender will bring a unique and fresh perspective to the Governor’s Council. Her deep commitment to quality and fairness in the judicial system will add a strong voice for all in the Council."

"Joe Pato has always worked for fiscal and economic development along with public safety," said Dolan. "He knows they are both deeply connected to the economic and social costs we pay for the opiate crisis, and the role our court system plays, as well as the under-recognized significance of the role of the Governor’s Council across the board. I am honored to have earned his endorsement, and thankful for his support."

The primary is on September 6, 2022. For more information, go to [MaraDolan.com](http://MaraDolan.com).

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