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**REP. MICHELLE CICCOLO  
ENDORSES PUBLIC DEFENDER MARA DOLAN  
FOR GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL**

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June 23, 2022, Concord, MA – Today State Rep. Michelle Ciccolo (D-Lexington) endorsed public defender Mara Dolan for Governor’s Council, District 3. Ciccolo represents the 15<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District, which includes Lexington and Woburn. The Governor’s Council vets and votes on judicial nominations, members of the Parole Board, and commutations and pardons.

“I enthusiastically endorse Mara Dolan for Governor's Council because she has the kind of experience and background required for this role,” said Ciccolo. “Over the years, I have continued to be impressed with Mara for her diligence, hard work and sustained focus on helping people in need. Mara has served as a public defender for 15 years in the Superior, District, and Juvenile Courts. This gives her a unique and highly valuable perspective which is so essential as we work to reform our criminal justice system. We must have people on the Governor's Council who truly understand how the system works from the inside so that we can advance strategies that will create better life outcomes for all who interact with the courts. For these reasons, Mara is my choice for Governor's Council.”

“Rep. Ciccolo knows the job of the Governor’s Council is to make sure all nominees are fully qualified for their positions,” said Dolan. “She knows we must have a Governor’s Councilor with the experience to make sure everyone who is nominated, from clerk magistrates and judges to Parole Board members, have the highest qualifications and the character required to do their jobs well. I am very proud to have earned the endorsement of Rep. Michelle Ciccolo.”

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

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