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GOVERNOR'S COUNCILLOR MARILYN PETITTO DEVANEY VOTES TO CONFIRM ANTI-CHOICE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

“Inexcusable” says opponent Mara Dolan

July 20, 2022, Boston, MA – Today Governor’s Councillor Marilyn Petitto Devaney voted to confirm anti-choice nominee Claudine Cloutier as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court, saying, “We need more people like her.” Upon repeated questioning by several Councilors at her confirmation hearing, Cloutier refused to confirm that she supports the right to choose and has given to an anti-choice organization. The final vote was 5-3, and with one more vote against her the nomination would have been defeated.

Governors Councillors Eileen Duff, Paul DePalo, and Terry Kennedy voted no.

“It is inexcusable to confirm an anti-choice nominee for a Superior Court judgeship,” said Dolan. “Had the incumbent voted no, this nomination would have been defeated. The Supreme Court of the United States has taken away the right to choose. We must uphold our rights in Massachusetts, where 1 out of every 4 youths who seeks an abortion goes before a Superior Court judge for authorization. We must make sure the judge they appear before is pro-choice. Marilyn Petitto Devaney’s vote today is a vote against the right to choose, and disqualifies her from serving on the Governor’s Council in Massachusetts.”

Mara Dolan is the only candidate challenging an incumbent Governor’s Councillor this year, Marilyn Petitto Devaney.

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

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