

**Massachusetts 5th Congressional District Climate Survey 2013**

350 Action, the political arm of 350.org, and Boston Climate Research have conducted a survey of candidates for the Massachusetts 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the special election of 2013. The survey was sent to each candidate, and candidates provided responses as indicated below. Candidates were invited to provide supporting information. Where supporting information has been provided, a ‘+’ is shown after the response (e.g., “Yes +”) and the supporting information can be accessed by clicking on “Yes +”.

**If elected, will you make this item a priority and take aggressive action?**

- Yes** (for any “Yes” answers optionally provide supporting URL or documentation)
- No**
- Unsure**

	<b>Will Browns-berger</b>	<b>Katherine Clark</b>	<b>Peter Kou-toujian</b>	<b>Karen Spilka</b>	<b>Carl Sciortino</b>
<b>1. EPA Support</b> - Fight to strengthen the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the EPA.	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>2. Power Plant Emissions</b> - Fight for standards limiting emissions from new and existing power plants.	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>3. Renewable Energy</b> - Develop clean renewable energy – and support a national renewable portfolio standard (e.g., modeled on Massachusetts’ RPS standard).	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>4. Carbon Tax</b> - Implement a carbon tax so market forces can begin to reflect the true costs of fossil fuels.	Yes +	Yes +	Unsure (“maybe”) +	Yes	Yes
<b>5. Fossil Fuel Subsidies</b> - Remove the billions of dollars of subsidies and incentives currently going to the fossil fuel industry (the most profitable industry in the world).	Yes	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>6. Fracking</b> - Fight for natural gas emission standards requiring leak-free transfer of natural gas from wells, refineries and pipelines; Call for transparency, requiring companies to disclose chemicals used in the extraction process before drilling; Push the EPA to issue and aggressively enforce water and air pollution standards for drilling sites.	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>7. Mass Transportation</b> - Public transportation and high-speed rail.	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>8. Personal Transportation</b> - Vehicle energy efficiency standards and encourage a transition to alternative energy vehicles; Help communities improve bikeability and walkability.	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>9. Heating and Cooling Efficiency</b> - Programs to help homeowners and business owners improve the energy efficiency of their homes, offices, and businesses.	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>10. Food Supply</b> - Legislation designed to encourage more local farms and farming that is less dependent on fossil fuels.	Yes +	Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>11. International Cooperation</b> – Call for U.S. engagement with the international community and leadership in the formation of international treaties to control carbon emissions	Yes +	Yes +	Yes +	Yes	Yes
<b>12. Keystone XL</b> – Do you oppose the Keystone XL Pipeline?	No +	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The survey was also sent to the following candidates, but no response was received from them: Martin Long (D), Paul Maisano (D), Frank J. Addivola, Jr. (R), Mike Stopa (R), Tom Tierney (R)