

# MASSACHUSETTS FISCAL ALLIANCE



## 2014 Questionnaire for Legislative Candidates

Dear Candidate:

Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(4) organization that advocates a fiscally responsible approach on economic and fiscal issues, as well as advocating for good government issues. Our website is [www.MassFiscal.org](http://www.MassFiscal.org) and our legislative scorecard is [www.MassFiscalScorecard.org](http://www.MassFiscalScorecard.org). We encourage you to visit them.

Enclosed is a questionnaire concerning issues that are important to us: the Massachusetts economy, and good government advocacy. Please complete the questionnaire and send it back to me no later than **Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** If you wish to elaborate on any questions or provide appropriate campaign materials, please send them along.

Once returned, your questionnaire will be reviewed for a possible endorsement. If endorsed, you may use our endorsement for your campaign. We will notify the public, our members, and members of the media of your possible endorsement as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (617) 797-2540 or email at [paul@massfiscal.org](mailto:paul@massfiscal.org). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Paul D. Craney  
Executive Director

**Questionnaire Deadline:**

**Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Send To:**

**[paul@massfiscal.org](mailto:paul@massfiscal.org)**

# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Are you currently a business owner? Yes  No   
If not, have you ever been a business owner? Yes  No

Business/professional experience: Real Estate Management

Name of business (if applicable): N/A

Current employment: N/A

Groups/organization to which you belong: Citizens for Limited Taxation, NVA Vets Association of Cape + Islands, Boston College Alumni Association - Cape Cod Chapter, German-American Association of Cape Cod.

Previous political/elective experience: Long time political activist in Cape Cod area on numerous regional, state, and local issues, Former elected Barnstable Town Meeting Member

Other Endorsements: None at this time.

Please take a moment and answer the questions below. Please circle either a "Yes" or "No" for each answer, and if you wish, use the additional space to provide an explanation for your answers. You are more than welcome to use additional space by answering on a separate sheet of paper.

## GOOD GOVERNMENT ISSUES

1. Do you support public meetings being held behind closed doors in the State House?

Please circle: Yes /  No

Transparency, open government and accountability dictate that all public meetings be conducted in an open and honest fashion.

2. Do you support legislation that would require legislative committee votes to be made public?

Please circle:  Yes / No

This once again would aid transparency and accountability.

3. Do you support requiring a 2/3 majority to raise state taxes?

Please circle:  Yes / No

Raising state taxes should be a more difficult process than requiring a simple majority vote. It is the public's money after all.

4. Unions, including out of state unions, can donate up to \$15,000 to candidates in Massachusetts. Individuals can only contribute up to \$500 and corporations are prohibited from donating at all. Do you support efforts to reduce the amount unions can donate directly to a candidate?

Please circle:

Unions should be at the same level as individuals at \$500:  Yes / No

Unions should be at the same level as corporations at \$0:  Yes / No

Unions should be restricted to either of the choices given above.

5. Do you support streaming legislative hearings online as they happen?

Please circle:  Yes / No

This would facilitate public access to  
to legislative and committee hearing process.

6. Do you support posting the budget, bills and amendments online prior to a vote so that the public and lawmakers may have an opportunity to view them?

Please circle:

Budget?  Yes / No

Bills?  Yes / No

Amendments?  Yes / No

This would be conducive to good government!

7. Will you pledge to stand in support of a roll call any time it is requested? Please circle:  Yes / No

Standing in support of a roll call would help  
to clarify how each vote was made.

## FISCAL ISSUES

8. Do you support an increase to the state's minimum wage?

Please circle:  Yes / No

Would you support an increase to \$11 an hour?

Please circle: Yes /  No

Would you support an increase to \$10.50 an hour?

Please circle: Yes /  No

Would you support linking future increases to the rate of inflation?

Please circle: Yes /  No

Would you support an increase for tipped employees?

Please circle:  Yes / No

I would support a \$1.00 per hour increase in  
the state's minimum wage, and a .50 cents per  
hour increase in the minimum wage for tipped  
employees. These amounts would be more realistic  
and in line with inflation that has transpired  
over the last 30 years or so.

9. Would you support legislation that would allow a sales tax on internet transactions from out of state businesses?

Please circle: Yes /  No

I do not support taxing of internet transactions in general.

10. Do you support the current proposed Paid Sick Leave mandate?

Please circle: Yes /  No

Employee benefits, including sick leave, should be a matter of negotiation between an employer and an employee.

11. Do you support reducing the sales tax to 5% and income tax to 5%?

Please circle: Sales Tax Reduction to 5%:  Yes / No    Income Tax Reduction to 5%:  Yes / No

Reduction both these taxes would help to increase economic growth, job creation, and consumer spending.

12. Do you support eliminating the cap on public charter schools?

Please circle:  Yes / No

Charter schools in general have a good record of success overall, so lifting the cap might produce more examples of success from both a fiscal and education standpoint.

13. Do you support efforts to repeal the so-called Pacheco law?

Please circle:  Yes / No

I support its repeal or amendment so that any cost-benefit analysis is performed by an outside and independent firm.

14. Do you support efforts to eliminate the state's death tax?

Eliminate? Please circle:  Yes / No

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15. Do you support the proposed expansion of the bottle bill? . Please circle: Yes /  No

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16. Do you support or oppose efforts to eliminate the state's prevailing wage law?

Eliminate? Please circle:  Yes / No

I support efforts to eliminate the state's prevailing wage law. It is detrimental to small businesses and job creation in Massachusetts

17. Do you support allowing cash withdrawals from EBT cards?

Please circle: Yes /  No

Do you support allowing undocumented residents to obtain EBT cards?

Yes /  No

Do you support verifying social security numbers for EBT benefits?

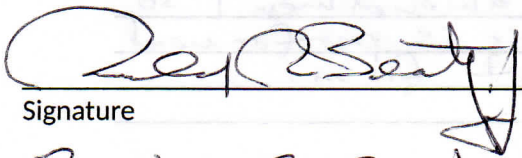
Yes / No

Do you support placing a picture ID on EBT cards?

Yes / No

These questions and the responses provided are a matter of common sense.

Thank you! You have completed Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance's questionnaire. Please sign the questionnaire and return it to: paul@massfiscal.org.



Signature

07/07/2014  
Date

Ronald R. Beauty, Jr

Printed Name

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