



2021 Haverhill Mayoral Candidate **VOTER GUIDE**

	Would you support rehabilitating, expanding, and better utilizing our existing homes and storefronts?	Is our “Main Street” Downtown healthy and successful? If not, what would you do to change that?	Would you vote in support of a motion to allocate funding from the city budget for reentry programming for incarcerated people who are being released into society?	How would you vote on a motion that says, “racism is a public health issue?”	Do you support having our own version of the Cariol’s Law (make it a crime for a law enforcement officer to fail to intervene when another officer is using excessive force)?
Jim Fiorentini	Absolutely yes. We’ve already done that. We’ve put millions of dollars into rehabbing our homes through the Community Block Grant, but we need to do more. I support expanding housing opportunities including affordable and low-income housing.	Most of it is. The Washington Street end is very healthy. When I took office, it was all boarded up buildings. We’ve attracted \$200 million in new investment, we have 22 new restaurants, and we have thousands of people, many young and minorities who work in those. We worked hard to support those businesses during COVID.	Yes. One of the first things I did as Mayor, was say that we’re no longer going to do CORI checks on people who work in low-level jobs in the city. We want to give kids a second chance, so that even if they made a mistake in life, they’d still get a second chance. As a lawyer I worked with many young people and went to many jails.	I will and I’ve already done that. Mayors don’t vote on motions; they make them, and I’ve already filed a resolution that says racism is a public health issue. When you look at the outcomes in medicine, you see that. Over and over again, you see that minorities have a worse outcome than others. Yes, I think it is a public health issue. I’ve already said so and will continue to say so.	No. I don’t think it’s necessary. The police reform bill that went through the legislature already incorporated most of those provisions. What happened out in Wisconsin where someone was murdered while other officers stood by can’t happen under the new police reform. They’re required if they see something to stop it. I support that. I don’t think a local law is necessary. The state law took care of that and I’m glad they did.
Colin LePage	Yes.	Yes, but it could always be improved. They have some issues with parking. It’s great to be thriving downtown, but you need to accommodate folks. Not a lot of folks use the parking deck. They’re not aware of it.	Yes, but there’s more detail to that. You can’t just put money without resources and organizing on how it gets done. We do have funds through new revenue coming to the city that we should be allocating to that. We have funds through the Cannabis Impact Funds that are brand new to the city and the intent is for social justice programs.	I would vote yes, but I wouldn’t want it to be just a symbolic vote. If there’s something coming from that, then sure but if it’s just to do a symbolic vote, it doesn’t really change things. One idea is to have ward and district City Councilors instead of at-large representation.	As we heard about George Floyd, yes. At the same time, I don’t like when people want to paint all as one way or another, so when they talk about police and such like that. In every situation and every people, there’s good and bad, and so you can’t paint them all with the same brush. If someone has done something incorrectly, then it should be rectified.

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