



## ELECTION ACTIVITY 2008

The Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters (MLEV) is a statewide, non-partisan organization turning environmental values into Massachusetts priorities. MLEV has endorsed 37 candidates in this fall's election and is working through its Political Action Fund to elect environmental candidates throughout the state. Our goal is to create a green majority in the State House.

Many of the candidates we've helped elect have become leaders in the State House: Rep. Brownsberger and Rep. Ehrlich received 100% on our 2008 scorecard and led efforts to pass global warming legislation; Rep. Peake (94% on our scorecard) was instrumental in the passage of the Ocean Management Bill in the House. Electing environmental leaders brings results!

### Keeping Score: the Environmental Scorecard

MLEV tallies the votes in the legislature so citizens can learn how their elected representatives voted on important environmental issues. The residents of Massachusetts expect our elected officials to support commonsense environmental policies, and that is why MLEV compiles and publishes the Massachusetts Environmental Scorecard. It is a tool to distinguish between those legislators who vote to protect our quality of life and those who offer empty promises.

- Our 2008 scorecard was released in early September.
- We mailed 8,600 copies to members of environmental groups and voters in targeted districts.
- The scorecard generated nearly a dozen local newspaper articles.

### Electing Environmental Leaders

The political process is essential to protecting our environment and health. Who we choose to represent us in elected office can make all the difference for the health of our environment. That's why MLEV works to elect pro-environment candidates to create an environmental majority in the State House.

#### ❖ Primaries

- 79% of our endorsed candidates won in the 2008 primary: 15 of 19 endorsees
- Three endorsees were in the state Senate (2 wins & 1 loss) and 16 in the House (13 wins & 3 losses)
- Several races were extremely close, within just a couple hundred votes.
- We spent organizational resources in five Tier 1 races and won 60%.
- Our Tier 1 winners include: Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, Carolyn Dykema, and Ken Donnelly (Senate).
- We had a 50% win rate in our Tier 2 races, helping to re-elect Rep. Carl Sciortino.
- In our Tier 1 races, we mailed 13,000 postcards, generated 12,500 'Get Out the Vote' calls, organized phone banks, canvassed, and provided staff resources.

## ❖ General Election Endorsements

We've endorsed 26 candidates with opponents in the General Election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. We need your help to ensure that our environmental champions are re-elected and that we elect create a green majority on Beacon Hill.

### House of Representatives

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barnstable- Rep. Patrick
- 4<sup>th</sup> Barnstable- Rep. Peake
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bristol- Rep. Barrows
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Bristol- Bowles**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Essex- Rep. Hill
- 8<sup>th</sup> Essex- Rep. Ehrlich
- 15<sup>th</sup> Essex- Rep. Campbell
- 18<sup>th</sup> Essex- Rep. L'Italien
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hampden- Rep. Puppolo
- **1<sup>st</sup> Middlesex- Wood**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Middlesex- Arciero
- 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex- Gregoire
- **8<sup>th</sup> Middlesex- Dykema**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Middlesex- Rep. Atkins

**Bold** indicates priority

- 20<sup>th</sup> Middlesex- Rep. Jones
- 31<sup>st</sup> Middlesex- Lewis
- **37<sup>th</sup> Middlesex- Benson**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Norfolk- Rep. Ross
- 4<sup>th</sup> Plymouth- Cantwell
- 5<sup>th</sup> Worcester- Rep. Gobi
- 6<sup>th</sup> Worcester- Rep. Alicea
- Brad Hill

### Senate

- Bristol & Norfolk- Sen. Timilty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex- Sen. Fargo
- 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex- Donnelly
- Middlesex & Worcester- Rep. Eldridge
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Suffolk- Chang-Diaz**

## ❖ Your support makes a significant difference in close races.

- **With a contribution of \$80 we can generate 1,000 phone calls to voters.**
- **\$250 can create 225 mailers plus 417 calls.**
- **\$500 allows us to mail 1,111 postcards to swing voters.**