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RE: Ward 15 Dems Endorse in the Fifth Suffolk House race
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Ward 15 Democrats Endorse Darrin Howell for Fifth Suffolk House Seat

Darrin Howell, candidate for the Fifth Suffolk House seat (being vacated by Evandro Carvalho), won the endorsement of the Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee at the monthly meeting, Saturday, July 21, 2018. All three Democratic candidates in this race were considered, and Howell won the necessary two-thirds majority of voting members. The district includes eighteen precincts in Dorchester and Roxbury, stretching from Uphams Corner, across to Grove Hall and down to Fields Corner. Ward 15's eight precincts comprise about 45% of the Fifth Suffolk District.

Howell is a graduate of the BPS and has three children in the Boston schools currently. He began his career as an organizer when he was hired by then-Councilor Chuck Turner to assist with constituent services and was trained to be a National Political Organizer by the Congressional Black Caucus. He went on to serve as a political advocate for 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East in local, state and national campaigns. He overcame a CORI to turn his life around and become a role model and activist for the incarcerated. Among his many activities, for the past ten years he has run [an annual Christmas toy drive](#) for families affected by incarceration.

Many Ward Committee members acknowledged the benefit of having more than one quality candidate, but noted Howell's history of direct action and his reputation for having a strong voice when representing working people. Knowing and being known by multiple members of the House and Senate, "*Darrin Howell will not need any on-the-job training,*" said Ward Committee Secretary Janet Jones, who advocated for Howell. "*He'll be ready on day one to represent our district in the House.*"

Another member of the Committee, Davida Andelman, praised the other Democratic candidates, but supported Howell: "*I cannot wait for another learning curve in another elected official. I want action now, and Darrin is ready to represent the many needs of the district immediately,*" said Andelman.

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