PUBLIC HEALTH VOTER CHECKLIST

IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

☐ For candidates running for statewide office: Does the candidate support elevating the Commissioner of Public Health to a cabinet level position?

☐ For candidates running for statewide office: Does the candidate have a clear plan for mitigating the impacts of future waves COVID-19 variants, including strategies for delivering additional rounds of vaccine to hard-hit communities and marginalized populations?

TRANSFORMING THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

☐ Does the candidate support creating a 21st-century local public health system for Massachusetts that includes minimum standards for every community?

☐ Does the candidate support allocating state funding on an annual basis to help local boards of health achieve minimum standards and provide equitable public health protections to all Massachusetts residents?

ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

☐ Will the candidate prioritize affordable housing policy solutions that are supported by communities that have been disproportionately harmed by racist housing policies and practices?

☐ Does the candidate support lifting the ban on rent control in Massachusetts?

INVESTING IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

☐ Is the candidate committed to providing affordable and reliable public transportation across the state, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality in low-income communities and improve public health outcomes?

☐ Does the candidate support making Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) buses fare free?

ADDRESSING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

☐ Does the candidate support support legislation to authorize safe consumption sites in Massachusetts?

☐ Does the candidate support a public health approach to addressing the opioid epidemic and increasing evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders?