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Boncore wins State Senate primary

First Senator nominated in history from Town of Winthrop

By Cary Shuman

Attorney Joseph Boncore won in his hometown of Winthrop by a decisive margin and showed strength across the First Suffolk and Middlesex District on his way to topping the ticket in the Massachusetts State Senate Democratic Primary held Tuesday.

Boncore led the field of seven candidates in Winthrop with approximately 2,200 votes and garnered 4,021 votes overall.

Boncore also received strong votes in Revere, East Boston, the other Boston neighborhoods, and Cambridge to surge to an impressive victory.

Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo carried Revere but was second overall with 3,681 votes, followed by State Rep. Jay Livingstone (2,172), Lydia Edwards (2,084), Diana Hwang (1,930) Revere Councillor-at-Large Steve Morabito (627) and Paul Rogers (173). All vote tallies

were unofficial at press time.

There were no Republican candidates in Tuesday's election, meaning that Boncore will be unopposed in the general election on May 10.

The Senate race grew heated in the final few weeks leading up to the primary. Fliers with a negative tone were circulated in the district last week. Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo posted a statement Tuesday on Facebook indicating that he was "very

disappointed this morning to learn" a campaign flier was distributed throughout the city without his [Arrigo's] consent. "Just so everyone understands: I have not endorsed any candidate in the race."

The Senate seat became vacant when Anthony Petrucci of East Boston stepped down to take a position in the private sector. The seat had been held by an East Boston resident for decades.



Phip Boncore gives a big hug to his son, Joseph, the new Senator for the First Suffolk and Middlesex District.



Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jackie Fantes, MD, Nobel Prize winner Dr. Muhammad Yunus, and EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes listen to Head of EBNHC emergency department, Dr. Stylianos Maheras, and EBNHC Vice President of Marketing and Development Steve Snyder.



Dr. Muhammad Yunus visited the Health Center last week to gain insight on how the Health Center's programs benefit the community while staying true to its mission of delivering quality health care to people who may not have the ability or means to pay.

Channel Fish keeps up fight against substation

By John Lynds

In a neighborhood decimated by environmental risks that has played host to the region's transportation infrastructure like Logan Airport and its jet fuel farms, three harbor tunnels and Route 1A, residents are becoming increasingly wary of Eversource's plans to place a substation at the City Yards directly across from American Legion Playground in Eagle Square.

For months, East Boston's Channel Fish Company in Eagle Square, a plant that processes fish for human and animal consumption as well as bait, has been fighting Eversource's plan to place the substation next to its factory. Channel Fish's owner, Louis Silvestro, has been pleading his case to the state's Energy

Facilities Siting Board who will rule on the substation's location.

Aside from his environmental concerns, Silvestro argues the magnetic field the substation would produce would hinder very sensitive metal detection equipment inside his fish processing plant.

At Monday night's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association meeting, Channel Fish's attorney Don Berardi squared off against Eversource's John Hoey.

While Hoey argued the substation is necessary to handle forecasted electric load growth in the area, Berardi said the existing Chelsea substation that feeds Eastie is enough to handle forecasts.

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Nobel Prize winner visits EBNHC

By John Lynds

Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Muhammad Yunus, paid a visit to East Boston Neighborhood Health Center last Wednesday afternoon to gain insight on how the Health Center's programs benefit the community while staying true to its mission of delivering quality health care to people who may not have the ability of means to pay.

"It was an inspiring visit to EBNHC by Professor Yunus," said EBNHC's Chief

Medical Officer Dr. Jackie Fantes. "We are very pleased and honored that he was able to visit our health center. He has done amazing work in helping the underserved and shares in our mission. As a primary care physician and leader in a community health center, I share in his passion for providing primary care for everyone."

Dr. Yunus, a social entrepreneur who pioneered banking concepts that helped the very poor in his home country of Bangladesh, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his work supporting the underserved. He also received the United States Medal of Freedom in 2009 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010.

Dr. Yunus is interested in starting community health centers in other parts of the world, and was in the country to see how EBNHC has become the model for health

centers in the region. He, along with guests from Becker College, toured EBNHC's Emergency Department, Women's Health, and other Primary Care Departments.

"I was amazed at how many of our staff knew of Professor Yunus's work," said EBNHC's Head of Emergency Department, Dr. Stylianos Maheras. "From East Boston to Bangladesh, there are so many incredible people committed to helping the underserved with health issues."

Dr. Yunus, a social entrepreneur, banker, economist and civil society leader, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for founding the Grameen Bank and pioneering the concepts of microcredit and microfinance. These loans are given to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans. In 2006, Yunus and the Grameen Bank were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts

through microcredit to create economic and social development from below". The Norwegian Nobel Committee said that "lasting peace cannot be achieved unless large population groups find ways in which to break out of poverty" and that "across cultures and civilizations, Yunus and Grameen Bank have shown that even the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development".

"We are grateful to Professor Yunus and the staff from Becker College visiting and spending so much time here at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center," said EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes. "Professor Yunus's commitment to the people of Bangladesh is so commendable and it was a big thrill for our staff to meet someone of his stature so passionate about treating the underserved."

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