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## **BRIAN ASHE ENDORSES GALE CANDARAS FOR STATE SENATE**

**Longmeadow Selectman, Brian Ashe, a candidate for the Senate in last September's Democratic Primary, joins Candaras for final general election effort.**

(Longmeadow, MA) Chairman of the Longmeadow Select Board, Brian Ashe, a candidate in the September Democratic Primary for the 1<sup>st</sup> Hampden and Hampshire District Senate seat, today announced his endorsement of State Representative Gale D. Candaras (D-Wilbraham), for the State Senate seat held by Sen. Brian Lees. Lees is not seeking re-election.

“This Senate seat is so important to all of us in the district, from the people I represent in Longmeadow to the residents of Springfield, Belchertown and beyond. We need a strong and powerful voice fighting for all of us. That is why I am asking my supporters to vote for Gale Candaras as our next State Senator,” stated Ashe.

“She has the respect of her colleagues in the legislature, in *both* the House and Senate, to get things done for all of us. The challenges we face in western Massachusetts will need an experienced and intelligent Senator advocating for us – someone whose voice is known and respected on Beacon Hill. Gale clearly knows how to make her voice heard,” said Ashe.

“During our respective Democratic Primary campaigns for the Senate, Gale and I agreed on all the really important issues. We both know that for all of us to get our fair share in western Massachusetts it will be an everyday battle on Beacon Hill. Gale fights that fight for her House District now, everyday,” said Ashe.

“Gale and I know how important it is to make Boston understand that there are municipalities on this side of I-495 that are hurting. I understand it as a Longmeadow Selectman and Gale knows it too – not just as a State Representative, but as a former Wilbraham Selectwoman herself,” said Ashe.

“This endorsement is one of the most important I could receive. Brian Ashe is a great voice for the people of the Longmeadow. I met with him after the Democratic Primary was over, he is a committed and caring public servant and his concerns are mine. I will rely heavily upon him should the people we mutually serve elect me to the State Senate,” said Candaras.

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