



Yesterday, Marisa participated in the North Quabbin U.S. Senate Democratic Candidates forum. After the forum, audience members and party faithfuls voted in a straw poll based on their candidate's preference and Marisa overwhelmingly won the vote with a whopping 43.4%! The 2nd place finisher registered with 28.3%

This goes to show that true grassroots campaigns can be won from person to person. Those in attendance saw the passionate fighter in Marisa, who advocated for a government that works for the people, not just the privileged 1%. We need an energetic, true progressive for Massachusetts, and Marisa is that candidate for us. Read the full press release from Genevieve Fraser of the Orange Democratic Town Committee below the jump.

-Team DeFranco

DeFranco Wins US Senate Democratic Candidates Straw Poll at North Quabbin Forum

Despite a pre-winter snow storm that delayed the arrival of Tony Cignoli, moderator for Thursday evening's US Senate Democratic Candidates Forum, party faithful from Franklin County, Greenfield and the North Quabbin region arrived at the Ellinwood Country Club in Athol to welcome four of the remaining candidates hoping to win the primary and face off against Republican Senator Scott Brown during the 2012 election.

Immediately following the forum, a straw poll ballot was conducted which contained the names of each of the declared candidates, including the presumed front-runner, Elizabeth Warren.

The results were as follows:

DeFranco - 43.4% (23 votes)

Conroy - 28.3% (15 votes)

Warren - 18.9% (10 votes)

King - 9.4% (5 votes)

Participants in the evening's forum included Tom Conroy, State Representative for the 13th Middlesex District, Marisa DeFranco, an immigration lawyer, Jim King, a corporate lawyer and Herb Robinson, an engineer. After a five minute introduction each candidate answered questions that were largely audience generated.

Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard Law School professor and former Special Advisor for the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, was not in attendance.

Thursday's forum was sponsored by the North Quabbin Democratic Coalition and the Democratic Town Committees of Athol, Barre, Buckland, Greenfield, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Royalston, Templeton & Wendell. Democratic State Committee member, Nicole LaChapelle served as Master of Ceremonies.

The forum and straw poll were filmed by Athol- Orange Community Television (AOTV) and edited by Greenfield Community Television (GCTV). Public radio station WFCR was also on hand to record audio.

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