

**Richard Tisei giving 'serious consideration' to rematch with John Tierney  
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Republican Richard Tisei, who narrowly lost his bid to unseat US Representative John F. Tierney last year, said today he is giving "a lot of serious thought and serious consideration" to running again for the Sixth Congressional District seat in 2014.

Tisei, who lost by a single percentage point in November, said in a telephone interview there were three questions that he was mulling as he moved toward a decision, which he expected to make by summer's end.

The first was whether he could offer more effective representation for the district. The second was if he could help strengthen the Massachusetts delegation's "clout in Congress," where the US House of Representatives is currently controlled by the GOP. And the third was whether he thought he could help "change the poisonous atmosphere" in Washington, D.C.

If I feel like I can check off all three of those boxes, I'd be very inclined" to make a run, he said.

Tisei, former state legislator and 2010 GOP nominee for lieutenant governor, noted: "I'm leaving my calendar open for the next 16 months."

Still, he added he was not fully focused on politics right now.

Tisei, who is openly gay, married his longtime life partner, Bernard F. Starr, earlier this month.

Whether or not Tisei mounts a second bid, Tierney will definitely face an opponent in 2014. Seth Moulton, a Marblehead native and former Marine, said earlier this month said she will run as well.

"I welcome people of all parties to the campaign to represent the residents and families of the 6th District in Congress," Tierney said in a statement.

In the second quarter of the year, Tierney raised \$214,000. But only \$123,000 of that came from individuals, a rather anemic sum. The rest of his three-month haul came from political committees.

The Sixth District includes encompasses the northeastern part of the state, from Bedford to Saugus to Rockport to Salisbury.

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