

Massachusetts CD-05

Katherine Clark (D)

BIOGRAPHY



Biography: Now that Ed Markey has moved up to the Senate, House Democrats can count on an equally outspoken liberal to take his place. Born in New Haven, Connecticut, Katherine Clark says she was inspired to get into public service by her grandmother, a real-life Rosie the Riveter who worked in a factory during World War II. After graduating from St. Lawrence University with a degree in history, Clark briefly waited tables for \$2.00 an hour before moving on to law

school at Cornell. She practiced law in Chicago, and then clerked for a federal judge in Colorado. After a stint with the Colorado District Attorneys Council, she moved to Massachusetts where she became general counsel for the state's Office of Child Care Services, earning a graduate degree from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in her spare time. While she had always been a vocal champion of women's rights, Clark didn't become active politically until 2001, when she won a seat on the School Committee in Melrose. Soon she set her sights on the state senate, losing out to moderate Republican Richard Tisei in 2004. Two years later she tried again, this time running for a seat in the state house before dropping out mid-race. The third time would prove a charm for Clark, who finally won a seat in the state house in 2008. By 2010 she had made her way to the upper chamber, where she chaired the Judiciary Committee, earning a reputation for railing against "Republican extremists" and voting the party line. Clark jumped out of the gate quickly in the MA-05 special election, filing her nomination papers in February, four months before Markey won his Senate seat. She took advantage of the lead time to get to know her constituents, embarking on what she calls a "kitchen table tour" of voters' homes in her largely-suburban district. Between that personal touch and a well-funded campaign that featured high-profile endorsements from Nancy Pelosi and EMILY's List, Clark won the primary with ease and coasted to victory over Republican Frank Addivino.

Fast Facts

Born: July 17, 1963 New Haven, CT

Residence: Melrose

Religion: Christian

Family: Married, Rod Dowell; three children

Education: St. Lawrence University, B.A.; Cornell University, J.D.; Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

Career: Attorney; staff attorney, Colo. Dist. Attorneys Council; general counsel, Mass. office of child care services

Previous Office: Mass. House, 2008-11; Mass. Senate, 2011-present

LOCAL COVERAGE

From *The Boston Globe*: "The five candidates who are running in the Democratic primary to succeed Markey are all solid, well-credentialed politicians who cut their teeth in an entirely different atmosphere on Beacon Hill. Voters must decide which contender's style of leadership best translates to the Capitol. ... Of them all, however, the one who has best articulated a strategy for navigating the bitterly divided House is state Senator Katherine Clark of Melrose, whose warmth and intelligence are complemented by a sharp understanding of the issues and a shrewd legislative game plan. The Globe is pleased to offer

her its endorsement in next Tuesday's Democratic primary. ... Clark has clear goals. Most of all, she wants to be the congresswoman who brings universal pre-kindergarten to the children of America. She knows it will be a long fight, and that she must draw conservatives to her side. But she's ready to begin that work on day one." (Editorial, "Sense Of Mission Makes Clark The Best Choice For US House," *The Boston Globe*, 10/10/13)

Political Information

2013 ELECTION RESULTS

Election	Party	Candidate	Percent	Votes
2013 Special Election	Dem	Kathrine Clark	66%	40,172
	Rep	Frank J. Addivola Jr.	32%	19,319
2013 Primary Election	Dem	Katherine Clark	32%	21,983
	Dem	Peter J. Koutoujian	22%	15,303

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS

Election	Party	Candidate	Percent	Votes
2012 General Election	Dem	Ed Markey	71%	257,490
	Rep	Tom Tierney	23%	82,944

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

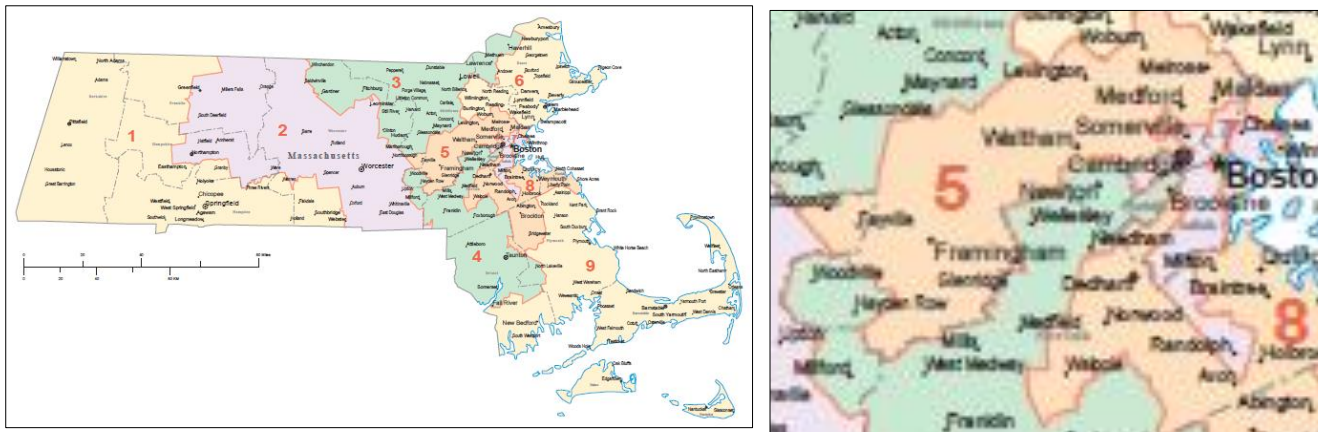
Election	Party	Candidate	Percent	Votes
2012 Presidential Election	Dem	Barack Obama	65%	235,984
	Rep	Mitt Romney	33%	119,934
2008 Presidential Election	Dem	Barack Obama	66%	231,423
	Rep	John McCain	32%	110,618

DISTRICT DESCRIPTION

Massachusetts Congressional District 5: Wrapped around Boston's northern and western edges, this largely-suburban district is mixed bag of academic elite, blue collar laborers, historic hotbeds, and cradles of industry. Bedroom communities in the district include parts of Cambridge (of Harvard and M.I.T. fame), and all of Medford and Waltham, home to Tufts and Brandeis Universities respectively. Charles Goodyear first vulcanized rubber in working-class Woburn. Framingham is home base to iconic retailers Staples and T.J. Maxx. And the shots heard 'round the world were fired from Lexington. The common denominator in this diverse district is prosperity. At 6.9%, the unemployment rate is below the national average. The education, healthcare, and professional sectors dominate in this affluent, well-

educated district. And more growth is expected in the years ahead in the high tech and biotech sectors. Although residents have supported Republican candidates at the state level, most notably former governor Mitt Romney, in federal elections the district traditionally votes Democrat.

STATE AND DISTRICT MAP



Counties Represented: Middlesex (Arlington, Ashland, Belmont, parts of Cambridge, Framingham, Holliston, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Natick, Sherborn, Stoneham, Sudbury, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Weston, Winchester, and Woburn), Suffolk (Revere and Winthrop), Worcester (Southborough)

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Category	Estimate
Total population	758,851
Median age (years)	38.80
18 years and over	593,081
65 years and over	108,206
Race	
White	591,804
Black or African American	37,495
Asian	73,784
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	57,793
Employment Status	
Civilian labor force	422,149
Employed	393,068
Unemployed	29,081

Category	Estimate
Armed Forces	603
Percent Unemployed	6.9%
Occupations	
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	207,161
Service occupations	58,512
Sales and office occupations	84,013
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	18,858
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	24,524
Top Industries	
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	115,731
Professional, scientific, and management, administrative and waste management services	66,149
Retail trade	39,134
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	37,560
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	31,480
Economic	
Median household income (dollars)	\$79,474
Mean household income (dollars)	\$108,197
Health Insurance Coverage	
With private health insurance	596,237
With public coverage	206,945
No health insurance coverage	23,117
Education	
Percent high school graduate or higher	93.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	52.3%

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Candidate	Party	Receipts (\$):	Indiv. Cont. (\$)	PAC Cont. (\$)	Candidate (\$)	Spent (\$)	Debt (\$)
Clark, Katherine	Dem	1,436,932	1,068,557	118,175	250,000	1,190,782	250,000
Addivinola, Frank	Rep	100,066	34,884	3,450	61,731	19,993	57,148

TOP DONORS BY INDUSTRY: KATHERINE CLARK

Rank	Industry	Total
1	Lawyers/Law Firms	\$51,150
2	Retired	\$49,750
3	Women's Issues	\$36,100
4	Business Services	\$21,344
5	Securities & Investment	\$19,850
6	TV/Movies/Music	\$18,700
7	Education	\$14,000
8	Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$9,950
9	Non-Profit Institutions	\$9,800
10	Real Estate	\$9,350
11	Misc Services	\$6,700
12	Building Trade Unions	\$6,000
13	Insurance	\$5,950
14	General Contractors	\$5,950
15	Printing & Publishing	\$5,450

(Center For Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org, Accessed 11/20/13)

TOP DONORS BY BUSINESS / GROUP: KATHERINE CLARK

Rank	Business / Group	Total
1	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$8,200
2	Harvard University	\$6,450
3	Bingham McCutchen LLP	\$5,700

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4	Mintz, Levin et al	\$5,250
5	Barbara Lee Family Foundation	\$5,200
6	Barr Foundation	\$5,200
7	Re/Max Heritage	\$5,200
8	Fay M Chandler	\$5,200
9	Trinity College	\$5,200
10	Suffolk Construction	\$5,200
11	Global Petroleum	\$5,200
12	Jdc Demolition	\$5,200
13	National Mentor	\$5,200
14	Metropolitan Opera	\$5,200
15	Beacon Strategies Group	\$5,200
16	Ironworkers Union	\$5,000
17	Teamsters Union	\$5,000
18	Holland & Knight	\$3,600
19	First Realty Management	\$3,600
20	Civitas Public Affairs	\$3,600

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Policy Information

PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT

Clark Shares “The Liberal Values Of Her Fifth District Democrats,” But She Has Been Open To Bills That Would Disappoint Some Liberals. “Clark shares the liberal values of many Fifth District Democrats, but has shown herself to be a strategic thinker; her willingness to support a ‘grand bargain’ to trim the long-term federal deficit, even if it includes some provisions that are disappointing to liberals, is a sign of maturity.” (Editorial, “Sense Of Mission Makes Clark The Best Choice For US House,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/10/13)

- ***The Boston Globe*: “Clark’s Refusal To Allow The Perfect To Be The Enemy Of The Good Suggests She Would Be A Productive Lawmaker.”** (Editorial, “Sense Of Mission Makes Clark The Best Choice For US House,” *The Boston Globe*, 10/10/13)

Clark Campaigned Across The District Bashing Republicans, Calling Her Future House Colleagues “Extremist.” “Campaigning across the mostly suburban district, which covers all or part of 24 towns and

cities from Winthrop to Holliston, Clark focused on women's issues and on knocking congressional Republicans. 'The extremist Republicans in the House ... are trying to take away a woman's right to choose, they are trying to deny millions of Americans the right to affordable health insurance,' she said at a Democratic voter forum in September, a theme she emphasized throughout her months on the campaign trail." (Joshua Miller, "Clark, Addivino To Vie For Markey's Seat," *The Boston Globe*, 10/16/13)

***The Boston Globe* Reported Clark's Television Ads Relied On "Well-Worn Democratic Talking Points" And Derided Republicans.** "Clark, whose campaign raised almost a million dollars, aired three television ads in recent weeks. In each, she derided Republicans and underlined her support for equal pay for women in the workplace and female reproductive rights – hewing to well-worn Democratic talking points." (Joshua Miller, "Clark, Addivino To Vie For Markey's Seat," *The Boston Globe*, 10/16/13)

ON DEFENSE

Clark Backs Cuts To Military Spending, Agreeing With Former Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) That Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars Of Spending Could Be Sliced. Clark: "I believe we can cut military spending and keep our country safe. I agree with Barney Frank that we can trim our military spending in strategic areas. For example, we can reduce our Navy's fleet from 313 to 230 ships, reduce our arsenal of nuclear warheads to 1,050, and delay the procurement of the new refueling tanker the Air Force has requested, even though the current fleet is still operational. According to Barney Frank's 2010 commission, this would save \$250 billion over the course of ten years." ("Where Democrats Stand On Military Matters," *The MetroWest Daily News*, 10/10/13)

- **Clark: "Defense Spending Is Far Too Big A Percentage Of Our Total Budget, And We Need To Invest More Money In Our Children, Rather Than Unnecessary Military Equipment."** ("Where Democrats Stand On Military Matters," *The MetroWest Daily News*, 10/10/13)

ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Clark Proudly Received The Sierra Club Endorsement, Noting Climate Change Is "One Of The Most Urgent Issues Of Our Time." "It's a great honor to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club,' Clark said. 'Climate change is one of the most urgent issues of our time, affecting not only our natural environment, but our economy, public health and national security. We must act now to fully fund and implement our existing environmental protections and act decisively to improve energy efficiency, reduce fossil fuel dependency and spur innovation in clean energy production.'" ("Sierra Club Endorses Clark," *Medford [MA] Transcript*, 11/14/13)

Clark Supports Strong Regulations On Fossil Fuel Power Plants And A Carbon Tax To Reduce Reliance On Those Types Of Fuels. "It's time to get America running on clean energy like solar and wind power. Here in Massachusetts we have the technological know-how to power this transformation and to benefit from the jobs it will create. Katherine supports strong regulations on fossil fuel power plants and a carbon tax system that will reduce reliance on fossil fuels. It will also level the playing field and encourage more development of clean energy." (Katherine Clark For Congress, "Issues," www.katherineclarkforcongress.com, Accessed 11/20/13)

ON HEALTH CARE

"Clark Said Congress' Focus Should Be On Implementing The [Affordable Care Act] And Can Learn Lessons From The Massachusetts Health-Care Law While Doing So. 'This Is An Important Historical Step For Our Country,' Said Clark." (Anamika Roy, "Primary Winners Speak At Forum," *Dover-Sherborn Press*, 10/24/13)

Clark Promised To Protect Women's Access To Health Care, Family Planning And Reproductive Choice.

"State Sen. Katherine Clark pledged to be a champion in Congress for a woman's access to health care, family planning, and the right to make her own reproductive choices. 'I'm sick and tired of extremist Republicans trying to play politics with women's health care,' Clark said. 'These incessant attacks on health care providers like Planned Parenthood have the potential to restrict women's access to basic medical care, like physical exams and diabetes testing, cancer screenings, and tests for sexually transmitted diseases.'" ("Clark Vows To Stand For Women's Health, Reproductive Rights," *Medford Transcript*, 9/26/13)

"Clark Would Support The Healthy Families Act And Would Fight To Expand The Family Medical Leave Act, Which Currently Covers Less Than 60 Percent Of American Workers And Does Not Include Paid Leave." ("Clark Advocates For Workers," *Belmont Citizen-Herald*, 9/12/13)

"Clark Has Also Supported Massachusetts Legislation To Ensure Paid Sick Days For All Massachusetts Workers, To Attend To Illness Or Medical Care For Themselves, Or A Sick Child, Spouse Or Parent." ("Clark Advocates For Workers," *Belmont Citizen-Herald*, 9/12/13)

ON IMMIGRATION

Clark Backs Comprehensive Immigration Reform That Gives A Path To Citizenship For Undocumented Immigrants, Strengthens Border Security And Goes After Employers Hiring Workers Without Work Permits.

"Katherine supports comprehensive immigration reform that makes our borders more secure, cracks down on the shipment of illicit drugs and goes after employers who hire undocumented immigrants, but also includes a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and makes legal immigration easier to navigate. It's the fair thing to do, and it's also the best thing to do for our economy." (Katherine Clark For Congress, "Issues," www.katherineclarkforcongress.com, Accessed 11/20/13)

ON JOBS & THE ECONOMY

In Congress, Clark Promises To Fight For Equal Pay For Women And An Increased Minimum Wage. "Clark pledges to work for excellent early childhood education, equal pay for women, increased minimum wage, earned sick time and family leave, and affordable childcare for all families. 'The time is now to remove the obstacles to women achieving in the workplace,' Clark said. 'Progress cannot wait any longer to secure equal access to economic opportunity, which will put money into the pockets of families here in Massachusetts and across the country.'" ("Pelosi, Clark Pledge Action On Women's Economic Agenda," *Medford [MA] Transcript*, 11/14/13)

"Clark Would Push For An Increase In The Minimum Wage To \$11, A Proposal That Goes Beyond President Barack Obama's Goal Of \$9 Per Hour And She Would Stand Up For An Expansion Of The Family Medical Leave Act To Include Paid Family Leave." ("Clark Advocates For Workers," *Belmont Citizen-Herald*, 9/12/13)

"Katherine Will Lead The Effort To Create Clean Energy Jobs And To Increase Access To Capital So The Innovation Economy Can Expand." (Katherine Clark For Congress, "Issues," www.katherineclarkforcongress.com, Accessed 11/20/13)

"[Clark] Will Prioritize The Fight For Equal Pay In Washington, Including Passage Of The Paycheck Fairness Act, Because We Must Ensure That Women Are Paid An Equal Day's Pay For An Equal Day's Work." ("Clark Vows To Stand For Women's Health, Reproductive Rights," *Medford Transcript*, 9/26/13)

When Accepting An Endorsement From The Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Clark Promised To "Stand Shoulder To Shoulder" With The Union In Congress. "The Massachusetts AFL-CIO has endorsed state Sen. Katherine Clark for Congress in the 5th Congressional District to succeed newly elected U.S. Sen. Edward Markey. ... Clark responded to the endorsement by saying: 'I'm honored to receive the endorsement of the hardworking men and women of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. ... I'll stand shoulder to shoulder with the AFL-CIO when I'm in Congress to make sure everyone has a fair shot.'" ("Clark Endorsed By AFL-CIO," *Medford [MA] Transcript*, 11/14/13)

ON TAXES & BUDGET

Clark Backs Ending The Cap On Wages Subject To Social Security Payroll Taxes And A "Fairer Tax Code" So Wealthy Individuals And Corporations Pay Their Fair Share. "[Clark] believes that cutting Social Security benefits, raising the retirement age, or ending the guaranteed benefits through privatization is unacceptable. She supports lifting the cap on wages that are subject to Social Security payroll taxes, that could raise billions of dollars to improve the program, and working toward a fairer tax code so the very wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share." ("Clark Refuses To Cut Social Security And Medicare Benefits For Seniors," *Melrose Free Press*, 10/3/13)

"Katherine Will Vote To End Tax Breaks For Oil Companies And Billionaires That Let Them Avoid Paying Their Fair Share So We Can Invest In Education And Job Creation Without Raising Taxes On Middle Class Families." (Katherine Clark For Congress, "Issues," www.katherineclarkforcongress.com, Accessed 11/20/13)

"Clark Said She Is Open To State Lawmakers Reviewing A New Tax On Computer Services, Which Gov. Deval Patrick Recently Said He No Longer Supports. The Tax Was Added As Part Of A Transportation Financing Bill." (Brian Benson, "Clark Vows To Fight For Women's Rights In D.C.," *The MetroWest Daily News*, 9/12/13)