

The Two Faces of Charlie Baker

Part 2

by Bob Isadore

Health Care

In the last month we all have seen Charlie Baker being a vocal opponent to the Republican legislation that would cut funding to Medicare; but on the State front, the real Charlie Baker appeared. In the beginning of September, Mr. Baker submitted a proposal that included major changes to the State Medicare program known as Mass Health. According to the Boston Globe, many advocates say this proposal would hurt low-income working parents.

Again, according to the Globe, one significant change would allow the administration to shift about 140,000 adults including 100,000 parents from Mass Health to commercial insurance plans. While state and federal governments would subsidize their premiums, the policies would have a less generous coverage with higher out of pocket costs.

In passing the fiscal 2018 budget, lawmakers approved \$200 million in health care fees sought by Baker, but refused to go along with his call for cuts in Mass Health care fees. Baker responded by sending the cuts back to the legislature for action prompting a series of hearings.

As reported by Commonwealth Magazine, three Democratic State Reps, Christine Barber of Somerville, Ruth Balser of Newton, and Jay Livingstone of Boston accused Baker of trying to have it both ways by criticizing Trump's efforts to repeal the Affordable Health Care act in Washington, while pushing for changes locally that would roll back Medicaid expansion authorized by ACA. "Balancing the budget is an extremely difficult task in this environment, but should not be done on the backs of the working poor," they said.

Quoting Massachusetts Democratic Party Chairman Gus Bickford, applauding the defeat of Bakers amendment: "Taking Medicare away from working families won't do anything to reduce the overall cost of health care; it's just a budgeting maneuver that puts the costs on hard working families who are already struggling to make ends meet." He further added: "Governor Baker and his fellow Republicans should end their attempt to take away Medicaid from working

families, and work with Democrats on real bipartisan reforms that actually reduce the cost of health care, like cracking down on prescription drug pricing and investing in prevention and recovery."

The Challenge of our Time

by Setti Warren, Mayor of Newton
Democratic Candidate for Governor



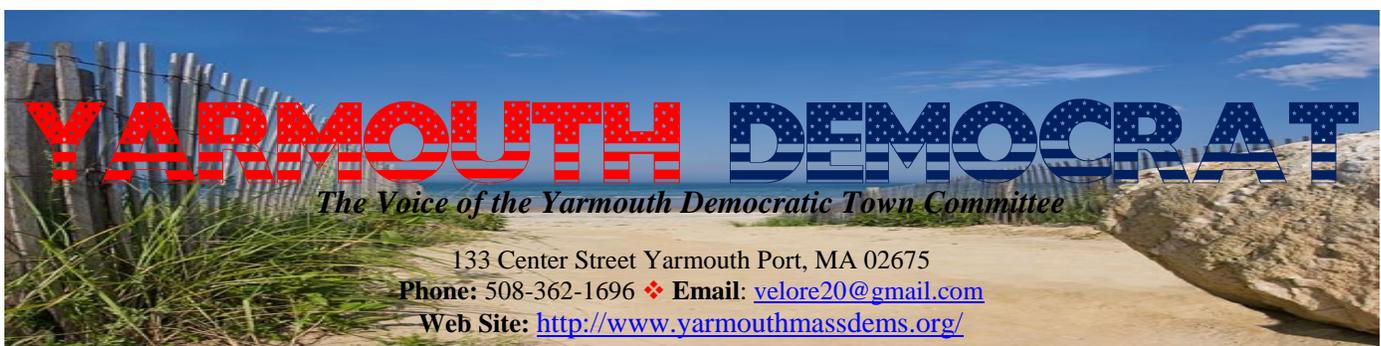
Economic inequality is the challenge of our time. As I listen to folks around Massachusetts, I hear the same thing: while some parts of our State do well, other people and communities across our Commonwealth are falling behind. This issue is only getting more pronounced, and

it's wrong.

When I think about this issue, I think about my own family. My parents were born into two rough neighborhoods in New York City. My dad enlisted in the Air Force, serving in the Korean War while sending money home to his mother and brother. After he returned home, he and my mom moved to Greensboro to attend North Carolina A&T University. There they threw themselves into the civil rights movement, sitting at lunch counters and movie theaters to desegregate the South. After graduation, they moved to Newton to pursue higher education, where they purchased the home where I grew up with my twin sister, and where I live now with my wife and kids.

How did a couple of poor students from two rough neighborhoods in New York City purchase a home? G.I. Bill benefits. This is a government sponsored program, an investment in people of modest means so they can make ends meet and set their kids up for a better future.

This sort of generational investment is not happening in our Commonwealth anymore, and it's wrong. We must ask ourselves a question: What kind of Commonwealth do we want to be? Do we want to be a Commonwealth where families have to make the choice between seeing a doctor or paying their mortgage? Do



we want to be a Commonwealth where folks have to commute hours to get to a job because they can't afford to live where they work? Do we want to be a Commonwealth that saddles our students with crushing debt? I think we can do better.

To take on economic inequality, we must be honest: our state needs more revenue. We can start by closing tax loopholes for special interests, but we cannot be afraid to ask people who make \$20,000 a week to pay a little more. That's why I support the Fair Share Amendment. Once we acknowledge that we need new revenue, we can start to fund strategies to take on economic inequality, like free public college, single payer healthcare, and a statewide public transportation system that works.

The challenge posed by economic inequality is the challenge of our time. If we come together and build the largest grassroots campaign in Massachusetts history, we will not only change government on Beacon Hill, but governance in this state. Please, join my campaign so we can take on this challenge together.

Puerto Rico

by David Velasco Bermudez



In the wake of hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico was left a virtual wasteland. As a man of Puerto Rican heritage, it pains me to see the suffering of the people and the catastrophic devastation that the once beautiful island has been enduring. You all know me as a stonewall veteran who struggled against

oppression and prejudice. I knew how to fight back against that. But this challenge is totally new to me. I know we hear that FEMA is on the ground, and I know they face a huge challenge. I also know the island. There are many small towns that have as of today not received any help or have not even been contacted by FEMA or any rescue organizations.

Bob has contacted Congressman Keating's office, Senator Markey and Senator Warren's office asking if there was any movement or legislation on the part of congress to provide more assistance to Puerto Rico and

the US Virgin Islands. He was told they hope to work on something this week. We sometimes forget that they are American citizens. To date there has been no movement in Congress to expedite funds for this emergency. People are suffering; people are dying, and they need our help. I do not criticize the people who are there on the ground working as hard as they can to help, but I know as a nation we can and should be doing more. The easy solution would be for the current occupant of the White House to sign an executive order expediting and expanding assistance, but I would be surprised if that happened.

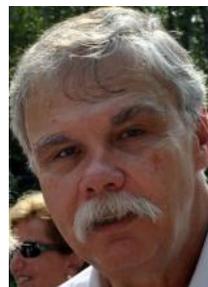
I have always fought for the cause of equality, and always will. In that spirit I ask you one favor. Not for donations, but to please make a call to our members of Congress. Ask them to please do something to get help to the American citizens and people of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Thank You.

- Congressman Keating: Hyannis, 508-771-0666 Washington, 202-225-3111
- Senator Markey: Boston, 617-565-8519 Washington, 202-224-2742
- Senator Warren: Boston, 617-565-3170 Washington, 202-224-4543

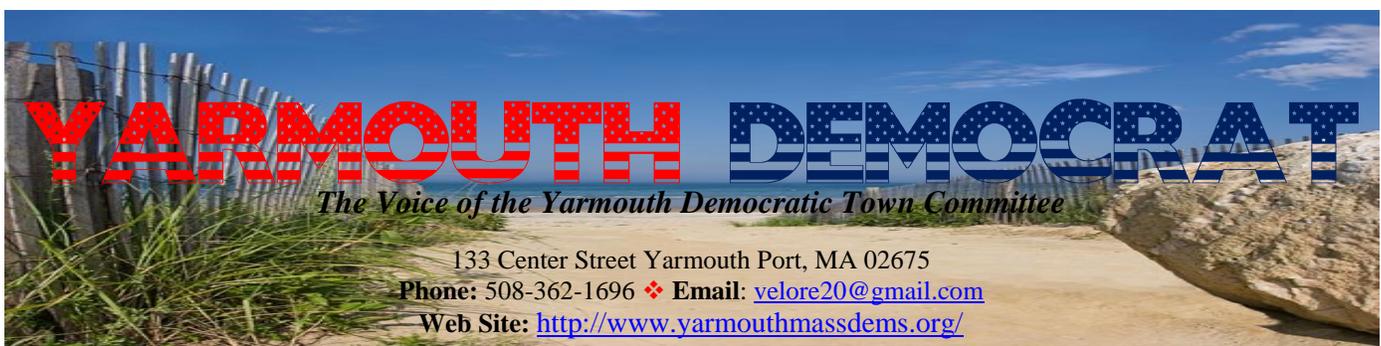
A Veteran's View

by Dick Carey



Swing-state military veterans played a key role in the election of Donald Trump.

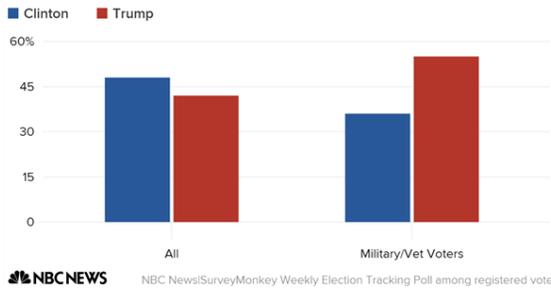
On the day of the election exit polls indicated that veterans voted for Trump by a 2 to 1 margin. They did this in spite of the fact that Trump made fun of a Gold Star family and ridiculed John McCain for becoming a prisoner of war during the Vietnam conflict. The same war that Trump received numerous draft deferments for a "bone spur" which didn't seem to bother him while attending a military college and participating in military drills such as marching and running.



An impressive 78% of all veterans voted in the last presidential election, compared to just 49% of the general population (non-veterans). Of course, most of these veterans were hoodwinked into believing Trump would be the candidate less likely to get us into another war.

In a September 2106 poll by NBC produced the following results:

If the 2016 presidential election were being held today...



Ohio: Trump won with 52.1 percent of the vote, earning 18 electoral votes. Clinton won 43.5 percent of the vote.

Nevada: Trump won with 51.7 percent of the vote, earning six electoral votes. Clinton won 42.3 percent of the vote.

Wisconsin: Trump won with 47.9 percent of the vote, earning 10 electoral votes. Clinton won 46.9 percent of the vote.

Michigan: Trump won with 47.5 percent of the vote, earning 16 electoral votes. Clinton won 47.3 percent of the vote.

Not to cater to the veteran vote is full-hearted at best.

Sr. Editors Note: Dick Carey is a disabled Marine Corps Vietnam combat veteran and has been a veterans' advocate for over 47 years. Carey serves on the 9th Congressional District's Veterans Advisory Board and served on the Military Academies Selection Board for the 9th District. In the year 2000, he formed the national USMC Vietnam Tankers Association and co-founded the Marine Corps Vietnam Tankers Historical Foundation.

Veterans' Day Brunch

Attached is a flyer for the Yarmouth DTC's first annual Veterans Day Brunch. The event will be held on Sunday November 12, 11 AM to 2:00 PM. at the Yarmouth House Restaurant, 335 Rt. 28, West

Yarmouth. We hope to make this a yearly tradition. Yes, it is a fund raiser, but more importantly it is a way for us to honor our veterans. We hope you will save the date and join us for this event.

Our keynote speaker will be the Auditor of the State of Massachusetts the Honorable Suzanne M. Bump. Also expected to be in attendance will be Congressman Bill Keating and Candidates for Governor of Massachusetts, Jay Gonzalez, Setti Warren, and Bob Massie.

We will also hold a silent auction at the brunch. If interested in donating items or gift certificates, please contact Dave Velasco at 508-362-1696 or email velore20@gmail.com

Next year will be a busy, important election year. I hope you will support our committee's efforts to raise funds so we may be in a position to help all our nominees and candidates.

Thank you,

Bob Isadore

Chair, Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee

A message from Sara J. Porter



Dear Members,

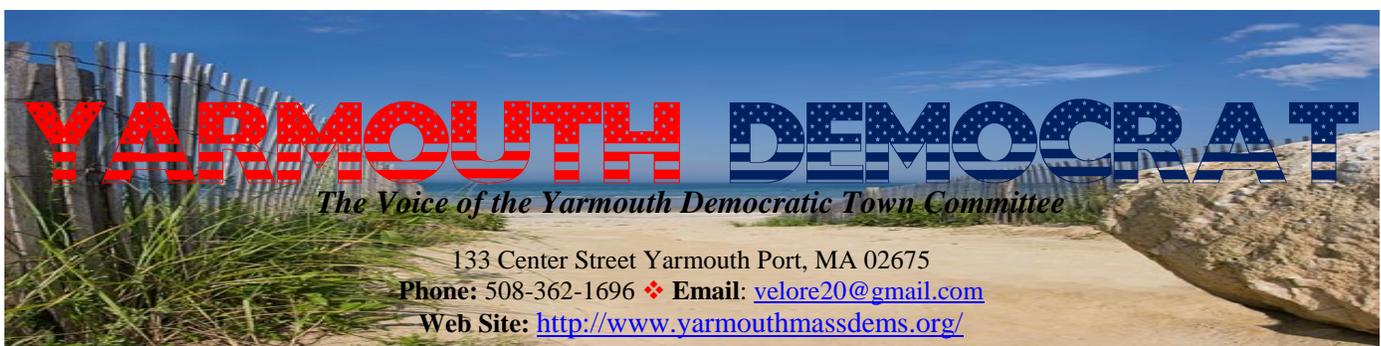
On the following page is the Resolution re: *Safe Communities*, I described at the September Democratic Town Committee meeting. As I mentioned, this is the same resolution passed by four other Cape Town's this past spring.

My goal is to discuss the resolution with Police Chief Frederickson who I had met with back in February to talk about what some other towns were planning to do. I also plan to meet with the Town Manager.

I, and the Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities, appreciate the support that members of the Yarmouth DTC have shown.

The CCCSC is also sponsoring an Immigration film forum at the South Yarmouth Library on Sunday November 5, 2:00 Pm.

Thank You,
Sara



Town of Yarmouth Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to request the Yarmouth Selectmen to authorize all town official to refrain from using Town funds and other Town resources for the enforcement of federal immigration laws in keeping with current practices, unless presented with a criminal warrant or other evidence of probable causes required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

And further more to see if the Town will vote to request the Yarmouth Selectmen to continue to uphold the civil Liberties and human rights of all Yarmouth residents and visitors regardless of age, race, religion, ethnicity, ability, sexual and gender identity, marital or economic status, nation origin, or citizenship and immigration status.

Aiming High on Early Education

Provided by the Jay Gonzalez Committee
Democratic Candidate for Governor



Jay Gonzalez

“We need to ensure all of our youngest children get the start they need during the most formative period of their lives,” says Jay Gonzalez, candidate for Governor. *“Unfortunately this is an area where as a State, we are doing the least.”*

Jay is intimately familiar with early education issues. Under Governor Deval Patrick, Jay served as Chairman of the state Board of Early Education and Care.

“I care so deeply about this issue that I made it the first policy priority of my campaign. Massachusetts is the most expensive state in the nation when it comes to childcare and early education. And because of that, too many parents can’t afford to send their kids to quality, affordable programs.”

“We’re shortchanging our youngest learners. But we’re also creating an untenable situation for parents who have to make the decision to leave the workforce

because they can’t afford childcare.”

This issue is personal for Jay, too. His wife, Cyndi, and her twin sister attended a federally-funded Head Start program. That allowed her young mother to go back to work and support her family.

“Every child in this State, regardless of income, race or geography, should have the same opportunity to succeed,” Jay says.

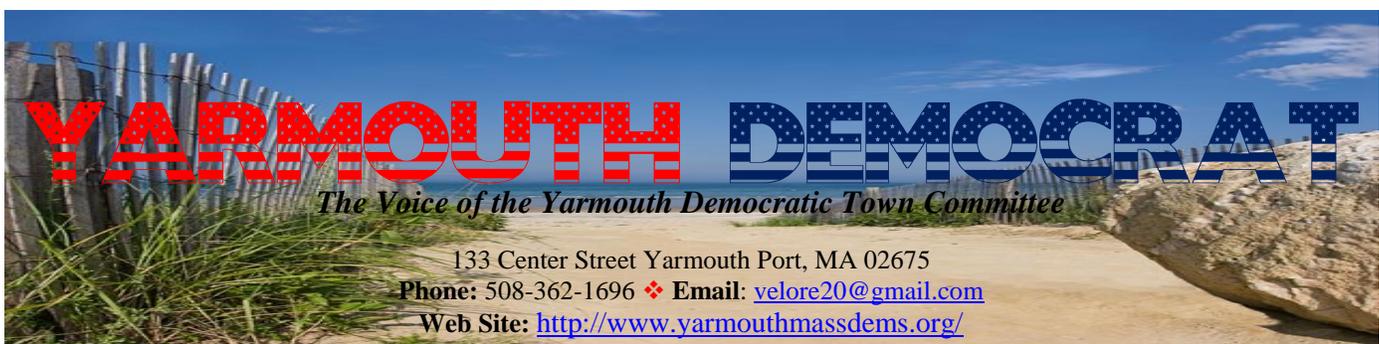
Jay points out that in 2005, Massachusetts was the first state to establish a department of early education and care. *“We have a history of leadership in this area, but we have fallen behind and are not doing enough for young children and their families,”* he says. *“We need to aim high and make Massachusetts a leader again for the benefit of our children, families, economy and broader community.”*

“When I’m Governor, every child age 0-5 will have access to high-quality, affordable childcare and preschool by the end of my first term. We will eliminate waiting lists and expand eligibility for state assistance so that childcare and preschool are truly affordable for every family. We will invest in our teachers, treating them with the dignity and respect they deserve for the important work they do, by investing in salaries and in a comprehensive workforce development system for early education. Massachusetts will have the highest-quality early education and childcare system in the country, and it will be available and affordable for all,” Jay said.

Jay states that he is the candidate in this race best positioned to make real progress on issues of early education and childcare.

He further advises that he will provide more information in upcoming newsletters.





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In 1642 and 1645, Yarmouth furnished soldiers for the Plymouth Colony's expeditions against the Narragansett.^[10] In 1648, the Plymouth Colony's legislature, the General Court, appointed Myles Standish to adjudicate land disputes among the Yarmouth settlers.^[11] Yarmouth soldiers served the Plymouth Colony in King Philip's War: fifteen Yarmouth men participated in the Great Swamp Fight without casualties, but the town did lose five men at Rehoboth.^[12] Yarmouth troops also saw service in the early years of King William's War.^[13] In the early eighteenth century, some of the Yarmouth veterans of King Philip's War were granted lands to settle in Gorham, Maine.^[14]

Christopher Dwelley, Yarmouth Assistant Town Administrator addresses Yarmouth DTC

by Sandra Blackman

The Yarmouth ATA spoke on behalf of Yarmouth Town Administrator Dan Knapik. Christopher Dwelley has been on the job for three months. Christopher came to the Cape from Boston. He has worked in Municipal Government for 9 years including work with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. He spoke of the three major issues facing the Town of Yarmouth: clean water, school issues, and the regional agreement between Yarmouth and Dennis. Also of importance are the open Space Opportunities.

Both he and the Town Administrator have worked on and developed "City Hall Systems" which gives the residents of Yarmouth the ability to make payments on line to the town including taxes, dump & beach stickers.

Dennis Selectman and former State Representative Cleon Turner joined the conversation. "The Cape is heading into a time of extremely difficult issues all of which are urgently needed. These include waste water remediation, the future of the Regional Technical School building, and the future of the Matakese School. Cleon discussed the proposed plan for the new Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. At the end of his presentation, Cleon provided the committee members with a four page brochure outlining the building committee's plans for the new Regional Tech.

Early History of Yarmouth ([source](#))

Wampanoag origins

Prior to European colonization, Yarmouth was inhabited by the Wampanoag, an Algonquian people. In the *Wôpanâak* language the area was called "Mattacheese".^{[2][3]} Wampanoag tribes living in Yarmouth at the time of European settlement included the Pawkunnawkuts on both sides of the lower Bass River, the Hokanums in what is now northeastern Yarmouth, and the Cummaquids in what is now western Yarmouth.^{[4][5]}

Plymouth Colony settlement

Yarmouth was organized and incorporated^[6] as part of the Plymouth Colony on September 3, 1639, following a settlement led by John Crowe (later Crowell), Thomas Howes and Anthony Thacher, and is, together with Sandwich, the oldest town on Cape Cod.^{[7][8]} Yarmouth originally included what is now the town of Dennis, which was incorporated as a separate community on June 19, 1793.^[9] Yarmouth is named after Great Yarmouth, a town in the county of Norfolk, on the east coast of England,^[7] which is itself at the mouth of the River Yare.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

11:00AM - 2:00PM

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\$28.00 PER PERSON

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Massachusetts State Auditor
Suzanne Bump

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