

Worcester Campaign Finance Project, Clark University

Table 1: Vote Share and Receipts, City-Wide Candidates, 2025

Candidate	Status	Council Votes	Council Percentage	Mayoral Votes	Mayoral Percentage	Result	Receipts
Joseph Petty	Incumbent	12,449	11.64	13,763	54.62	Won Council, Won Mayor	\$116,920
Khrystian King	Incumbent	11,862	11.09	8,498	33.72	Won Council, Lost Mayor	45,778
Kate Toomey	Incumbent	10,383	9.71			Won Council	25,421
Gary Rosen	Challenger	10,047	9.39			Won Council	5,038
Satya Mitra	Challenger	9,479	8.86			Won Council	101,178
Morris Bergman	Incumbent	9,379	8.77			Won Council	55,312
Jermoh Kamara*	Challenger	9,347	8.74			Lost Council	31,628
Donna Colorio	Incumbent	9,266	8.66			Lost Council	29,918
Cayden Davis	Challenger	8,388	7.84			Lost Council	21,780
Jessica Pepple	Challenger	6,413	6.00			Lost Council	2,494
Owura-Kwaku Sarkodieh	Challenger	6,223	5.82	1,748	6.94	Lost Council, Lost Mayor	6,043
Edson Montero	Challenger	3,727	3.48	1,189	4.72	Lost Council, Lost Mayor	815
Charles Luster	Challenger					Lost Preliminary	6,555
Bernard Iandoli	Challenger					Lost Preliminary	100
Mean, Incumbents							54,670
Mean, Challengers							17,096
Mean, Winners							58,275
Mean, Losers							9,697
Total							\$448,978

* Totals do not include money raised for the election recount.

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Table 2: Receipts, City-Wide Candidates, 2025

Candidate	Status	Result	Total Money Raised	Itemized Individual Contributions	PAC Contributions	Contributions /Loans from Candidate	Mean Itemized Contribution	Number of \$500+ Donors*	Contributions from outside of Worcester**
Joseph Petty	Incumbent	Won Council, Won Mayor	\$116,920	\$104,570	\$12,380		\$324	78	55,299
Khrystian King	Incumbent	Won Council, Lost Mayor	45,778	41,378	4,400		154	22	13,494
Kate Toomey	Incumbent	Won Council	25,421	20,771	4,650		143	7	7,981
Gary Rosen	Challenger	Won Council	5,038	4,538	500	500	239	6	850
Satya Mitra	Challenger	Won Council	101,178	100,528	650	2,000	419	83	77,526
Morris Bergman	Incumbent	Won Council	55,312	52,987	2,325		193	35	13,738
Jermoh Kamara***	Challenger	Lost Council	31,628	31,113	100	963	122	15	9,444
Donna Colorio	Incumbent	Lost Council	29,918	21,618	1,300	7,000	180	12	4,420
Cayden Davis	Challenger	Lost Council	21,780	20,580	1,200	45	82	7	5,740
Jessica Pepple	Challenger	Lost Council	2,494	2,494			80		2,208
Owura-Kwaku Sarkodieh	Challenger	Lost Council, Lost Mayor	6,043	4,993		1,050	96	3	1,380
Edson Montero	Challenger	Lost Council, Lost Mayor	815	815			74		125
Charles Luster	Challenger	Lost Preliminary	6,555	6,255	300	743	179	4	1,612
Bernard Iandoli	Challenger	Lost Preliminary	100	100		100	100		
Total			448,978	412,738	27,775	12,401	204	272	193,816

* Aggregates 2024 and 2025 contributions.

** Individual contributions only.

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Table 3: Changes for Repeat Citywide Candidates, 2019-2025

Candidate	First Elected	2025 Receipts	2023 Receipts	2021 Receipts	2019 Receipts	Pct. Change 2023-2025	Pct. Change 2021-2023	Notes
Petty, Joseph	1997	\$116,920	\$229,346	\$65,598	\$68,309	-49	250	Ran successfully for mayor in 2011-2025, ran unsuccessfully for state senate in 2022.
Toomey, Kate	2005	25,421	31,139	19,514	24,790	-18	60	
Bergman, Morris	2013	55,312	51,806	39,112	45,631	7	32	
King, Khrystian	2015	45,778	59,903	16,420	14,835	-24	265	Ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2023 and 2025.
Colorio, Donna	2019	29,918	33,180	26,044	32,869	-10	28	Ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2019-2023.
Nguyen, Thu	2021		25,304	55,998			-55	Retired in 2025.
Creamer, Gullermo			22,128	25,204			-12	Ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2023.
Rosen, Gary	2017	5,038			1,200			Retired in 2021, ran again in 2025.
Coleman, William			0	0	0		0	Ran unsuccessfully for council and mayor in 2013, 2015, 2019, 2021, and 2023.

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Table 4: District Races, 2025

Candidate	General Election Vote Pct.	Total Money Raised	Itemized Individual Contributions	PAC Contributions	Contributions/Loans from Candidate	Mean Itemized Contribution	Number of \$500+ Donors*	Contributions from outside of Worcester**
District 1								
Tony Economou	56.91	\$26,275	\$25,525	\$750		\$143	13	\$6,525
Keith Linhares	43.09	13,916	13,316	600	100	111	4	3,192
District 2								
Robert Bilotta	55.38	39,319	39,119	200	800	155	18	8,972
Candy Mero Carlson (I)	44.62	72,274	57,308	14,950		322	40	25,373
District 3								
John Fresolo	53.62	25,391	25,291	100		125	10	6,516
Robert Pezzella	46.38	58,811	50,211	4,100	4,500	191	28	27,721
District 4								
Luis Ojeda (I)	73.70	6,401	5,701	700		154	3	2,486
Ted Kostas	26.30	7,328	7,128	200	101	105	2	2,262
District 5								
Jose Rivera	52.47	37,549	36,174	1,425	25	193	21	11,580
Etel Haxhijaj (I)	47.53	35,171	29,021	6,150		108	7	7,317
Mean , Incumbents		37,949	30,677	7,267		195	17	11,725
Mean, Incumbents in Contested Races		37,949	30,677	7,267		195	17	11,725
Mean, General Election Challengers		28,065	27,474	608	309	151	14	7,605
Mean, Winners		26,987	26,362	635	165	154	13	7,216
Mean, Winners in Contested Races		26,987	26,362	635	165	154	13	7,216
Mean, General Election Losers		37,500	31,397	5,200	940	167	16	13,173
Total		\$322,435	\$288,794	\$29,125	5,526	165	146	\$101,945

Candidates in *italics* were defeated in preliminary elections.

* Aggregates 2024 and 2025 contributions.

** Individual contributions only

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Table 5: Repeat District Candidates, 2021-2025

Candidate	2025		2023		2021	
	General Election Votes	Receipts	General Election Votes	Receipts	General Election Votes	Receipts
District 1						
No repeat candidates						
District 2						
Candy Mero Carlson	44.62	72,274	52.71	70,507	56.29	52,746
General election opponent	55.38	39,319	47.29	22,542	43.71	8,889
District 3						
George Russell			74.11	28,695	100.0	15,980
General election opponent			25.89	2,010		
District 4						
Luis Ojeda	73.70	6,401	52.21	8,075		
General election opponent	26.30	7,328	47.79	3,905		
District 5						
Etel Haxhiaj	47.53	35,171	51.38	31,912	53.96	37,845
General election opponent	52.47	37,549	48.62	35,715	46.04	16,428

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Table 6: School Committee Races, 2025

Candidate	Status	Result	General Election Vote Percentage	Receipts*	Carryover from 2024	End Cash on Hand	Expenditures
Maureen Binienda (I)	At Large	Won	38.73	\$7,910	\$1,071	\$7,173	\$1,809
Susan Mailman (I)	At Large	Won	36.89	9,960	11,115	8,203	12,873
Adwoa Saki-Lampsey	At Large	Lost	24.38	6,910	0	1,289	5,621
Molly McCullough (I)	District A	Won	100.0	5,625	2,077	2,059	5,643
Vanessa Zuleyna Alvarez (I)**	District B	Won	100.0		1,025		
Dianna Biancheria (I)	District C	Won	68.96	4,956	1,479	3,125	3,310
Feanna Jattan-Singh	District C	Lost	31.04	1,588	676	1,162	1,102
Alejandro Guardiola (I)	District D	Won	100.0	5,110	2,051	2,283	4,877
Kathleen Roy (I)	District E	Won	51.24	3,043	5,326	504	7,866
Nelly Medina	District E	Lost	48.76	3,806	805	1,247	3,364
<i>Noelia Chafoya</i>	District E	Lost		4,000	3,132	3,672	3,460
Jermaine Johnson (I)	District F	Won	100.0	500	500	575	425
Total				\$53,408	\$29,257	\$31,292	\$50,350

* Includes candidate contributions and loans.

** Alvarez had not filed a report as of 12/31/25.

Candidates in *Italics* list in the preliminary election.

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Table 7: Repeat School Committee Candidates, 2023-2025

Candidate		2025		2023		Percent Change 2023-25
		General Election Votes	Receipts	General Election Votes	Receipts	
Maureen Binienda	At Large	38.73	\$7,910	33.85	19,620	-60
Susan Mailman	At Large	36.89	9,960	26.20	17,925	-44
Molly McCullough	District A	100.0	5,625	100.0	2,610	116
Vanessa Zuleyna Alvarez*	District B	100.0		100.0	0	
Dianna Biancheria	District C	68.96	4,956	58.37	8,091	-39
Alejandro Guardiola	District D	100.0	5,110	100.0	10,635	-48
Kathleen Roy	District E	51.24	3,043	51.70	658	362
<i>Nelly Medina</i>	District E	48.76	3,806	48.30	3,695	-3
Jermaine Johnson	District F	100.0	500	100.0	3,180	-84

* Alvarez had not filed a report as of 12/31/25.