

Worcester Campaign Finance Project, Clark University

Table 1: Vote Share and Receipts, City-Wide Candidates, 2015

Candidate	Status	Council Votes	Council Percentage	Mayoral Votes	Mayoral Percentage	Result	Receipts
Petty, Joseph	Incumbent Mayor	9,137	11.3%	9,973	52.1%	Won Council, Won Mayor	\$84,448
Gaffney, Michael	Incumbent	8,653	10.7	7,853	41.0	Won Council, Lost Mayor	71,528
Toomey, Kate	Incumbent	8,341	10.3			Won Council	12,795
Lukes, Konstantina	Incumbent	7,951	9.8			Won Council	4,000
Bergman, Morris	Incumbent	7,248	8.9			Won Council	43,188
King, Khrystian	Challenger	7,163	8.8			Won Council	17,360
Gomez, Juan	Challenger	7,086	8.7			Lost Council	57,833*
Wally, Matthew	Challenger	6,489	8.0			Lost Council	29,456
Sargent, Robert	Challenger	5,548	6.8			Lost Council	6,730
Zlody, Christina	Challenger	5,510	6.8			Lost Council	8,614*
Coleman, William	Challenger	4,726	5.8	1,333	7.0	Lost Council, Lost Mayor	0
Parham, Linda	Challenger	3,295	4.1			Lost Council	14,072
Palmieri, Philip**	Incumbent District Councilor					Won Preliminary, Withdrew	0
Carmona, Carmen	Challenger					Lost Preliminary	2,654
O'Clair, Ronald	Challenger					Lost Preliminary	389
Fox, George	Challenger					Lost Preliminary	0
Mean , Incumbents							43,192
Mean, General Election Challengers							19,152
Mean, Preliminary Candidates							761
Mean, Winners							38,887
Mean, General Election Losers							19,451
Total							353,067

* Calculated from bank deposit reports for 2014-15.

** Palmieri ran for state representative in 2014, raising over \$50,000. He had \$45,226 in cash on hand at the beginning of 2015.

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Table 2: Receipts, City-Wide Candidates, 2015

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**
Petty, Joseph	Incumbent	Won Council, Won Mayor	\$84,448	\$76,684	\$8,300		\$157	43	\$33,120
Gaffney, Michael	Incumbent	Won Council, Lost Mayor	71,528	23,828		\$47,700	162	13	10,250
Toomey, Kate	Incumbent	Won Council	12,795	11,095	1,700		161	4	3,400
Lukes, Konstantina	Incumbent	Won Council	4,000	4,750		4,000	170	2	100
Bergman, Morris	Incumbent	Won Council	43,188	45,110	3,743		153	22	18,368
King, Khrystian	Challenger	Won Council	17,360	9,833			95	5	5,388
Gomez, Juan	Challenger	Lost Council	57,833	42,101	7,050	10,300	179	18	16,065
Wally, Matthew	Challenger	Lost Council	29,456	26,465	950	2,000	139	10	16,065
Sargent, Robert	Challenger	Lost Council	6,730	6,630	964	100	170	3	1,880
Zlody, Christina	Challenger	Lost Council	8,614	8,639	199		169	3	1,025
Coleman, William	Challenger	Lost Council, Lost Mayor	0	0					
Parham, Linda	Challenger	Lost Council	14,072	9,234	728	3,500	66	2	2,932
Palmieri, Philip	Incumbent	Won District Preliminary, Councilor Withdrew	0	24,564	1,750		282	9	9,725
Carmona, Carmen	Challenger	Lost Preliminary	2,654	2,090			75	1	275
O'Clair, Ronald	Challenger	Lost Preliminary	389			389			
Fox, George	Challenger	Lost Preliminary	0	0					
Total			353,067	288,935	25,384	67,989	152	135	118,593

* Aggregates 2014 and 2015 contributions.

** Individual contributors only.

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Table 3: Changes for Repeat Citywide Candidates, 2009-2015

Candidate	First Elected	2015 Receipts	2013 Receipts	2011 Receipts	2009 Receipts	Pct. Change 2013-2015	Pct. Change 2011-2013	Notes
Bergman, Morris	2013	\$43,188	\$42,818			9		
Gaffney, Michael	2013	71,528	32,317			121		Ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2015.
Lukes, Konnie	1995	4,000	7,043	12,630	33,895	-43	-46	Ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2009, 2011, and 2013.
Petty, Joseph	1997	84,448	50,366	49,325	26,920	68	2	Ran successfully for mayor in 2011, 2013, 2015.
Toomey, Kate	2005	12,795	12,920	15,280	33,633	-1	-15	Ran for mayor in 2009.
Rushton, Rick	2007		7,550	14,680	13,506		-48	
Germain, Michael	2007		13,985	32,818	27,801		-58	Lost seat in 2013.
O'Brien, Joseph	2009			33,955	43,300			Ran successfully for mayor in 2009.
Buchalter, Steven				31,635	27,614			Ran unsuccessfully in 2009 and 2011.
Coleman, William		0	100	310		-∞	-68	Ran unsuccessfully for council and mayor.
Carmona, Carmen		2,654	1,148	1,582		131	-27	Ran unsuccessfully for council and mayor.

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Table 4: District Races, 2015

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								
Economou (Incumbent)	60.2%	\$15,105	\$13,535	\$1,570		\$82	5	\$1,850
Nguyen (Challenger)	39.8	4,703	4,738			158	3	925
District 2								
Mero-Carlson	55.1	29,271	17,226	11,150	\$1,020	174	7	7,270
Cortes	44.9	8,647	6,047	1,100	1,500	189	4	1,398
Sequera	***	853	460			92		100
Shetler	***	350	50	300				
District 3								
Russell (I)		13,428	9,725	3,700		73	1	1,975
District 4								
Rivera (I)	68.4	22,381	19,556	2,850		331	15	8,700
Kostas (C)****	31.6	2,346	6,123	2,569	3,859	191	4	1,373
District 5								
Rosen (I)		975	950			190		
Mean , Incumbents		12,972	10,942	2,030		169	5	3,131
Mean, Incumbents in Contested Races		18,743	16,546	2,210		207	10	5,275
Mean, General Election Challengers		3,525	5,431	1,285	1,930	175	4	1,149
Mean, Winners		16,232	12,198	3,854	204	170	6	3,959
Mean, Winners in Contested Races		22,252	16,772	5,190	340	196	9	5,940
Mean, General Election Losers		5,232	5,636	1,223	1,786	179	4	1,232
Total		98,059	78,410	23,239	6,379	148	39	23,591

* Aggregates 2014 and 2015 contributions.

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*** Defeated in preliminary election.

**** Totals for all but column c reflect contributions for a 2014 state legislative campaign.

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Table 5: Repeat District Candidates, 2011-2015

Candidate	2015		2013		2011	
	General Election Votes	Receipts	General Election Votes	Receipts	General Election Votes	Receipts
District 1						
Economou	60.2%	\$15,105	52.3%	\$17,198	51.2	\$25,139
Strongest opponent	39.8	4,703	40.0	11,770	48.8	20,515
District 2						
Palmieri			51.3	27,843	100.0	6,420
Strongest opponent			40.4	5,890		
District 3						
Russell	100.0	13,428	100.0	16,534	53.0	34,448
Strongest opponent					47.0	19,934
District 4						
Rivera	68.4	22,381	100.0	11,964	60.0	17,701
Strongest opponent	31.6	2,346			40.0	13,320
District 5						
Rosen	100.0	975	51.1	2,590		
Strongest opponent			43.2	25,935		
Eddy			43.2	25,935	58.7	21,360
Strongest opponent			51.1	2,590	41.3	3,700
Mean, Incumbents		12,972		19,895		17,793
Mean, Incumbents in Contested Races		18,743		20,735		17,340
Mean, Challengers		3,525		6,750		16,764
Mean, Winners		16,232		15,226		21,014
Mean, Winners in Contested Races		22,252		16,041		24,503
Mean, Losers		5,232		14,532		14,858
Total		98,059		119,724		195,753

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Table 6: School Committee Races, 2015

Candidate	Status	General Election Vote Percentage	Receipts	Carryover from 2014	End Cash on Hand	Expenditures
O'Connell, Brian (I)	Won	12.9%	\$0	\$708	\$708	\$0
Colorio, Donna	Won	12.3	14,289	1,325	10,077	5,537
Monfredo, John (I)	Won	12.0	3,175	2,945	3,482	2,639
Foley, Jack (I)	Won	11.6	0	3,634	3,323	309
Biancheria, Dianna (I)	Won	10.6	4,450	3,474	3,271	4,653
McCullough, Molly	Won	9.9	12,627	0	7,691	4,936
Novick, Tracy (I)	Lost	9.0	1,955	168	1,676	447
Ramirez, Hilda (I)	Won	8.6	3,016	232	243	3,004
D'Andrea, Nicola	Lost	7.6	5,245	0	4,886	359
Collins, Cotey	Lost	5.5	1,071	0	487	548
Mean, Incumbents			2,099	1,860	2,117	1,842
Mean, Nonincumbents			8,308	331	5,785	2,845
Total			45,828	12,486	35,844	22,432

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Table 7: School Committee Races, 2011-2015

Candidate	2015		2013		2011	
	General Election Votes*	Receipts	General Election Votes*	Receipts	General Election Votes	Receipts
O'Connell, Brian	12.9	\$0	53.3	\$0	13.3	\$50
Colorio, Donna	12.3	14,289	37.0	8,844	9.9	10,986
Monfredo, John	12.0	3,175	42.3	3,535	11.2	4,005
Foley, Jack	11.6	0	48.4	2,445	13.3	245
Biancheria, Dianna	10.6	4,450	41.3	2,800	12.1	8,230
McCullough, Molly	9.9	12,627				
Novick, Tracy	9.0	1,955	40.9	1,040	10.3	1,895
Ramirez, Hilda	8.6	3,016	39.7	8,577	8.6	6,694
D'Andrea, Nicola	7.6	5,245				
Collins, Cotey	5.5	1,071				
Cohane, Robert			26.1	3,897		
Arbetter, Douglas			19.0	2,250		
Mullaney, Mary					9.9	0
Salmonsens, Todd					6.2	3,137
Trobaugh, John					5.3	1,070
Mean, Incumbents		2,099		3,111		2,404
Mean, Nonincumbents		8,308		4,908		5,472
Total		45,828		33,388		36,312

Winners' vote percentages in **bold**.

* The city changed the way it calculated vote percentages in 2013. Voters may vote for as many as six candidates. In prior years, it had divided the number of votes received by the number of total votes, but in 2013 the percentages represent the number of votes received by each candidate divided by the number of ballots cast. The percentages here, then, are not comparable to those listed in previous years' tables.