

Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer Becomes First Framingham Mayoral Candidate Certified for the Ballot

Turns in more than 1100 signatures

Framingham Mayoral candidate Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer brought 56 pages of signatures to the Town Clerk's office Monday. The Clerk's office notified Spicer that by the time they counted 551 signatures all the criteria had been met. Over 1100 signatures were submitted, far surpassing the 500 required.

Spicer said "I am overwhelmed by the tremendous effort of my team of volunteers to crisscross Framingham helping me collect signatures. I am deeply grateful for their hard work – in only 12 days to amass more than double the number of signatures we needed." Spicer gave major kudos to Field Director and Team Captain Norma Shulman "for her passion, dedication and commitment to this process." "Campaigns are won by the collective energy and commitment of the people who desire change and fight for it. I am proud to be that game changer for Framingham and one step closer to being the first mayor of our community." The first mayoral election takes place November 7th.

Spicer said, "Now I can focus on meeting with residents and business leaders to talk about their interests and concerns. I would be honored to be the People's Mayor – all the people – unifying our community. In all my work, I seek opportunities to engage multiple groups to build consensus. And it's been about bringing people together to get things done. I plan to do that and more for Framingham."

About Yvonne M. Spicer, Ed.D. DTE

After earning a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science by the age of 23, Spicer moved to Framingham in 1985 for a teaching job at Farley Middle School. She rose to Chair of the Technology Education Department for the Framingham Public Schools and later served as Director of Career/Technical Education for the City of Newton.

Spicer earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from University of Massachusetts-Boston and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She has lived south and north of Route 9 and has been a Framingham homeowner since 1987.

Her current position is Vice President of Advocacy & Educational Partnerships for the National Center for Technological Literacy division at the Museum of Science, Boston. Reporting directly to the museum president, Spicer strategizes with businesses, colleges and universities, policymakers, school districts, and educational agencies to create advocacy efforts and partnerships to build a global impact in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

Dr. Spicer was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick and reappointed by Governor Charlie Baker to serve on the Massachusetts STEM Advisory Council and she served as a consultant to the National Governors Association. She is a member of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable STEM & Early Childhood Committees and is also an Advisory Board Member of the MA State Treasurer's Economic Empowerment Trust fund. Spicer is currently a Framingham Town Meeting Member in precinct 6 and serves on the Standing Committee on Ways and Means.

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