

The Effort by Mayors for Peace & U.S. Conference of Mayors to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons

The 25% Solution Campaign to Invest in Our Communities by Reducing Military Spending

Military Recruiting in Schools – Protecting Students’ Privacy & Promoting Alternative Options



Thomas Menino
(Incumbent Mayor)

“While I support the elimination of nuclear weapons as per the U.S. Conference of Mayors, my priority as Mayor is peace in our neighborhoods... Whether by partnering with other mayors or with neighborhoods groups, the best way that Mayors can fight for a more peaceful world is block by block, neighborhood by neighborhood.”

“Given our looming budget deficit and our country’s overwhelming domestic needs, I support the principles of Congressman Frank’s proposal and hope that we can reduce military spending relative to domestic needs, while preserving a strong America.”

“I will ask the Boston School Department to review the specifics of Cambridge’s policy and give me recommendations... [We have] provided an opt-out provision for students and parents not interested in having their information released to the military... I also want to expand young people’s knowledge of their options, which is why we have expanded and diversified summer job opportunities, established new high schools with career tracks in public service, technology and health care.”



Michael Flaherty
(Candidate for Mayor)

“As Mayor, I will pursue both local and national efforts to make Boston and the entire country safer by both supporting the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2020 and by leading the local effort to develop a comprehensive evacuation plan. Regrettably, the current administration has failed to develop such a plan and, consequently, has made the city of Boston particularly vulnerable to any type of terrorist or nuclear attack. As Mayor, I will address this dangerous gap in our security plans by creating an evacuation plan that is all-encompassing.”

“One of the best ways to ensure that our nation is strong, secure and prosperous is by educating our next generation of leaders, maintaining healthy local economies and ending the senseless violence that is terrorizing our streets and killing our youth. Achieving these goals requires committed financial investments in education, public safety, job training and our local business communities. Freeing up federal funding for reinvestment in these areas is paramount to strengthening our nation’s cities and towns. As Mayor, I will be a voice for responsible allocation of our federal funding and proactively advocate for the city of Boston to receive its fair share of federal dollars.”

“Giving our city’s youth the skills and opportunities necessary to pursue a wide range of career paths will be a priority of my administration... As Mayor, I would support the adoption of a policy similar to the one passed in Cambridge, Mass., that would create effective outreach mechanisms for informing families and students about how to opt-out, and also implement standardized school procedures for maintaining opt-out forms and regulating recruiters’ access to schools... Our schools need to formulate and implement mechanisms for contacting families and students that are more effective, reliable and culturally-appropriate, given the diverse student population.”



Sam Yoon
(Candidate for Deputy Mayor*)

*Will not appear on the ballot.

“I would lobby our federal delegation – as well as the President – to work to make this achievable goal a reality. I believe that the mayor of a city like Boston can also play another role in this – that of an advocate... a mayor of Boston who takes the lead on this [can] reach a large audience globally...I plan to work closely with our colleges and universities...and I would also urge them to speak out against nuclear weapons. Eliminating nuclear weapons by 2020 will require a global effort – and Boston can be a leader in that.”

“As Mayor, I will use my office everyday to fight for Federal money for Boston. I will lobby our federal delegation – and the President – to ensure that our military spending is not out of control... In tough economic times, we all need to cut back – and the military should be no exception. By cutting waste in military spending, we can direct that money to areas in our budget that are underfunded and worthy of more resources.”

“Students at BPS should have all the information available to them regarding future opportunities. And they should be made fully aware of their rights when it comes to protecting their information from military recruiters... Not only should there be more scholarships and opportunities for BPS kids, but ... I [will also] ensure that Boston kids get their fair shake when it comes to getting jobs in trades and that our children are prepared and trained for 21st Century Green-collar jobs... we have a responsibility to ensure that our children are not left behind.”