

CHARLOTTE KELLY

FOR SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE



Charlotte in Harvard Square circa 1994



Charlotte organizing for more school funding

Meet Charlotte

As a queer, fourth-generation Somerville resident, renter, and community organizer, Charlotte is running to bring our vision of a better world rooted in justice and dignity to City Hall.

From organizing alongside neighbors for a more just city budget to helping re-elect Senator Pat Jehlen as her campaign's 2016 Field Director, Charlotte has fought to improve the lives of people in our community and across the state.

As Executive Director of the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance, Charlotte navigated the state legislature, city councils, and school committees to build winning local campaigns. Together with thousands of parents, teachers, and students, she led the coalition that won more than \$1.5 billion for public schools across Massachusetts.

Somerville's vibrant and welcoming community has been Charlotte's home. Now, she's ready to bring community voices to City Hall and build a Somerville that works for all of us.

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Our community has urgent needs, we also have the resources to address them. With an influx of over \$100 million coming from the state and federal governments, we have the tools to put our shared values into action.



We can support a healthy, livable community. All of Somerville's residents deserve stable, affordable housing, clean air to breathe, and well-resourced programs to support them. We can create robust tenant protections, invest in public housing, and expand housing stability efforts to fully connect renters and homeowners with resources to keep people housed and bills paid. We must fight for racial and environmental justice by addressing highway pollution and expanding green space.

We can expand our city services and public goods. Making our city accessible to its residents means building critical infrastructure projects like municipal broadband and sidewalk shoveling. We must use our Green Line Extension refund to pilot free transit services. We need to resource departments like Inspectional Services and Public Works to better address the rat problem and other health and safety issues. We can pass a Community Benefits Agreement Ordinance that puts more power into residents' hands.

We can create real public safety and wellness. True community safety comes from addressing our neighbors' needs at their roots. We must work with the School Committee to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and invest in universal Pre-K and After School. We can redirect non-emergency issues out of SPD and build an unarmed emergency response team for mental health crises, substance use, and homelessness. We can improve our roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks to make our streets safer.



This election will transform our city's future. We are at a crossroads - we have the opportunity to put more power back into the hands of more people.

-Charlotte

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