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Thank you.

Welcome to Worcester!

We're proud of what we've accomplished in this city, and we are so proud to host this convention. Because today, here in the heart of the Commonwealth, a brand new day for our party and for our state is within our reach. And we are ready to seize it.

In this city, immigrants from every corner of the globe continue to come to seek opportunity. Their stories of hard work and sacrifice for a better life remind us of our own stories, and of what makes us Democrats.

My parents raised 5 children in a house 2 miles from this hall. My Dad, a public school teacher. My Mom, a nurse. Both worked second jobs to make ends meet. By their own example, they taught us about common good, about shared obligations, about personal and public responsibility.

They taught me what it means to be a Democrat. It's about hard work, sacrifice, helping people in need, and a boundless sense of optimism that we can make the future better for our children.

Today, under the thumb of Romney/Healey, it's becoming harder and harder for families like the one I grew up in to be optimistic about their future...harder for seniors, harder for small businesses, harder for low and middle income families to make ends meet.

For 16 years, the Republicans have snowed Massachusetts with empty rhetoric, while jobs, businesses, and thousands of people fled to other states.

For 16 years, 16 years! disinterested and disengaged Republican administrations have left our cities and towns to fend for themselves with bare-bones budgets that could not possibly meet the critical needs.

For too long the Republicans have viewed our state as a pit stop on their speedway to other jobs.

When Mitt Romney and Kerry Healey talk about progress, they mean their own. When they speak of opportunity, they mean photo opportunity.

Well, I've had enough of Republican no-show leadership, and I know you have too!

It's time for change. It's up to us to send the Republicans packing and get our state moving in the right direction again.

It's time for Democrats to bring a brand new day to this Commonwealth. A brand new day with experienced leaders who help cities and towns build a better future—and fight to give them the resources they need for our schools, public safety and other vital services.

A brand new day with innovative leaders who understand how to launch a true economic revival, by expanding commuter rail, affordable housing, and aggressive job creation for all regions of this state.

A brand new day with determined leaders who know that when you cleanup brown fields, you save green fields, and you enhance the quality of life for us all.

That's why I'm running for Lt. Governor. And I will not rest until our party's progressive... optimistic... inclusive... fair-pay-for-a-fair-days'-work philosophy is returned to the corner office.

I will do everything in my power between now and November to return that kind of leadership—leadership with energy and passion—for Massachusetts.

It begins here. It begins now. In this hall.

I ask for your support today, and in the primary, and with your help, on November 7th, I will proudly stand with you and with the new Democratic Governor, knowing that it will truly be a brand new day in this Commonwealth.

Thank you.

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