

Progressive Democrats of Somerville Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about PDS? _____

What issues, if any, are your top concern?

Are you involved in any other local or state organizations? If so, which ones?

____ I'd like to be a **voting member** of PDS. I've enclosed my dues of \$10 (can be waived if needed). Checks should be made payable to "Progressive Democrats of Somerville".

____ I'd like to be a **general member** of PDS for now and consider becoming a voting member in the future.

Progressive Democrats of Somerville
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www.PDSomerville.org
Democracy Demands Participation



PDS is a group of concerned Democrats from Somerville who organize . . .

- ★ **To Influence the Democratic Party** and hold its elected officials accountable for supporting the progressive policies and legislation consistent with the Party Platform.
- ★ **To Support Progressive Democratic Candidates and Elected Officials** whose words and actions demonstrate their commitment to the principles underlying the Party Platform.
- ★ **To Become an Effective Force in Local Government**, to hold local elected officials accountable to the public, and to advocate for progressive policies and practices that respond to the needs of Somerville residents.

PDS Accomplishments

★ **Voter Mobilization**

We mobilized voter support for, and helped elect, progressive Democratic candidates at the state and local level. Our successes include Governor Deval Patrick, State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Rep Denise Provost, State Rep Carl Sciortino, as well as several Somerville aldermen and School Committee members.

★ **Public Education**

We sponsored candidates' debates and mobilized residents on diverse public policy matters such as the city budget, zoning at Assembly Square, the Patriot Act, gay marriage, affordable housing, and public transportation. We hosted a forum on the School Superintendent search and a training for progressives interested in running for office or working on campaigns.

★ **Massachusetts Scorecard**

The Scorecard evaluates state legislators based on the State Democratic Party platform. It brings a higher degree of transparency and accountability to government in an accessible electronic format published at MassScorecard.org.

★ **Influencing the Democratic Party**

PDS has boosted participation in Ward Committees and Party caucuses. John Walsh, new chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic State Party spoke and answered questions at our April 2007 meeting. Of the 68 delegates to the State Convention in May, 32 were PDS members or supporters.

How to Get Involved

Through our involvement in electoral and issues-based politics, PDS is seeking to expand and engage the progressive base of the Democratic Party in Somerville. Here's how you can get involved in our work . . .

★ **Email List**

We maintain a moderated email list to facilitate discussion of issues and to disseminate information about opportunities to get involved in our community and government. Sign up for the list at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ProgressiveDemocratsOfSomerville/>

★ **Monthly Meetings**

Our monthly meetings, generally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, are open to anyone. At our meetings, we endorse candidates, discuss issues of concern to the community, coordinate to take action, and usually have a lot of fun too!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PDS

To learn more, including the next meeting date, time, and location, visit

www.PDSomerville.org

or contact our membership chair:

membership@pdsomerville.org

Become a Member Today!

By joining PDS you can . . .

- ★ **Elect more progressive Democrats to represent your interests.**
- ★ **Better advocate for progressive public policies and legislation.**
- ★ **Air your concerns, issues, and ideas to a wider audience.**
- ★ **Access a network of progressives who are ready to work for change.**

To become a voting member of PDS, we ask for a contribution of \$10 (waived if financial hardship), and require attendance at two PDS meetings or one meeting and one event during the prior 12 months.

To join, please complete the other side of this panel — additional copies can be downloaded at pdsomerville.org/join.pdf — and mail it to:

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We hope to see you soon at one of our meetings or events!