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Representative Rodney Elliott Announces Candidacy for State Senate

Looks to continue legacy of effective and experienced leadership for the First Middlesex District

Lowell, MA (October 17, 2025) – Today, State Representative Rodney Elliott announced his candidacy for the Massachusetts State Senate, representing the 1st Middlesex District, a diverse and vibrant region covering Lowell, Dracut, Dunstable, Pepperell, and Tyngsboro.

“This announcement comes with heartfelt deference to both Senator Kennedy and his family upon his passing,” said Elliott. “As a member of the House of Representatives and previously as a City Councilor, I had the distinct honor of working closely with Senator Kennedy and have long respected his dedication and passion for serving both Lowell and the First Middlesex District.”

“I’m running for State Senate to be the strong voice for working families, small businesses, and the future we all want to build — one that is more affordable, more inclusive, and more sustainable,” said Elliott.

“My first job out of college was as a Legislative Assistant in the State Senate for the 1st Middlesex District, which gives me a deep connection and unique understanding of the district. I have been a steady, committed voice for the people as a City Councilor, Mayor, and State Representative for close to three decades. I have seen firsthand the challenges our communities face and the incredible strength we have when we work together,” Elliott stated.

Elliott brings 42 years of professional experience in federal, state, and local government, along with a Bachelor’s degree and dual Master’s degrees in Public Administration and Political Science. Elliott has represented the 16th Middlesex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 2023. He currently serves on the Committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, Public Safety and Homeland Security, and Public Service. He previously served on the Lowell City Council for 25 years, including two years as Mayor from 2014 to 2015.

“We need a Senator who has the experience and who will be an effective leader on day one. I want to offer the First Middlesex the high level of service I deliver to my constituents every single day,” Representative Elliott said.

With an extensive background in government, Elliott brings a grassroots perspective on issues impacting residents of the district, along with a nuanced understanding of how to advance meaningful solutions on Beacon Hill. The campaign will focus on key issues including:

- **Affordability** – Tackling the housing crisis, lowering costs with a strong focus on home energy expenses, and supporting working families
- **Education** – Strengthening public schools and expanding access to early childhood education
- **Climate Action** – Advancing clean energy and investing in local environmental resilience
- **Public Health & Safety** – Expanding mental health services and supporting first responders
- **Economic Development** – Investing in small businesses, job training, and regional infrastructure

“We need bold, principled leadership that puts people at the center of every decision,” Elliott said. “Throughout my career, I’ve dedicated myself to serving the public, and this campaign is about making sure the voices of the 1st Middlesex District are heard on Beacon Hill — and about shaping a future that works for everyone.”