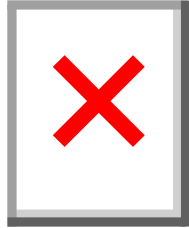


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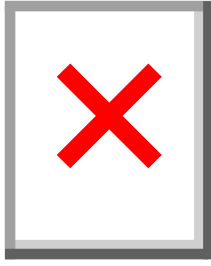
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Dem likely ekes out win in Taunton rep race

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Democrats managed to hold the line in a county that's turning redder around them in the latest House special election — but just barely.

Democrat Lisa Field claimed victory Tuesday night in the Third Bristol District to replace the late Rep. Carol Doherty, who passed away earlier this year, in a close race against her Republican opponent.

In doing so, she eked out a win by just 21 votes to keep part of Taunton blue, though within the city limits Field lost.

The race is so close that her Republican opponent, Taunton city councilor and local funeral home director Larry Quintal, hasn't conceded and said he'll be seeking a recount.

Unofficial results from Taunton's elections division show that Field came in 53 votes behind Quintal. She received 49.12% of the vote from voters in the city, with 1,542 ballots cast in her favor, and Quintal won 50.81% with 1,595 votes.

However, Taunton is only part of the Third Bristol district. The town of Easton pulled through for the Democratic candidate, with 1,032 votes going to field and 958 to Quintal. All told, it was a 21 vote difference in favor of Field.

Just before 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Quintal posted on his campaign's Facebook page, "We are heading to a recount. We need to make sure every vote is counted."

In recent years, Republicans have had gains in the southeastern part of the state. Especially Bristol County. And especially in Taunton.

Republican Sen. Kelly Dooner of Taunton flipped a seat formerly held by Democrat Mark Pacheco last year — the first time in over 30 years the Senate seat covering Third Bristol and Plymouth was held by a Republican.

Another Bristol County Republican, Rep. Justin Thurber, defeated incumbent Democrat Patricia Haddad in the 2024 general election to represent part of the city. GOP Rep. Norman Orrall rounds out the Taunton delegation. If Quintal had won, Taunton would be represented entirely by Republicans at the State House. .

The city's rightward swing reflects a larger trend in its surrounding area. President Donald Trump [got 48% of the vote in Bristol County](#) in 2024, and nearby city Fall River has made [national news](#) for its surge in support for the national GOP in recent years.

At least for now, it seems the Democrats may have managed to maintain a small foothold in the reddening area.

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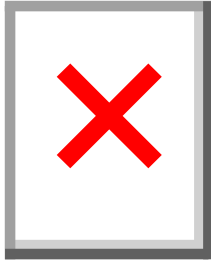
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9:45 AM | One year before the first game of the 2026 World Cup, FIFA World Cup 26 Boston unveils a public countdown clock. (Faneuil Hall, Boston)

10 AM | New England Council hosts a roundtable discussion of mentorship featuring **Patrick Bench**, president of Benchmark Strategies; **Alia Hamada Forrest**, director of business development for the city of Boston; and **John Valentine**, senior director of MassChallenge. (UMass Club, Boston)

1 PM | Common Cause Massachusetts hosts its 2025 lobby day. Attendees will push for legislation to expand the right to vote and reform campaign finances, such as new reporting requirements for ballot question campaigns. (Room 428, State House)

6 PM | Emerge Massachusetts hosts its annual Women of the Year awards fundraiser, honoring U.S. Rep. **Ayanna Pressley**, Sen. **Lydia Edwards**, Rep. **Marjorie Decker** and Essex Register of Deeds **Eileen Duff**. (Foley and Lardner LLP, Boston)



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PUSHING PRIMARY: Scott Lang, the former mayor of New Bedford, pens a column calling for someone to primary Democratic US Sen. Ed Markey, who will turn 86 in office if voters return him to Washington in 2026. - [Boston Herald](#)

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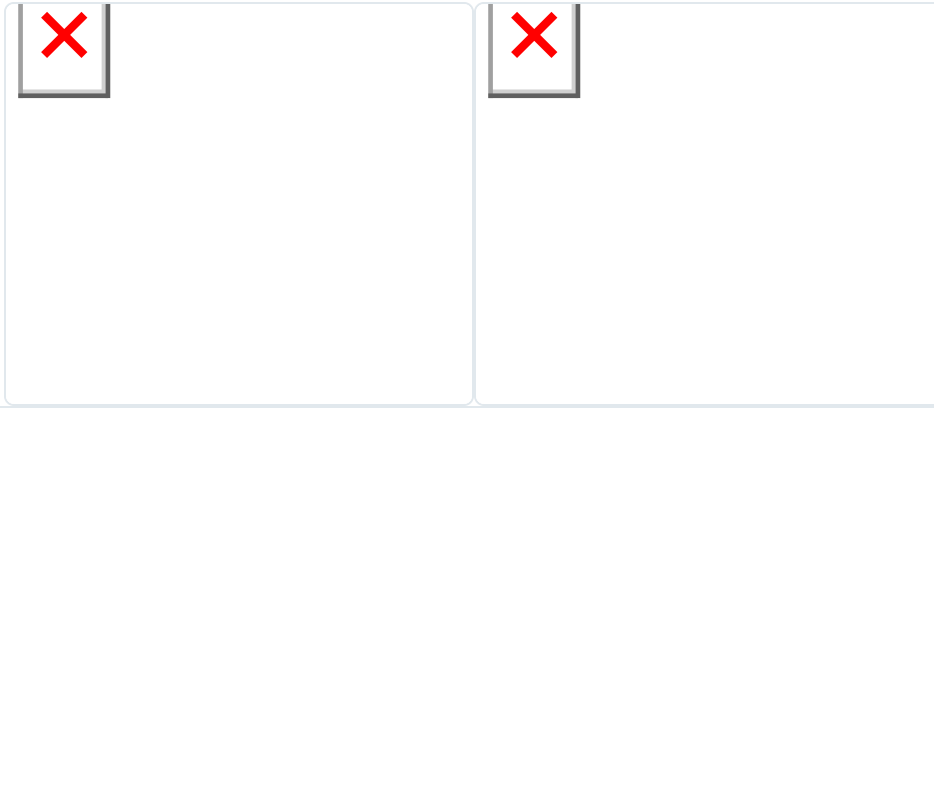
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