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**BOSTON PRIDE HOSTS CITY COUNCILOR FORUM  
At-Large Candidates to address LGBT Community**

**Boston, Ma (September 14, 2011)** The Human Rights & Education Committee (HR&E) of Boston Pride will be hosting a forum for the LGBT community to get acquainted with the 2011 City Councilor At-Large candidates. The Candidates Forum will provide voters an opportunity to learn about the candidates' positions and views on various topics relevant to the LGBT Community. The event will take place at the W Hotel on Wednesday, Oct. 5 beginning at 7pm. The event is free and open to all.

"We look forward to providing a forum for Boston City Councilor At-Large candidates to engage in discussion with LGBT voters about issues relevant to our community," said Michael Bookman, Co-Chair of the Human Rights & Education Committee.

The HR&E Committee will put forth some important issues for the candidates to discuss and also invite LGBT voters to come prepared with their own questions. Says, Jeff Gerstenblatt, Co-Chair, "It's important that LGBT voters know where candidates stand on issues that affect their lives. And it's important that politicians know we're a powerful voting force and that they are accountable to us as residents of the city."

The Human Rights & Education Committee is an all-volunteer group that advocates for social justice for the LGBT Community by disseminating news, promoting dialogue, and mobilizing people to take action on issues of local, national and global significance. For more information on the committee's work, visit <http://www.bostonpride.org/pride365/humanrights>.

**The Candidate Forum will take place at the W Hotel Boston – 100 Stuart St., Boston, MA 02116 on October 5, 2011 at 7 PM.**

Boston Pride is a 501c (3) non-profit organization that produces events and activities to achieve inclusivity, equality, respect, and awareness in Greater Boston and beyond. Fostering diversity, unity, visibility, and dignity; the organization educates, communicates, and advocates by building and strengthening community connections. Boston Pride is a non-profit, 501c (3) corporation and contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law.