

## **Representative Geraldo Alicea**

Representative Alicea believes this race for State Representative comes down to who has the most experience to deliver for our communities. He understands that our challenges, both locally and nationally, will only be fixed through collaboration and that working together to solve problems will deliver real results. Alicea proudly notes that Associated Industries of Massachusetts recently reported that the Massachusetts government helped make our state a better place for jobs. He believes that through continued collaborative work, we will turn the corner on this recession sooner than other regions.

Over the past four years, Alicea has focused on important job creation measures, enhancing our education system, and securing funding for local projects. He brings a deep history of local and state experience to the role of State Representative. His many accomplishments include: securing over \$4.2 million to improve Charlton's water system, obtaining funding for Westfield State University to expand its Law Enforcement/Homeland Security training center, leading the charge to return the Registry of Motor Vehicles to Southbridge, obtaining a \$737,000 reimbursement for the purchase of the Southbridge Community Center, and saving the town of East Brookfield \$500,000 on the Lake Lashaway Dam project.

Representative Alicea is a 1982 graduate of Southbridge High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Westfield State College and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College. He has lived in Charlton for seventeen years with his wife Rosemarie and their three young children, Lauren, Michael and Katherine.

As a member of the legislature, Representative Alicea was appointed to the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Committee on Health Care Finance, the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs and the Education Committee. He is also a member of the Charlton Democratic Town Committee. Before representing the 6th Worcester District in the Massachusetts Legislature, Representative Alicea worked as a probation officer in the Worcester Superior Court for ten years. Prior to that, he spent time working in both the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

In 2007, Representative Alicea was awarded "Freshman Legislator of the Year" by the Massachusetts Nursing Association, and in 2008 he was awarded "Legislator of the Year" by Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance. In 2007, 2008 and 2009 the Hispanic News Press and El Planeta Newspaper recognized Representative Alicea as one of the most influential individuals in the Hispanic Community in Massachusetts. In 2010, he was awarded "Citizen of the Year" by Leonide J. Lemire VFW Post 6055.

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