

*Across my district and across the full range of policy challenges we face, my hard work is making progress happen. Visit [votebrownsberger.com/progress](http://votebrownsberger.com/progress) for links to sources.*

## **Public Transportation**

- We improved transparency and accountability at the T by creating the MBTA board and lifting riders' voices.
- Faster Red Line and Green Line service reflects better funding and a long term vision for transformative change that I helped drive, as well as better management.
- Fast bus lanes for the 71 and the 73 bus lines in Watertown and Belmont reflect a decade of my advocacy for this major road redesign.
- 57 bus riders in Brighton also benefit from new bus lanes and the MBTA's "Better Bus" project will improve service all across my district —these are responses to needs that I have helped give voice to.

## **Parks and Paths**

- On the Watertown-Cambridge side of the Charles my work has helped make riverside paths safer and more beautiful for walkers, runners, and cyclists.
- On the Boston side of the Charles, we are working to redesign the most difficult river road intersections, making them safer and more efficient for all road users — IHOP rotary and the Western Ave/Arsenal bridge.
- In Fenway at the Charlesgate Park, we are restoring park spaces blighted by highway overpasses — my persistent advocacy has yielded two great highway redesign projects; one in progress, the other still in design.
- In Brighton, we are revitalizing the celebrated Leo J. Birmingham Park, which had fallen into disuse.
- In Allston, my conversations with residents led to the formation of Allston I-90 Multimodal Transportation Project Task Force, which has helped assure that this mega-project respects neighborhood concerns.
- In Belmont, the new Community Path will add one more link to the Mass Central Rail trail connecting Boston to Northampton. I have repeatedly intervened to cut red tape and keep this challenging project on track.
- In Cambridge, as a new senator, I joined and strengthened ongoing advocacy for the Fresh-Pond-to-Watertown rail trail connection, which is now complete.

## **Road Safety for All Users**

- Reducing the pedestrian and cyclist fatalities that occur all too frequently when large trucks are operating on busy streets — now require sideguards and visibility improvements; similar new rules for duck boats
- Stopping people from running redlights by using automatic camera enforcement (legislation pending) — already protecting children getting off school buses and clearing bus lanes with camera enforcement
- Reducing crashes from distracted driving through the ban on hand held cell phone use
- Protecting pedestrians from high speed scooters on sidewalks (created commission that will make recommendations soon)
- Protecting highway workers, pedestrians, and cyclists by requiring safe passing distances for vulnerable road users
- Helping to reduce number and severity of crashes through speed limit reductions in dense areas

## **Liberty and Justice for All**

- Providing immigrants targeted by ICE access to civil legal representation, increasing funding for dedicated immigration representation and also supporting general legal aid that serves immigrants
- Cut prison populations by 30 to 50% and helped people returning from prison to get on their feet — led broad criminal justice reforms
- Giving people a place to turn when police misbehave and restoring the pride of good officers; created one of the strongest police oversight agencies in the country
- Protected women's rights and LGBTQ rights — freedom to choose, access to health care, privacy of health care, freedom to marry, trans rights to public accommodation, anti-bullying legislation, repeal of archaic laws
- Expanded ability of survivors of child sexual abuse to recover from their abusers
- Allowed employees to change jobs more easily by limiting the use of non-compete contracts

## Public Education

- Keeping class sizes down and giving children what they need to learn by increasing state aid education aid
- Helping schools to meet the needs of all children by increasing special education supports
- Assured that Watertown gets its fair share of education funding by engineering funding formula modifications
- Protecting funding for Boston public schools by helping to increase charter school reimbursement

## Decarbonization and Climate Resiliency

- As a new legislator, I persuaded 3/4 of my colleagues in the House to sign a support letter for the Global Warming Solutions Act, which now frames all of our Massachusetts climate programs.
- As a pioneer in decarbonization, I analyzed the results of the deep retrofit of my home and shared the benefits and challenges of different approaches with constituents and with state program administrators.
- I have led local and regional efforts to protect homes from flooding driven by climate change — identified local risks and improved local infrastructure to handle more water; driving statewide efforts to identify risks.

## Transparency

- Opened up and created standards for contract procurement by the legislature
- Put spending records online so that anyone can see how every penny of state money is spent
- Opened the books of the MBTA pension fund to assure better financial management
- Improved legislative rules so that all legislative votes are public

## Voting Rights

- Led redistricting of the Massachusetts Senate with careful attention to the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act
- Successfully avoided the litigation and confusion that plagues redistricting in other states
- Created two new majority-minority seats yielding one new Black senator and one new Hispanic senator

## Affordability

The Senate will continue to work to make Massachusetts affordable for all. I personally negotiated our recent major housing affordability package.

### Health Care

- Protecting the MassHealth program which covers care for 2 million of Massachusetts 7 million people
- Holding down health insurance costs, especially for low income people without employer-based coverage
- Improving access to mental health and behavioral health care without excessive bureaucracy

### Higher Education

- Made community college free in Massachusetts
- Expanded financial aid for students at Massachusetts public institutions

### Housing

- Eliminated rental brokerage fees
- Protecting tenants — limited condominium conversions, limited disclosure of eviction records, working to expand enforcement against price fixing by landlord groups
- Raised investment levels in public housing and affordable housing
- Streamlined zoning and permitting to allow more housing development — more streamlining to come
- Expanded rental support programs for households in greatest need

## Personal responses

The core of my work is helping constituents, and I'm proud to have a highly motivated team that shares the same goal. We help everyone who contacts us, and treat every person with care and respect.



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