

**Nomination by the Honorable Eileen Duff of Gloucester:
Sharon Stout for President of the Electoral College**

December 17, 2024

Secretary Galvin, members of the Electoral College, it is my deep honor to nominate Sharon Stout for President of the 2024 Electoral College.

She is well suited for this honor, given her long-standing efforts to welcome and encourage people from all walks of life to get involved in civic and electoral activities.

Ms. Stout has been a community and political activist for over 3 decades, working with people representing different communities, religions, political affiliations, socioeconomic and professional backgrounds. She is known for her ability to bring people together in consensus. Additionally, she has served on over 14 different Boards, including the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee as a member, and current Deputy Treasurer, the JALSA Advisory Board, State lead for “WINWITH BLACK WOMEN” and is the first Black person to serve on the Newton Free Library Board of Directors in its 150 years, where she's currently Vice President. She is believed to be first Black Chair of Newton Democratic City committee, She is renowned for her excellent work as Chairwomen of the Board of Emerge Massachusetts.

She has managed events at least 3 different National Democratic conventions and had the honor of being elected as an Obama delegate at the 2012 convention in Charlotte, and as a delegate for Harris this year in Chicago. Her political work spans local, state and national races. Most recently she served on the Northeast finance committee for the Harris/Waltz campaign.

I believe the passion Ms. Stout brings to all sectors of her work and society, building communication and harnessing the power of community eminently qualifies her to be President of the 2024 Massachusetts Electoral College. It is also noteworthy that she will be the first Black woman in Massachusetts history to lead us, which is fitting as we cast our votes today for Kamala Harris, the first Black woman to head a major party ticket for President of the United States.