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RESEARCH BUREAU AND PIONEER INSTITUTE OUTLINE VISION FOR BOSTON'S NEXT MAYOR *Questions for the City's Mayoral Candidates*

BOSTON – Ahead of this fall's Boston mayoral election, the most competitive in a generation, the Boston Municipal Research Bureau and Pioneer Institute today announced they will be releasing a series of questions outlining the issues the City's mayor will need to confront during the next four years.

Each of the questions is supported by data provided by the Research Bureau and Pioneer Institute and will be released daily over the next 20 days, starting Tuesday, August 18.

The series, *A Vision for Boston: Questions for the 2009 Mayoral Candidates*, will focus on a range of issues, from school transportation and charter schools to economic development and payments in lieu of taxes.

"Boston has seen an incredible renaissance these past 30 years," said Jim Stergios, Pioneer Institute's Executive Director. "This election must consolidate the gains we've made and lay a foundation for the city's and region's future success. That means faster strides to improve our schools, public safety and fiscal management, and a broader business base that can create new jobs and attract new people to the City."

Questions for the candidates will include:

- 1. What should the Mayor's role be in supporting the MBTA, keeping it affordable for residents, and encouraging better service?**
- 2. Boston has just 300 more jobs in 2009 than it did in 1990. What would you do to ensure that businesses and jobs are growing?**
- 3. How will you manage spending for city employees, particularly health insurance and pension costs?**

"The next few years will be challenging for Boston on a variety of different fronts. A rigorous discussion of the issues facing Boston by the candidates for Mayor this year is especially important," said Sam Tyler, President of the Research Bureau.

Pioneer and the Research Bureau have crafted the questions to garner the greatest possible understanding of the candidates and their positions on the most pressing issues confronting Boston.



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