

Senator Brendan Crighton



Brendan Crighton is the State Senator for the 3rd Essex District, serving the City of Lynn and Towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott.

Growing up, Brendan attended public schools in Lynn K-12. At Lynn Classical, he played baseball, basketball, track and served as captain of the football team. He went on to play football at Colby College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government. Brendan is also a graduate of Suffolk University, where he received his Masters of Public Administration.

After college Brendan went to work as an aide to State Senator Thomas McGee, eventually serving as Chief of Staff. It was during this time that Brendan truly honed his desire to serve by winning a seat as Ward 5 City Councilor in Lynn. After two terms as a Ward Councilor, Brendan was elected and served a full term as a Councilor at Large. In 2014, Brendan was elected to the House of Representatives, where he served for three years.

In 2018, Brendan was elected to the State Senate, where he currently serves as the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Housing, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and a member of the Senate Committee on Personnel and Administration, Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, Joint Committee on Election Laws, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery and Joint Committee on Public Health.

As Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, Brendan advocates for legislation and programs that prevent homelessness, promote housing affordability, incentivize transit-oriented development, and help build a diverse housing stock. In addition, Brendan has strongly advocated for transit equity by promoting wider access and more affordable fares on the commuter rail, the rights of undocumented immigrants through a bill to allow undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses, and for economic development initiatives to revitalize communities.

Brendan and his wife Andrea are homeowners in Lynn, where they reside with their son Nathaniel and their daughter Eleanor.