

Direct Line #8: Local candidates speak

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State Senate

Norfolk, Bristol & Middlesex

Includes Natick, Wayland, Sherborn, Wellesley, Millis and Franklin

Sara Orozco, Democrat

Imagine jump-starting the Massachusetts economy with aggressive strategic investments in a business that is growing 45 percent faster than other industries.

Imagine realigning our educational institutions to deliberately feed smarter, better trained, home-grown workers to local companies.

Imagine Massachusetts as the global leader of the Life Science Industry where diseases will be prevented and cured and workers will be doing well by doing good.

My opponent, Republican Scott Brown, voted against the Life Science bill. He couldn't imagine how it would help the district.

I promise to make the fulfillment of the Life Science Act a top priority, making sure that my district is at the head of the line to reap its benefits from the acceleration of high school science education; to retraining older workers to provide leadership to the industry of innovation; to making sure that my twelve communities have resources to attract companies large and small. Imagine that.

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Scott Brown, Republican

Allowing casino operation in the Commonwealth has been an ongoing discussion.

Due to several serious concerns, Gov. Patrick's plan was defeated.

His plan called for \$90 million in infrastructure costs. The State would not realize one dollar from any of the proposed venues for 3-4 years. There has been strong support in the Legislature for Rep. Flynn's (D-Bridgewater) bill to allow bidding on slot machine licenses for each of the State's four racetracks. The infrastructure is already in place, the communities hosting the facilities favor their expansion, and they could be operational within 30 days.

Within 14 days, the tracks would pay \$200 million to the State and the State would be paid 50 cents back from each dollar invested in the slots, instead of 18 cents on each dollar invested in a casino. Potential revenue could reach \$600 million by the end of 2009.