

# Bay Windows

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## State races

It goes without saying that *Bay Windows* readers should go to the polls to vote on Election Day, but as the LGBT community learned over the last few years during the marriage debate, there's more to democracy than just casting a vote. There are several candidates with strong positions on LGBT equality who deserve more than just the community's vote on Election Day; we should be out in the district for these candidates holding signs and helping the candidates get out the vote. If you live in or near any of their districts and can take time off work on Election Day, contact their campaigns and offer your support as a volunteer. And check out the voter guide on page 4 to see all the LGBT endorsements.

Among the top priorities is **Sara Orozco's** campaign to unseat anti-gay Wrentham Sen. Scott Brown (Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex district). Orozco is an out lesbian and a Needham psychologist who is particularly passionate about issues facing LGBT youth and elders, and she would be a wonderful addition to the Senate. And it would be poetic justice for an out lesbian to defeat Brown, who is a longtime opponent of marriage equality and who once criticized his predecessor, openly gay Cheryl Jacques, for having children with her partner, calling their family "not normal." Voters should also lend a hand on Election Day to Rep. Jamie Eldridge, who is campaigning to succeed retiring Sen. Pam Resor in the Middlesex and Worcester seat. Eldridge was one of the lawmakers on the frontlines of the fight to protect marriage equality, and he would continue Resor's legacy of support for LGBT rights in the Senate.