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Where do the candidates stand on the vital issues facing children and families?

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The Kathy Reticker Forum was established to honor Kathy's legacy as an ardent advocate for affordable, high-quality child care and education for all children and families for more than 30 years. The Kathy Reticker Forum for Children and Families was established to bring together advocates and decision makers in the non-profit, government, and private sectors annually in an effort to strengthen our community and increase advocacy for affordable, high-quality child care and education. The Forum recognizes the need to continue building the skills of our young adults and funds scholarships to support students pursuing a degree in early childhood education.

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Moderator Marta Rosa, M.Ed., is President, MTR Consulting Services, which offers executive level services to a diverse group of institutions primarily in the not-for-profit sector. Formerly the Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Executive Director for Government & External Affairs and Community Impact

at Wheelock College, Marta has held numerous leadership positions in government, nonprofit organizations, and higher education. Marta was also the first Latina elected in the city of Chelsea, where she was a member of the School Committee and a Councilor at Large on the City Council. She served as a member of Governor Patrick's Mass Readiness Commission, of Boston Mayor Menino's UPK Executive Committee, and of Boston Mayor Walsh's Early Care and Education Task Force.

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3rd District Congressional Candidates Forum Sunday, June 10, 2018

Welcome

Zelma Khadar, *Co Executive Director, Acre Family Child Care*

Setting the Context

Pat Nelson, *Executive Director, Concord Children's Center*

Introductions

Moderator Marta Rosa, *President, MTR Consulting Services*

Opening Statements by the Candidates

(order drawn randomly prior to the Forum)

Lori Trahan of Westford, *CEO of Concire Leadership Institute*

Rufus Gifford of Concord, *Former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark*

Barbara L'Italien of Andover, *State Senator*

Jeff Ballinger of Andover, *Labor organizer and corporate crime researcher*

Juana Matias of Lawrence, *State Representative*

Alexandra Chandler of Haverhill, *Former leader and analyst, Office of Naval Intelligence*

Bopha Malone of Bedford, *Regional business advisor, Vice President, Enterprise Bank*

Leonard Golder of Stow, *Attorney*

Daniel Koh of Andover, *Former Chief of Staff to Mayor Marty Walsh*

Beej Das of Lowell, *President and CEO of Troca Hotels*

Patrick Littlefield of Boxboro, *Former Executive Director, Veterans Affairs Center for Innovation*

Mike Mullen of Maynard, *IT Director*

Questions for the Candidates

Questions from the Audience

Please write your questions on the card located on your seat; the ushers will collect the cards.

Closing Remarks