

# HVJ Fall 2024 Voting Guide

## State Legislature – House 112

Every election season, Homeless Voices for Justice (HVJ) creates educational voter material and visits several community locations to register people to vote. This year, we sent all candidates a series of questions and have published all of their answers, here.

HVJ is a grassroots organization that works for social change with, and on behalf of, people experiencing homelessness and poverty. HVJ is led by organizers who have all experienced homelessness. The founding group in Portland has existed since 1995, and we network in other locations across Maine. Our goal is to build a coalition for, and of, people experiencing homelessness and poverty throughout Maine. We seek to empower people experiencing homelessness and poverty whose perspectives are often excluded from the development of policies and programs that impact their social and economic wellbeing. Disenfranchisement, oppression, and marginalization creates this absence. Therefore, we hope to assert ourselves and our interests in Maine politics through protest, education, positive policy change and reform.

HVJ meets every Monday morning from 9:30-11:30am and is welcoming of everyone who has experienced, or is currently experiencing, homelessness.

For more information, email [HVJ@preblestreet.org](mailto:HVJ@preblestreet.org) or call 207-899-6042 with questions.

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to vote?

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register and see  
what's on your ballot



# State Legislature – House 112



**Ed Crockett**  
Democrat



**Steven Wolejko**  
Republican

# Edward Crocket (Democrat)



- Current Position:
  - Representative of District 112
  - President of Cap'n Eli's Soda
- Issues and priorities:
  - Education
  - Workforce development
  - Healthcare
  - Local relief



# Steven Wolejko (Republican)

- No information found.



Steven Wolejko did not respond to HVJ's questionnaire.

# In your opinion, what are the most urgent issues facing the state of Maine?

**Edward Crockett:**

"Affordable Housing, Livable Wages, Better Mental/Behavioral Health Outcomes, Cleaner Environment, and More Common Sense Gun Regulation"

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



If you were to distinguish yourself from your opponent(s) for voters, what would you highlight as three critical differences?

**Edward Crockett:**

No response was received.

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



# What is your plan to address the root causes of homelessness and help people experiencing homelessness in Maine find safe and stable housing?

**Edward Crockett:**

"Address the root cause and find affordable shelter"

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



# Would you support government funding for emergency shelters in Maine?

"Yes."

**Edward Crockett:**

No response was received.

**Steven Wolejko:**





# Would you support the use of General Assistance to fund shelter beds in Maine?

**Edward Crockett:**

"Do we have enough GA to cover our current needs?"

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



How do you plan to address the problem of food insecurity in the city of Portland and ensure that people in your district have enough food to achieve an active, healthy lifestyle?

**Edward Crockett:**

"I will support all efforts that address food insecurity."

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



What is your opinion on Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030? Do you agree with the governor's office's approach to this issue?

**Edward Crockett:**

"It a good starting point"

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



The opioid epidemic is one of the biggest public health crises in the state of Maine. What programs or initiatives would you support to address this issue within your district?

**Edward Crockett:**

"I have and will continue to be a strong voice on this issue"

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.



# How do you plan to incorporate the perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness and poverty into your policymaking?

**Edward Crockett:**

"My father spent 17 years on the streets before finding sobriety, so I know it's possible."

**Steven Wolejko:**

No response was received.

