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Mass. High Tech Council Congratulates & Prepares to Partner with Governor-Elect Maura Healey

The Massachusetts High Technology Council congratulates Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey on her historic election as the 73rd Governor of Massachusetts. We also congratulate Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, who was elected Lieutenant Governor and together with Healey, will be the first all-women pair to be elected to the state's highest office.

The Council knows from our recent conversations with Governor-elect Healey that she is committed to making a positive difference on issues that are of central importance to the Council, including ensuring Massachusetts' competitiveness and reforming policies that stifle growth in our leading-edge sectors. This task will be more difficult as the twin challenges of a looming recession and voter approval of the Legislature's Tax Amendment begin to impact our state's economy and resultant state tax revenue collections. We are confident, however, that as our next Governor, Healey will be a key partner to our strong innovation ecosystem and work with employers to mitigate these competitive threats and strengthen pathways for in-state talent development.

The Council would also like to thank Governor Baker for his leadership and public service over the past eight years. The Council is grateful for many collaborations with Governor Baker on several impactful initiatives, including important reforms at the MBTA, the passage of Housing Choice, and updating our state's workforce infrastructure to meet employer needs. We are especially thankful for Governor Baker's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and his willingness to listen to employers and organizations like ours, who provided science-driven guidance on masking, testing, and tracing early on. We are grateful to have been a resource to the Baker-Polito Administration through our virtual roundtable series on employer strategies for returning to the workplace and restarting the economy. The Council wishes Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito the best of luck in their future endeavors.

There is plenty of work to do to ensure Massachusetts continues to benefit from a strong private sector. We look forward to working with Governor-elect Healey and her team and being a resource wherever we can to support state and federal policies that encourage growth throughout our diverse technology-driven economy.

About the Massachusetts High Technology Council

The [Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc.](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-high-technology-council) is an organization of CEOs and senior executives representing technology companies, professional services firms, and research institutions who are dedicated to creating and sustaining conditions that support investment, job growth and improved quality of life in Massachusetts. Our members are growth-oriented, knowledge-intensive employers and institutions that develop, deliver, and depend on technology products, services, and innovations to advance their organizational objectives—a definition which covers just about all business enterprises in Massachusetts today.

Our mission is to help make Massachusetts the world's most attractive place in which to live and work, and in which to create, operate, and grow high technology businesses.

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