

# Paul Tsongas U.S. Senate

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## HARRINGTON ENDORSES TSONGAS FOR U.S. SENATE

Calling him "the best candidate from either party now seeking the U.S. Senate seat," Congressman Michael Harrington (D-Severly) today endorsed the candidacy of his colleague Paul Tsongas (D-Lowell).

The five-term North Shore congressman identified Senator Brooke as the issue in the Senate contest. He criticized him for not being a "risk taker" and for not being "out front on the crucial issues requiring more than simply a reaction of one kind or another." Harrington made it clear that he had "seen more from Paul Tsongas in four years in the House than from Ed Brooke in 12 years."

Harrington had strong words of praise for Tsongas' commitment to urban redevelopment. He called Tsongas a "good ball player" who had "perhaps the best vision in the House of what urban living and urban revitalization ought to be about." Himself an outspoken advocate of responsible U.S. foreign policy, Harrington noted Tsongas' record on issues of human rights and international relations.

Harrington stressed that while he believed Tsongas had both experience and the best grasp of the issues, he believed most strongly in Paul Tsongas the person:

"On a personal note I like Paul, trust him, respect him and in many ways envy his ability to balance his work on national issues with his commitment to local problems, local issues and constituent service. He's accessible, humble, sincere, unassuming, but there is an inner strength there that is hard to put your finger on. To the extent that integrity in government is the underlying political issue, Paul Tsongas is the answer."

After thanking Harrington for supporting his Senate candidacy, Tsongas discussed indications of growing statewide support. "According to our latest poll," Tsongas said, "we are within two points of Mr. Guzzi. Eight weeks ago the polls showed I was 25 points behind. This is a sign that people who have become familiar with my record are now supporting my candidacy."

"Some people told me 94 days ago when I entered the Senate race that I could never gain the statewide recognition needed to win. Now it is obvious that the recognition barrier is crumbling and crumbling fast. The ultimate victor in this race should be chosen because of a commitment to issues not just because of a well known name."