



## Meet the Candidates Governor Deval Patrick and gubernatorial hopeful Charlie Baker break down their candidacies—right down to their caffeine intake—in a warm-up for Super Tuesday.

It's been a hot, dry summer in Massachusetts for a change. But with Beacon Hill up for grabs come November, it's sure to be a sticky autumn. Recently, *Northshore* caught up with the campaign's frontrunners\*, incumbent Governor Deval Patrick (D) and North Shore native son Charlie Baker (R), to bring you a side-by-side comparison of the candidates on topics from their hometowns to health care. —ANDREA FOX

|                                    | CHARLES BAKER   | DEVAL PATRICK   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Hometown                           | Needham   | South Side of Chicago   |
| Residence                          | Swampscott  | Milton  |
| Higher education                   | Harvard (A.B., English); Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management (M.B.A) | Harvard (A.B., cum laude, English); Harvard Law School (J.D.)   |
| Political role models              | Abraham Lincoln: "Atough leaderwho held the country together during its greatest test"  | Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy: "For their courage and optimism"  |
| Influential experience             | Runningforgovernor: "Every day 1 learn more and more about the political process"       | "Listening to Dr. Martin Luther King speak in Chicago when 1 was 6 or years old"  |
| News sources                       | <i>Salem News</i> and <i>Lynn Item</i>  | Regional papers   |
| Coffee, tea, or soda?              | Coffee: "Dunkin' Donuts all the way, with cream and two Splendas"                       | Coffee  |
| Decision-making tactic             | Thinking while driving. Plus, "I seek advice from : mydadfromtometotime"                | / Pray, be quiet, and reflect on the impact   |
| Advice for youth                   | "Sticktoyourvalues, but be open-minded — people will surpriseyou"                       | "Do only what you can do with conviction"   |
| Favorite thing about the Bay State | "The people who live here"  | "The people have a spirit of resilience and in- novation that is truly exceptional, and meeting so many of them is the best part of my job" |
| Favorite place on the North Shore  | "Home with my family in Swampscott"   | "Not fair! 1 am certain to offend everyone ; whose community 1 don't acknowledge"   |
| Website                            | www.charliebaker2oio.com  | www.devalpatrick.com  |

## The Issues

### HEALTH CARE

**Patrick:** Universal access and affordability. **Baker:** Make it more affordable through transparency and reforms.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Patrick:** Massachusetts is now a national leader in clean- and alternative-energy policy, and our efforts to create green jobs are already having a significant impact. **Baker:** Make [green initiatives] more affordable and utilize cost-effective options already available to Massachusetts, like Hydro Quebec.

### TAXES

**Patrick:** Nobody likes taxes, but they are the price of civilization ... Our total tax burden is in the lowest third of the country. **Baker:** Too high. I'm a 5-5-5 guy: return income tax to five percent, sales tax to five percent, and lower corporate taxes to five percent.

### GAMING

**Patrick:** Massachusetts will receive the most jobs and economic activity in the form of destination resort-casinos... Everything must be competitively bid. **Baker:** Slowly, one casino and a limited amount of slots, all of which needs to be put out to bid.

### TOP PRIORITY

**Patrick:** Jobs, jobs, and more jobs—at every level of the economy. **Baker:** Creating jobs to get people back to work.

\*At press time, the Rasmussen Massachusetts Poll indicated Patrick at 38 percent, Baker at 32 percent, and Timothy Cahill at 17 percent.