

The Tour



Commonwealth Conversations: Bringing Beacon Hill to Main Streets

Summary

- 1 The statewide tour of Senate districts was led by area Senators to visit residents, businesses, and interest groups to listen directly to their needs and concerns.
- 2 The goal of Commonwealth Conversations was to foster more civic engagement while helping each senator learn more about issues outside of their own districts.
- 3 Each member of the Senate committed to attending at least two of these sessions outside of their own region. Each day ended with a public town hall forum specific to that region.

The Commonwealth Conversations Tour was coordinated by Senator Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport)



Senator Michael J. Rodrigues
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Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue



Massachusetts Senate Announced the tour
January 29, 2015



All 40 Senators Participated

STATUS



Ongoing

"I am honored to play a role in organizing the Commonwealth Conversations Tour, and excited to engage with people from all corners of the state to learn more about the challenges and opportunities they are encountering. It is my hope that this tour will provide a platform from which the Senate can work collaboratively toward improving the lives of people throughout Massachusetts." - Senator Michael Rodrigues

RESPONSE

**The
Boston
Globe**

"The statewide bus tour is forcing senators to get out of their districts — and off Beacon Hill — to see what is needed around the state. And while the communities may be unfamiliar - the issues are not."

Akilah Johnson, The Boston Globe

"#SharedLeadership is all about creating an inclusive and open Senate that truly engages the people of the Commonwealth and includes them in the discussion. The CC Tour is #SharedLeadership in action. So come, pull up a chair, and take a seat at the table."

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INFOGRAPHICS

#MaConvos Twitter Town Hall

**Wednesday
June 17th**

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Answer!**

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What You Need to Know:

- 1. Visit MaLegislature.Gov/CC**
to learn about the Commonwealth Conversations Tour.
- 2. Tweet Using #MaConvos**
ask questions, give input, be heard!
- 3. Check out @Ma_Senate**
at 2pm, Senators will begin responding.
- 4. Look for your response**
as a Tweet or a live-video reply on Periscope.