

Ken Parker

for Mayor of Newton

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Parker Leads Announced Mayoral Candidates in Newton Donations

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Newton, MA--Alderman Ken Parker raised the most money from Newton residents amongst announced candidates for mayor, and brought in a total of more than \$23,500 from more than 200 contributors in 2008. An overwhelming majority of Parker's support — nearly 90 percent of both number of donors and total dollars raised—came from Newton residents who support his vision of open, innovative leadership and forward-thinking plan to reinvent our local government. By contrast, only 68 percent of Alderman Paul Colletti's and 43 percent of Setti Warren's contributions came from people who live in Newton. Representative Ruth Balser, a likely candidate for Mayor, raised only 55 percent of her total from Newton residents.

“While fundraising has taken a back seat to our focus on ideas for improving Newton government and services, we were fortunate to have the financial support of people from all walks of life, and I am gratified and humbled by their generosity,” said Alderman Parker. “Our fund-raising numbers predict the philosophy, style and tone of a Parker Administration—we will be frugal, powered by Newton's greatest natural resource, its people, and focused on high-quality, innovative ideas.”

Parker's campaign finance filing also reflects his strong commitment to transparency. Parker was the first mayoral candidate to publicly announce his 2008 fund-raising results. In addition, Parker is the only candidate who reported all his campaign contributions and expenditures regardless of size. Campaign finance regulations do not require contributions or expenditures of less than \$50 to be reported, but Parker is committed to an open and transparent approach to government and has gone above and beyond the requirements to disclose all donations and expenditures.

In addition to the financial contributions, Parker also benefited during 2008 from the ideas and participation of hundreds of Newton residents who took an active role researching and drafting *A Blueprint for Newton's Future*. “The breadth and depth of Ken Parker's support in this city is remarkable,” said Parker for Mayor Campaign Director Shawn P. Fitzgibbons, “Ken's vision of innovative, responsive government has inspired hundreds of Newton residents to volunteer their time and effort in our grassroots campaign,” said Fitzgibbons. “Our lead among announced candidates in Newton-based fundraising is gratifying, but our lead in grassroots organizing and policy work is of greater importance to winning the election and implementing Ken's vision for the future of Newton.”

To learn more about Alderman Parker's candidacy, read his plan for the city, or to get involved, please call (617) 997-2577 or visit www.parker2009.org.