

JOHN PAUL MORAN

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT
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On the September 1 Massachusetts Primary ballot without opposition, come November 3 Republican candidate John Paul Moran will square off against the winner of the Democratic primary.

Moran brands himself as an ‘Opportunity Republican’, in favor of a more inclusive Republican party promoting equal opportunities for all. “I’m fighting for the rights of all people to have the same starting line. That’s where I disagree with some of my colleagues on the right, I want to make sure that everybody gets the same shake at the American Dream,” Moran said of his brand of Republican.

Moran’s unique political style inspired much of his earlier work. A life-long small business owner, Moran’s political work began with his book, *Cues for Conservatives*. “I wrote this book because I was frustrated that there hasn’t been a good argument from the right in the defense of freedom and liberty that everybody could be in support of,” he said. Moran’s commitment to a Republican party accessible to a more diverse audience inspires his founding of ‘Grand Opportunity USA’, a political organization emphasizing outreach to younger generations and populations formerly isolated from the Republican party. As a gay Republican, Moran says he has experienced pressure to identify with the left, which has been widely regarded as the party for marginalized groups.

A 22-year resident of Billerica, he emphasizes his commitment to the people of the 6th District. “My number one priority is serving my district, number two is my state, and of course my country,” Moran said. He vowed to support fellow local business owners, who he says were “disproportionately hurt” by the pandemic.

Among the primary issues Moran plans to address are improved healthcare, improved education, and care for veterans. His plans for improved healthcare and education are based upon free market principles; he believes both should be privately operated rather than run by the government. Moran says this will address the high costs and low quality of both healthcare and education in America, saying “the only thing that really increases quality, reduces cost, and increases options is the free market.”

Although not a veteran himself, his family has a strong history of military service. “I think we need to do everything we can to serve our veterans,” he said, citing mental health and addiction as two under-addressed challenges facing veterans returning home.