



Hannah Bowen (Ghana)

Massachusetts House of Representatives 6th Essex District

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Hannah Bowen's commitment to public service was shaped early by her family. When her father was laid off from his job at GE during her middle-school years, her family relied on unemployment benefits and her mother's salary as a public school art teacher while he searched for new work. Seeing her parents navigate that period with resilience and determination influenced Bowen's approach to education, work, and community service.

Bowen earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. Her interest in public service began in high school, where a government class sparked her interest in civic engagement. She later worked with the Massachusetts Department of Education and Sonoma County government, experiences that strengthened her interest in making government more effective and responsive to the communities it serves.

Bowen began her career in economic development with the Peace Corps, serving in a small town in southeastern Ghana. Her experience there gave her firsthand exposure to community organizing, mutual aid, and locally driven approaches to problem-solving—lessons that have continued to inform her work.

Before entering elected office, Bowen served as Executive Director of a North Shore nonprofit focused on bringing communities together to address complex challenges through conflict resolution and stronger communication.

She was elected to the Beverly City Council, where she worked on issues including infrastructure, housing, and government transparency. In 2022, she worked with residents during a National Grid transmission line project and advocated for protections for the community. She also championed an ordinance allowing homeowners to build accessory dwelling units and led efforts to strengthen transparency and auditing in city government.

Bowen now serves in the Massachusetts State Legislature, bringing experience in local government, nonprofit leadership, community development, and international service to her work at the Statehouse.